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IN DEALING WITH CUBA, BLUE LIVES LOST STILL MATTER

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On December 17, 2014, in an unanticipated announcement, President Barack Obama took to the White House podium and announced a new initiative to normalize relations with Cuba. The declaration was preceded in both countries by the release of jailed individuals of mutual interest. As in all matters involving relations between the two countries, voices quickly rose in acclamation and opposition to the announcement.



For the New Jersey State Police (NJSP), the startling news prompted a more judicious response. A steel door between the two countries had been pushed open just enough to revisit the tragic execution of a New Jersey state trooper in 1973 and the unfinished business involving one of the convicted felons responsible for that crime.

The name Joanne Chesimard strikes a familiar chord in many law enforcement circles, particularly among those veterans of the line who recall the troubled late 60's and early 70's. Those years gave rise to a fringe group of frustrated radicals and zealots who chose to walk off the public stage, disavowing nonviolence and opting for bombs and guns in place of posters and chants.

America has since spawned three generations of police. In retrospect, today's police officers have little more than



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fuzzy recollections of a decade of deadly street encounters and roadside shootouts. In the minds and hearts of the men and women of the NJSP, however, the events of early May 1973 remain as fresh as the ink on a daily newspaper.

The Last Watch of Trooper Werner Foerster

On May 2, 1973, Trooper James Harper, a seven-year veteran of the force, pulled over a Vermont-registered 1965 Pontiac LeMans for a motor vehicle violation. The stop occurred in close proximity to the NJSP New Brunswick Station, situated on a rise alongside the highway at Interchange 9.

The driver of the Pontiac was Clark Squire. Seated next to him in the front was Joanne Chesimard and, behind Chesimard in the right rear passenger seat, was James Coston. All three individuals were self-proclaimed members of the Black Liberation Army (BLA), a small but very violent extremist group tied to bank robberies, bombings and numerous police homicides from Oakland, California, to New York City.

Unbeknownst to Harper, all three occupants were also armed with handguns. The trunk of the Pontiac was filled with additional weapons, ammunition, stolen license plates and fictitious identification documents. The trio had just emptied a safehouse and were fleeing south from New York City, where Chesimard was wanted by the New York City Police Department for her alleged involvement in a variety of crimes, including weapons offenses, bank robbery and kidnaping.

As Harper approached the Pontiac, Squire exited the vehicle in haste and met Harper between their two cars. He presented a vehicle registration in the name of Isabella Johnson and driver license in the name of Archie Gibson, both later found to be fictitious. On further inquiry, Squire claimed to have no idea who owned the Pontiac or how he came to be in possession of it.

Unsettled by Squire's responses to his questions, Harper walked to the driver's door of the Pontiac to check the vehicle's identification number against the registration document and to question the other occupants. As proof of identity, Coston produced a New York hospital identification card under an assumed name. Chesimard fumbled about her seat and through her pocketbook.

Trooper Werner Foerster, who was 32 years old with just under three years on the job, arrived in a second patrol vehicle to back up Harper on the stop. Foerster was married with a three-year old son and hailed from a family that had fled East Germany to seek freedom in America.

Foerster walked up to the right rear of the Pontiac and immediately began speaking to Squire. While patting down Squire for weapons, Foerster found a fully-loaded .380 caliber magazine and shouted out to Harper, who immediately ordered Coston and Chesimard to put their hands up over their heads.

Chesimard suddenly revealed a Llama 9-mm semi-automatic handgun and discharged a round that went through the roof of the Pontiac and struck Harper in the left shoulder. Chesimard continued to shoot as Harper sought cover alongside his police vehicle. Chesimard scrambled out the driver's door of the Pontiac, followed closely by Coston. Harper was able to draw his .38 caliber Smith and Wesson service revolver and returned fire, wounding Chesimard twice in the right arm and left shoulder. Coston got off three rounds before he was shot once and mortally wounded by Harper.

As gunfire raged, Squire drew a concealed .380 pistol and shot Foerster in the right arm, knocking him back.

Squire's weapon jammed and the two began to wrestle and stumbled out of view on the far side of Harper's police car. Believing he was alone against three armed adversaries, Harper, bleeding heavily and in shock, unable to use his left arm or reload his weapon, made his way on foot to the New Brunswick Station to get help.

Meanwhile, Chesimard moved around the Pontiac towards Squire and Foerster. Still in possession of her weapon, she shot Foerster once in the abdomen. Both Squire and Chesimard now stood over Foerster as he lay unconscious on the ground. During the struggle, the trooper had been unable to draw his duty weapon. Foerster's weapon was ripped from its holster and he was executed with two shots to the head. His blood spattered onto Chesimard's clothing. Squire assisted the wounded Chesimard and Coston back into the vehicle and the three fled the scene.

Emergency radio transmissions brought other troopers to the roadside scene. They found Foerster's body hidden from view of the roadway, lying next to the bloodstained right rear tire of Harper's police vehicle. His service weapon was missing, but Squire's .380 was discarded alongside



Foerster. Chesimard's weapon had also jammed and was located nearby on the ground.

Five miles south on the Turnpike, Squire abandoned his vehicle on the right shoulder of the roadway. Coston had since died from his wound and his body was dragged onto the grassy berm next to the vehicle. Foerster's service revolver had been discarded next to the body in an effort to divert responsibility for the murder. Squire and Chesimard were moving away from the vehicle when a trooper pulled up behind the Pontiac. Squire fled Chesimard's side and into the woods as the arriving trooper opened fire upon him. Chesimard was quickly captured in a field adjacent to the Turnpike. After a 40-hour search, Squire was located and arrested in a wooded area of East Brunswick.

In 1974, Squire was tried for the murder of Foerster and wounding of Harper. He was convicted and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of life plus 24 to 30 years. In all of the previous 40 years of his imprisonment, Squire has never publicly admitted guilt, taken any responsibility or expressed remorse for his participation in the horrific murder of Trooper Foerster or wounding of Trooper Harper. In 1983, Squire testified at the Rockland County trial of Nathaniel Burns, on trial for his participation in a Brinks armored car heist at a shopping mall in Nanuet, New York, justifying the murder of police officers with the expression "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." Squire was denied parole in 1993 and again in 2004, but he became eligible once again in 2011. The New Jersey state attorney general's office is presently mounting a challenge to two consecutive court decisions approving his parole.

Chesimard recovered from her wounds and was first sent to New York where, in the course of numerous court proceedings, she was acquitted of pending robbery and other charges. She finally stood trial in New Jersey in 1977 for the murder of Trooper Foerster and wounding of Trooper Harper and, like Squire, was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. After spending time in a West Virginia federal correctional facility for women, she was returned to prison in New Jersey in March 1978. A year and a half later, on November 2, 1979, she escaped during a brazen armed assault on her prison wing by a coalition of domestic terror groups linked to the Nyack, New York, police murders in 1981 and the bombing of the U.S. Capitol in 1983. For several years, Chesimard remained underground, hiding out in a network of terrorist safehouses in the Northeast United States. In or around 1984, she was smuggled into Cuba.

In 1985, when the Newark Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New Jersey State Police joined forces to create the country's third joint terrorism task force (JTTF), the matter of Chesimard's escape from custody was transferred to federal jurisdiction and a federal unlawful flight to avoid confinement warrant (UFAC) was issued. State Police detectives assigned to the JTTF never took their hands off the case and, alongside FBI special agents, have labored intensely ever since, running every lead to ground and never taking their sights off the elusive goal of returning Chesimard to U.S. custody. It was no surprise to detectives and special agents when Long Island Newsday broke the story of Chesimard's presence in Cuba in 1987. In February 1998, WNBC New York television news reporter Ralph Penza was granted an exclusive personal interview with Chesimard that featured her privileged life in a Cuban sanctuary.

In addition to intense overt and covert investigative efforts, in the 35 years since her escape and 31 years since she emerged in Cuba, there have been many political and diplomatic endeavors to return Chesimard to prison in New Jersey. In 1997, former NJSP Superintendent Colonel Carl Williams wrote a letter to Pope John Paul II, asking him to broach the Chesimard matter during a papal visit to Cuba. In September 1998, both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives unanimously passed concurrent resolutions compelling the return of Chesimard as part of any diplomatic effort to normalize relations with Cuba. In May 2005, at the request of the NJSP and New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, FBI Director Robert Mueller and U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales raised Chesimard's reward to \$1 million. In doing so, they classified Chesimard as a domestic terrorist. That same year, the New Jersey state attorney general and state police superintendent traveled to Miami, Florida, to meet with Cuban exile groups, conduct media interviews, and, to pass out English and Spanish wanted flyers announcing Chesimard's increased reward. On May 2, 2013, on the 40th anniversary of Trooper Foerster's murder, the State of New Jersey pledged a \$1 million match to increase Chesimard's reward to \$2 million. The FBI placed her on America's Most Wanted Terrorist list; she is the only women to claim that notoriety.

A Rogue's Gallery in Cuba

Heretofore, the focus has been upon Joanne Chesimard's fugitive status; however, it is important to note and consider that Cuba plays host to a number of U.S. fugitives, many who are fleeing prosecution for white collar crimes but some with criminal pedigrees as violent as that of Chesimard. Several of these felons represent

members of vintage domestic terror groups whose acts of violent political extremism included the homicide of police officers and innocent Americans.

William Guillermo Morales

William Guillermo Morales, better known as Willie Morales, age 64, was the principal bomb maker for the Puerto Rican separatist group, Armed Forces of National Liberation (FALN). Utilizing acts of domestic terrorism, the cause célèbre of the FALN was to achieve independence by cutting ties with the U.S. and to force the release of incarcerated individuals with similar extremist beliefs.

The FALN freely used bombs in place of rhetoric. During the 1970's and 80's, more than 120 bombings against government and financial buildings in the United States and Puerto Rico were attributed to the group. These bombings claimed multiple lives and maimed scores of others.

Although Morales' had a leadership role within the group, he was never charged with two of the most destructive FALN bombings in New York City, the lunchtime bombing of Fraunces Tavern in 1975 that killed 4 people and injured 53 and the 1977 bombing of the corporate offices of Mobil Oil that took the life of 1 person and injured 8 others.

Morales nearly lost his own life in 1978 when an explosive device he was assembling inside an apartment in New York City detonated prematurely, blowing off most of the fingers on both his hands and disfiguring his face. Police located an FALN manifesto, documents linked to other group members, and 70 sticks of dynamite in the apartment.

In two consecutive federal and state trials held in New York City in 1979 for possession of bombmaking materials and other weapons offenses, Morales was sentenced to 20 years and 89 years, respectively. While serving his state sentence, Morales escaped from a Bellevue Hospital prison ward by slipping out a window and lowering himself to the ground using an ACE bandage, surely a daring feat for one so handicapped.

Morales fled to Mexico where he surfaced within a rebel leftist group responsible for the murder of a Mexico law enforcement official. Mexican authorities finally tracked him down in 1983, capturing him after a shootout that wounded two Mexican police officers. He was imprisoned in Mexico for five years while the United States petitioned for his return. In 1988, as the date of his extradition approached, the Mexican government inexplicably released Morales and sent him to Cuba. Morales has remained in Cuba since and is currently the subject of a U.S. federal UFAC warrant.

Victor Manuel Gerena

A longstanding member of the FBI's Top Ten list, Victor Manuel Gerena, age 56, belonged to another Puerto Rican separatist group known as Los Macheteros. Using terrorism and other acts of violence to promote Puerto Rican independence, the Macheteros carried out numerous attacks on U.S. military personnel, police and government buildings in Puerto Rico.

In 1978, the Macheteros shot and killed San Juan, Puerto Rico, police officer Julio Rivera. The next year they ambushed a U.S. military bus, shooting and killing two sailors and wounding ten others. In a brazen assault on a Puerto Rico Air National Guard facility in 1981, they destroyed 11 aircraft. Later that same year they carried out a rocket attack on the U.S. Federal Building in San Juan. In 2005, while attempting to serve a warrant upon the group's leader and fugitive, Ojeda Rios, two FBI agents were shot and wounded.

In 1983, Gerena and other Macheteros committed an armed robbery at a Wells Fargo depot in Connecticut, which netted \$7 million. Soon thereafter, Gerena emerged in Cuba, where the stolen cash was believed to have been disbursed to support leftist insurgencies throughout Latin America. Gerena has a federal unlawful flight to avoid prosecution (UFAP) warrant for Bank Robbery, Armed Robbery and Theft from Interstate Shipment.

Charles Hill

On November 8, 1971, Charles Hill, along with Michael Finney and Ralph Goodwin were occupants in a vehicle stopped by New Mexico State Trooper Robert Rosenbloom for a motor vehicle violation on Interstate Highway 40 outside of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hill, Finney and Goodwin were professed members of a black separatist group called the Republic of New Afrika. During the stop, gunfire broke out, and Trooper Rosenbloom was shot in the neck, ultimately bleeding to death before medical aid could be rendered. Trooper Rosenbloom left behind a wife and two children.

After the killing of Trooper Rosenbloom, the trio fled the scene, surfacing three weeks later on a TWA aircraft en route to Chicago, Illinois. They hijacked the aircraft, forcing it first to land in Miami where the passengers were released. The aircraft continued on to Cuba, where all three men were granted political asylum by the Castro government.

Charles Hill is now 64 years old and the only surviving member of the trio. In the 1970's, Goodwin drowned while swimming offshore at a Cuban beach. More recently, Finney died from lung cancer. New Mexico has an active state warrant on Hill for the murder of Trooper Rosenbloom and he is also wanted on federal hijacking charges.

The Path Forward with Cuba

Former Cuban President Fidel Castro, and the current president, Raul Castro, closely embrace those with whom they feel a strong political or ideological affinity. It is not apparent or anticipated from the outset of these negotiations that Castro will shed or even dull his political or ideological stripes. On December 22, 2014, speaking through a government functionary, Fidel Castro dismissed New Jersey's call for Chesimard's return by claiming the right to grant political asylum to those he believes have been persecuted. On January 28, 2015, Raul Castro, speaking before a Latin American-summit in Costa Rica, delayed the progress of White House negotiations by imposing unattainable demands for the return of the U.S. military base at Guantanamo and financial reparations seeking relief for five decades of the U.S. embargo. In sizing up their adversary's resolve to broker an agreement, it is becoming more and more apparent that the Castros hold high hopes for American dollars and less vintage cars while boldly signaling their intention to effect little or no change in their political system or stance on human rights.

Through the refracted logic of Castro's Cuba, where persecution is an inflexible pillar of Cuban life, sympathy and refuge is reserved for those firebrands who incite violent acts against the United States and whose murder of police officers and ordinary American citizens are like as many stars pasted upon a revolutionary's report card. For Chesimard and her revolutionary brethren, Fidel Castro can well promote the clarity of linking politics to the act of murder; his regime practices an authoritarianism that doesn't permit disagreement or protest without dire consequences.

In a New Jersey courtroom, Chesimard was not tried for her politics; she was tried for her actions as part of a society that encourages, endorses and celebrates widely disparate opinions within a legal framework that protects the life and liberty of those voices. It is important to law enforcement now as much as it has been distasteful and insulting to the family of Trooper Werner Foerster to know that Chesimard, for all the misery she has brought to others in her lifetime, has enjoyed decades of preferential treatment and freedom of movement and has been permitted liberties rarely afforded to other than the political and military elite.

On December 14, 2014, in response to the U.S. president's announcement seeking to open United States-Cuba relations, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie addressed a terse letter to the president, asking in the strongest terms that the extradition of Chesimard be included in any negotiations to normalize relations between the two countries. Other police associations and politicians have followed suit, throwing down a gauntlet of support that will be difficult to ignore.

Remember that we owe an unfathomable debt of gratitude to those law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the service and welfare of their communities and to the surviving families who must ever suffer those inconsolable losses. As the President and Congress shake out the protocols of building a new relationship with a regime that appears to remain steadfast in its beliefs and practices even in the face of U.S. conciliation, we ask them to remember that the blue lives cut short by those who remain safely harbored by this regime still matter here to the hundreds of thousands of police officers who uphold their legacy.

Author's note: Many thanks go to the hardworking detectives and special agents of the Newark Office's Federal Bureau of Investigation/New Jersey State Police Joint Terrorism Task Force, who bring a firm resolve to the matter of extraditing Joanne Chesimard. Captain Michael Rinaldi, at the helm of that task force, was kind enough to fact-check the narrative in this article and to provide biographical summaries of all the federal fugitives described herein. The reader should know that the opinions contained herein belong to the author, but do not conflict with the facts of the Chesimard investigations. They simply present a sobering reality in dealing with the existing political regime in Cuba.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First of all I would like to wish all a happy, safe and healthy New Year for the rest of 2015.

Unfortunately, we have suffered the untimely death of one of our FTA Directors, Retired Captain Bette Welch 3506 who passed away on March 13, 2015. Bette was a very active Director. She handled all special events and logo sales. She was always involved in whatever business was being conducted by the FTA. She did an outstanding job in running the FTA picnic, which is the biggest event that we hold each year with over 400 people attending. As President, I got to rely on her to do some special items that came up that required a women's touch. She always did these requests properly and was very punctual. I don't know why God took this fine person in her prime but maybe he needs her help in heaven. Bette Welch will be sorely missed by the FTA and also by her numerous friends and especially by her husband Retired DSFC Matt Welch 3349.

As far as an update on our pension problems, the two cases are still tied up in the State Supreme Court. This includes the COLA case and the failure of Governor Christie's Administration to properly fund the State pension funds. These cases should be heard early this year. Our attorney in this matter is optimistic that we will win in the end. I hope he is right. Also ongoing information on these cases is located on the bulletin board of the FTA web site. Additional State Police and general police information and stories are also on our web site thanks to our web master Lt. Jim Vincent 4588 (ret).

Also there is now a new bill in the US House of Representatives to eliminate the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). Thanks to (ret) Lt. Roland Lauther 3027, this information was posted on our bulletin board web site on March 7, 2015. Many retired Troopers have had their social security payment cut by as much as 40%, depending on how much money you contributed to social security when not working for the State Police. I myself was cut the whole 40% when I went to apply for my social security. The new bill which is sponsored by Rep. Rodney Davis, R-IL is called the Social Security Fairness Act of 2015 (HR 973) which aims to repeal the above mentioned provisions. If you are affected by the WEP & GPO, please write a letter to your US Congressman and US Senators to endorse this bill when it comes up for a vote.

I would like to give you my opinion on which I think is the finest Municipal Police Department in the USA and probably the world, the New York City Police Department (NYPD) which was established in 1845. You cannot compare a State Police Agency with a Municipal Agency. They have different responsibilities. Though I may be a little prejudice but I feel that the New Jersey State Police is the best State Police Agency in the nation.

The mission of the NYPD is simple and direct. "The mission of the New York City Police Department is to enhance the quality of live in our city by working in partnership with the community and in accordance with constitutional rights to enforce the laws, preserve the peace, reduce fear and provide for a safe environment".

There are approximately 34,500 NY city police officers working out of 99 precincts or locations including transit, Housing and headquarters at 1 Police Plaza New York, NY 10038 (1PP).

My first dealings with the NYPD was in the late 1970"s working on SP applicant investigations; working out of the old Hackensack Station on Rte 17 NB and working for the Honorable Lt. Tommy Cornelissen 1779 (ret). All of the applicants assigned to our squad lived in New York City. I had applicants in Northern Manhattan and the Bronx. Usually my first stop was the local precinct. I was first greeted by the uniformed desk Sergeant who greeted me warmly and sent me upstairs to the detective squad. There I met with a NYPD Detective who filled me in on any information they had on the applicant (bad or good). Also when I was Station Commander of the Newark Station on the Pike, I had the Honorable Det. Jack Quigley 3440 (ret Lt.) working for me and he was my

conduit to NYPD as well as every trooper in the Station who needed information on a subject from New York City. Jack had contacts with different precinct detectives as well as detectives from the Intelligence Division.

Living in North Jersey I usually watch the NY news on WCBS or WABC. I often am mesmerized by the way the NYPD solves high profile cases that were on the news. With their huge number of officers they can police any type of demonstration and keep it orderly. My favorite TV police show is "Blue Bloods" on WCBS with Tom Selleck playing the NYPD Police Commissioner. (I still like to watch the "Law & Order" reruns since they too are pretty correct in their portrayal of events in the NYPD and the court system).

Of course I would like to also comment on what I don't like about the NYPD. In New York City it costs \$340.00 plus a \$91.50 finger print fee for a total of \$431.50 for a New Yorker to own a pistol or revolver for protection in his or hers home or business. (This is not a permit to carry). These fees were raised during the administration of former Mayor Bloomberg who was an anti gun activist. In NJ it costs \$5.00 for an ID card permit and \$2.00 for a permit to purchase a pistol or revolver with about a \$35.00 fingerprint fee for a total of \$42.00 to purchase a pistol or revolver in New Jersey. This is much more reasonable than New York City which in unfair to the residents or business people of New York City. Also registration of any gun is voluntary in New Jersey.

Again I say that the NYPD is the finest municipal police agency in the country and probably the world and it's nice to live close and see how they operate when they are in the news.

(Above information on the NYPD taken from Wikipedia.org)

God Bless You and You're Families

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FTA Spring Meeting Reminder

The FTA Spring General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015, 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

We're Moving!

The Former Troopers Association is proud to announce the impending opening of our new Logo Merchandise Store. That's right; the days of only two customers at a time entering that tiny, confined room in the corner of the Log Cabin are just a memory. When the Log Cabin underwent extensive foundation repairs a few years back we were lucky enough to stay on base thanks to the graciousness of Trooper Ronald J. Raslowsky, #3441 (*Ret*) who loaned us a construction trailer to maintain our sales operation. The placement of that trailer came at the behest of Colonel Joseph R. Fuentes, #3190, who throughout his tenure as Superintendent has maintained that an FTA presence will remain on base.

As I've reported in the past, thanks to Colonel Fuentes, the transformation of Wilburtha Station into the State Police Welcome Center included space to accommodate our Logo Merchandise Store. Well, that transformation is almost complete and our new store is located just inside the front entrance. All that remains is Internet connectivity, and we expect that to be completed before the end of April. The new store presents an increased display area and ample room to make your shopping a much more enjoyable experience.

While the new store certainly adds to making a great presentation of your Former Troopers Association, rest assured, activities behind the scenes are also making great impressions. Our FTA Internet Sales Operation has taken off and we continue to build on that platform. Every week new items are being added to our inventory, and when they are, they are added to our website store. If you can't stop at the store, shop online at www.ftanjsp.org.

Just because we've moved our store and have added Internet sales to our operation doesn't mean that we won't continue to service our members with mail-in sales orders. We understand that everyone isn't interested in tickling the keys on a computer keyboard to buy a T-shirt, cap, or sweatshirt. As such, we will continue to keep our trusty mail-in Logo Merchandise Order Form in our newsletter. However, because pricing changes do occur over the course of time, the order form will now include a "Good Thru" purchase date which will be updated with every newsletter issue. Please do not use old order forms as only current forms will be accepted! Mail-in order forms used after their expiration dates will be returned for correct submission and current pricing.

I continue to keep in contact with our own 'Marathon Man,' Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (*Ret*), and he's filled me in on his recent quest to compete in six World Major Marathon Races. World Major #4 took place in Berlin Germany. The race went off on Sunday, September 28, 2014, and John explained that he had a great start and was following his plan to a T. His anticipated finish was around 3:20, and at mile 16 he was ahead of that projection. At mile 24, with only 3.2 miles to go, John was struck from behind, driven forward and forced to the pavement. Briefly trampled by other runners, he had great difficulty getting back on his feet. Assisted by two other runners, he began to run again, but could not run for any length before having to walk. He walk/ran the final 3.2 miles, finishing with a 3:41:47, 3rd place age group finish (1st American runner). The winning age group time was 3:29:49. Wow, who would have thought that running a marathon was such a contact sport!

After an extended vacation in Europe, John returned home in mid October 2014, still very sore from the assault in Berlin. Subsequent medical tests revealed a separated right hip and a fractured left pelvis. Sidelined until December 1st, John laced up his sneakers and began training for World Major #5 – Tokyo, Japan. The race stepped off on Sunday,



February 22, 2015. Of course the Japanese made sure that all their countrymen started the race at the front and all the international runners started from the back of the pack, one clock for all runners. John finished the race in third place (1st American runner) with a time of 3:27:47. Not too bad for a field of 205 runners in the 70-74 age group. With respect to each of the first 5 World Marathon Major Races, John has been the 1st American to cross the finish line in each race! His coach calls that "American Dominance!"

Later this month, John will be running in the 119th Boston Marathon on April 20, 2015. It will be John's 8th consecutive showing at Boston, a race he finished in 1st Place in the 70-74 year age group last year, a title he definitely plans on defending. John's looking forward to this race. He says, "The dog has not yet begun to bark, so watch out!!! I am ready to compete, and give it the old blue and gold, even though I will be dressed in red, white and blue to honor Patriots Day." His bib is #11173, and his start time is 10:25 a.m.

After high school, John enlisted the United States Navy. His naval career was devoted to stations in Bremerhaven, Germany and Nicosia, Cyprus. He took the Tokyo trip as an opportunity to satisfy his bucket list with a visit to Pearl Harbor. He devoted five days to the Hawaiian Islands and Pearl. It topped off a wonderful trip, a trip well earned and very deserving. Incidentally, John was awarded the Florida USATF Male Athlete of the Year award in 2014.

The final World Marathon Major will take place on April 24, 2016, at the London Marathon. John will be 75 years young when he steps off in London, and has full intentions at completing the six World Marathon Majors in true State Police fashion, stating "God willing, I be there." We'll be rooting for you John, every step of the way!

Lastly, I'd like to make a correction to a mistake that I made in the December issue of *True Blue & Gold*. Over the past five years I come to recognize the names and faces of many Jersey Troopers who have been ardent supporters of the Former Troopers Association. One such name was Lt. Carmen J. Greco, #983, who passed

away on July 28, 2014. Lt. Greco was a regular FTA supporter and often donated to our Quarter Century Club. I've typed his name so many times that it became commonplace, so much so, that I mistakenly typed it again in place of his son's, Special Agent Charles G. Greco (*Ret*), Federal Bureau of Investigation, signature in a letter that he sent in regarding his father and his funeral. My sincerest apologies to Special Agent Greco and the entire Greco family.

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

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Over the years I've come to rely on the expertise of our own noted historian when seeking out information on historical events involving members of 'The Outfit.' Considered a world renowned expert on the Lindbergh Kidnapping Case, he is also the premier authority on the history of the New Jersey State Police. He has served as an advisor on many noteworthy projects, articles, books, and yes, even some movies, not to mention his own list of published works. And while he remains the caretaker and archivist of our State Police history, the friendships he has established over the years has instilled in him the traditions that were forged over the decades, and from time to time he shares important snippets of State Police lore with those of us who appreciate it the most, Jersey Troopers.

This issue's Historical Highlights article was written by our own noted historian, Archivist Mark W. Falzini, regarding a noteworthy World War II experience of Lieutenant Sidney Spiegel, #1047, as featured on his Blog, Archival Ramblings on January 21, 2015; visit http://www.njspmuseum.blogspot.com. It is being reprinted with his permission.

THE MAN WHO SAVED D-DAY

I met retired State Police Lieutenant Sidney Spiegel in the mid-1990s, when he was a volunteer at the New Jersey State Police Museum. Lieutenant Spiegel and four of his fellow Former Trooper comrades would come to the museum every Tuesday to both help me organize our vast collections, identify photographs and, as any two or more Former Troopers will do, compare war stories from their long careers. I would sit back and take it all in, learning some aspects of State Police history and lore that I knew I would never be able to repeat.

There was one story, however, that I am eager to repeat. Lieutenant Spiegel told it to me in 1994 and it had nothing to do with his State Police career. Rather, it was a war story from a real war – the Second World War – and it was about how he, alone, had saved D-Day.

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The war in Europe had been raging for five long years. The British Expeditionary Forces had been expelled from France during the Battle of Dunkirk in spring 1940. But now it was time to return. The Allies were going to invade France. "The Allied Expeditionary Force undertook over 3,200 photo reconnaissance sorties from April 1944 until the start of the invasion...Photos of the [French] coastline were taken at extremely low altitude to show the invaders the terrain obstacles on the beach, and defensive structures such as bunkers and gun emplacements."

During the early spring of 1944, Sidney Spiegel was with General Dwight D. Eisenhower at a D-Day planning meeting somewhere in England. Spiegel, an Army Ranger and "just a buck sergeant", had been handpicked by General Eisenhower to serve as his personal bodyguard. The two men became very close friends. In his book, *Crusade in Europe*, Eisenhower mentioned Spiegel in the middle of a chapter about generals and fieldmarshals: "A sergeant who accompanied me everywhere in France was a motorcycle policeman named Sidney Spiegel. His personal loyalty and his anxiety to protect and assist me knew no bounds."

Just as the high-level planning meeting was about to get underway, the currier who was to deliver top-secret films showing the French coastline arrived – with a hole in his satchel. The films were missing! Eisenhower

called on Spiegel to take his men and scour the English countryside and "find those films!" Spiegel took off on his motorcycle not knowing how on earth he would ever find the missing film.

While riding along through the countryside, Spiegel saw some children on the side of the road. "They were looking up in the sky at something. As I got closer, I realized that they were looking at films – the missing films of the French coastline!" Spiegel wheeled around, hopped off his bike and approached the children. "Look hear [sic]! That's government property. I have to take that." The children looked at him and asked what he had to trade for it. Trade?? Spiegel realized that he was not going to get the film back easily if he didn't offer them something. He reached into his pocket and pulled out the only thing he had – a pack of Wrigley's chewing gum. He held it out in offering and the children pounced on it, completely forgetting about the top-secret film.

Spiegel quickly returned to the meeting and handed over the film. The all-important planning meeting was able to continue. Shortly thereafter, on June 6, 1944, Operation: NEPTUNE was launched. This was the opening sequence of the better-known Operation: OVERLORD, the Battle of Normandy. Thanks to "buck sergeant" Sidney Spiegel, the Allied invasion of Nazi-occupied Western Europe had been saved!

A fun tale, but was it true or just another "war story" from a retired Trooper? When he finished recounting the events of the spring of '44, Lieutenant Spiegel handed me a piece of paper. It was a communiqué dated April 8, 1944 from the Commanding Officer at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force Command. It read, in part, "To Sgt. Sidney Spiegel: You are to be commended for having displayed an alertness which resulted in the recovery of lost aerial films containing military information. Your action thus precluded the possibility of such information falling into enemy hands to the jeopardy of future operations of the Allies." It was signed, R.Q. Brown, Colonel, Field Artillery Commandant.

With Lieutenant Spiegel's permission, I wrote-up his story and sent it off to Wrigley's in time for the 50th anniversary of D-Day. He said that whatever we got in return from them, we would split 50/50. He kept his promise and we split the 50 packs of chewing gum they sent us!

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I had the privilege of working with Sidney Spiegel at the State Police Museum for eight years while he proudly volunteered as my "assistant" and we became good friends. He always looked forward to discussing his State Police career and his time with "Ike" over a cup (or two) of coffee. He died in May 2001, and is buried in the Memorial Garden at the Museum. I had the honor of playing the bagpipes at his memorial service that summer. To again quote General Eisenhower, "When finally we were separated I lost a devoted friend and a valued assistant."



Tpr. Sidney Spiegel greets his friend and former comrade-in-arms President Dwight D. Eisenhower in this iconic State Police photograph.

FEATURED MEMBERS



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

By now most of you know of the recent passing of our colleague, comrade, and our dear friend, Captain Elizabeth L. "Bette" Welch (*Sacher*), #3506, (*Ret*). Bette was a mentor to most and a friend to everyone she came in contact. Her passing was a shock to us all, when on Friday, March 13th her life as we know it here on Earth ended at the Samaritan Inpatient Hospice Center in Mt. Holly.

Born in Jersey City and raised in Sayreville, she was a resident of North Hanover for the past 17 years, and was formerly of Westampton. After graduating from Saint Mary's High School, in South Amboy, Bette took on a position in manufacturing at the Austrian firm, Sarstedt, Inc. Then in 1979, Bette received a Civil Service Mailing addressed to someone else. Included in it was an invitation to take the entrance exam for the New Jersey State Police. The exam was scheduled for the very next day. Without much time to think it over, she decided to take a chance on a career as a Jersey Trooper, and entered the selection process for the New Jersey State Police. The rest is history!

Upon completion of her academy training, then Trooper Elizabeth L. Sacher, #3506 enlisted in 'The Outfit' on June 27, 1980, a proud

member of the 96th Class. Posted at Bordentown, she began her new career under the tutelage of her Coach, then Trooper Ronald E. Melcer, #3039 (*Ret*) and the supervision of SGT John G. O'Reilly, #1303.

After finishing her Trooper-Coach probationary training, Bette began dating then Trooper Matthew M. Welch, #3349, a squad mate, who noticed that friendly little twinkle in her eye. They dated for eight long years before tying the knot.

After a stint at Bordentown, Bette served at Edison and Hightstown Stations before being called to the Academy at Ft. Dix, where she mentored the minds and molded the bodies of future Jersey Troopers. In 1986, she was transferred to the Records & Identification Section where she stayed for the remainder of her career, ultimately achieving the rank of Captain and Bureau Chief of the State Bureau of Identification. After a rewarding twenty-five year career, Bette retired from State Police service on July 1, 2005. But that didn't diminish her want to remain an active part of 'The Outfit.' Bette immediately became a member of the Former Troopers Association, and within a year she was serving on the Association's Board of Directors, where she remained active until her passing. In that capacity, Bette was instrumental in the planning and running of social events for retirees. Bette was always very proud of her place within 'The Outfit,' very proud that she was one of those first women who became Jersey Troopers.

During her career, Bette obtained her Master's Degree in Education Supervision from Seton Hall University. She was a parishioner at the Church of Assumption, in Wrightstown. Throughout her life, Bette enjoyed reading and crafts, especially stained glass and pottery. She loved the beach and travelling. Recently, she even took up golfing. But Bette really took great joy in planning parties and special events for her family, friends, and colleagues.

Bette was predeceased by her parents, Henry and Katherine Sacher. She is survived by her husband of 27 years, DSFC Matthew M. Welch, #3349 (*Ret*); four brothers, Richard Sacher and partner Kevin Joyce of New Orleans, LA; Bobby Sacher of East Brunswick, NJ; Tom Sacher and wife Candy of Longwood, FL; and Jerry Sacher and wife Maureen of Hazlet, NJ. Bette is also survived by her four nieces and a nephew, Jennifer Sacher and husband David Marshall of Lansdowne, PA; Andrew Sacher and fiancée Kim Helmick of Barnwell, SC; Shannon Sacher and fiancé Justin Muenker of Longwood, FL; Meagan Sacher of New York City and Caitlin

Sacher of San Francisco, CA, as well as her devoted goddaughter, Ann Nioche of New York City, and her beloved aunt, Sister Bette Cawley, IHM, and of course, her beloved dogs, Yuki and Jake.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bette's memory may be made to the Burlington County Animal Shelter, 15 Pioneer Blvd., Westampton, NJ 08060.

While many would say her time with us was short, it was a lifetime. Her friendly charm tempered many a gruff, old-time Trooper, and her loyal caring nature always acknowledged the importance of those things we all take for granted. Yes, others may have been thinking of it, but she was the one who spoke those words that usually meant so much. Many owe her a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. Whatever we remember most about Bette, one thing for sure can never be denied; she certainly was a very special lady; and boy, could she put together a great party! Pictures of Bette can be found at http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/Bette.pdf.

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

FRANKLIN'S JOE 'SHOWBOAT' DURINA WAS ANYTHING BUT A SHOW-OFF

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By PETER STEIN pstein@niherald.com

Joe Durina was on the loose, pedaling his bicycle like mad around Sussex County, soaring free through local roads, with not much else to worry about.

It was, after all, the forties when not everyone had a bike, so why shouldn't Joe have been care-free as he sped through the county? And while flying along, he earned himself a sobriquet.

"There goes Showboat," his brother Dick, two years younger than Joe, recalled people saying, "and I think it was from his skills on the bicycle. I never called him that, because that isn't what he was, believe me. Showboat didn't come from bragging. It was a nickname. We all had nicknames back in those days."

On the athletic fields, as a star halfback and safety for Franklin High School and an agile center fielder and a lightning-fast runner, Joe was anything but boastful, anything but a show-off. And while playing football for the semi-pro Franklin Miners, he continued blending humility with confidence, sportsmanship with competitiveness.



As a state trooper, he was about helping the people he was sworn to protect and even those he was sworn to defend against. And about mentoring younger troopers, too.

Joe Durina passed away late last month, after 77 years that impacted Sussex County probably as much as any other life, even when he didn't live there anymore. 'There goes Showboat' must have been what the angels said when he soared into the clouds, toward what the faithful believe is a better world.

Those still earth-bound were left with their grief and their memories, lined up to pay respects for the man some called Showboat and most called friend.

Since Joe was divorced and childless, perhaps the mourner who knew him best and certainly longest, was Dick, who remembers those days of four county high schools, remembers when attending big football rivalry games were the cool thing to do — sometimes the only thing — and playing in them even cooler.

"That's what we did. We didn't have TV back then," Dick said. "(Attending) the high school football games and the Franklin Miners games, that's what we did."

Sometimes they even hitchhiked to those games, which would often draw thousands.

In the fifties, Sussex County had less than half the 10 high schools it has now. There was Franklin, Newton, Hamburg and Sussex. "Though Hamburg and Sussex had great basketball and baseball teams, they never fielded a football team because of their size," Dick recalled, "so the football game of the year was always the Newton-Franklin game."

Especially the 1952 and '54 installments. There was no tri-county tournament, or Northwest Jersey Athletic Conference, or Sussex County Interscholastic League, or state tournaments. So going undefeated through an eight-game independent schedule was a really big deal. And Joe's Franklin team was a victory away from running the table when heading into Newton for the 1952 season finale.

Dick, an eighth-grade waterboy — or as he put it, fourth equipment manager — on that Franklin team, says most expected Franklin to pound on Newton, maybe even post a shutout. But it was Newton doing the shutting out, beating Franklin 25-0 and spoiling the undefeated autumn.

Two years later the stakes were even higher, with both teams storming unbeaten into the annual clash. Dick thinks there were roughly 3,500 spectators for the county's most anticipated game of the season. Before the days of Pope John vs. Sparta, there was a football rivalry with that much buzz.

"And that's back when we had more cows in Sussex County than we had people," Dick said.

Those frenzied fans watched a defensive battle, led 7-0 by Franklin late in the fourth quarter. Newton was on the move, though, driving steadily toward Franklin's end zone. That's when Joe stepped up, intercepting a pass at the Franklin 2.

And there went Showboat, rambling 98 yards for the game-clinching touchdown.

Franklin would go undefeated this time. Better still, the perfect run included a win in the friendly but heated rivalry game. "Back in those days, when football was king of the county, that Newton-Franklin game was the game," Dick said. "Even if you went in there without winning a game, if you beat Newton, or Newton beat Franklin, that was your season right there."

It was a fitting way for Joe, then a senior, to end his high school football career. But he had achievements beyond football. He roamed center field like a gazelle, tracking down everything humanly possible to reach.

Those swift feet also helped him earn the title of 'Speed King' when competing in the annual Kiwanis Races, which were what passed for track competition before it was included as a school sport competing in the SCIL. In 1954 and '55, Joe burned up those Kiwanis events. There went Showboat earning the right to be called fastest man in the county.

Joe spent three years in the army, then played for the Miners' semi-pro team. In 1960, he began a 31-year career in the Newton barracks — now the Augusta barracks — of the New Jersey State Troopers, eventually attaining the rank of commander.

Joe impacted the state police, too.

"Yes, he did," Dick said. "As we stood in line at the funeral parlor, there must have been at least 15 troopers who came by and had nothing but nice things to say about him, what he meant to them and how he used to kind of take them under his wing and tell them what was acceptable and what was not acceptable."

All those troopers, Joe included, were more about helping wrong-doers than arresting them. "That was the philosophy of the station in Newton — basically help first, and if that didn't work, then they had to go to the next step," Dick said.

While Joe was helping people, his athletic prowess was still on display throughout the county. He played softball well into his 40s, still able to track down balls hit anywhere near him. An avid golfer, Joe was credited by Titleist for sinking three holes-in-one.

Joe moved on to Florida, and after 15 years there, passed on from this life. But the memories of those who knew him will live for as long as they do, the newspaper clippings will last as long as they can be preserved.

There goes Showboat. His impact on Sussex County, though, will reverberate for a good while longer.

This article was originally mailed to me in September 2014 by SFC Frederick M. Staudinger, #2313. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to obtain reprint permission from the New Jersey Herald until after the December 2014 issue of our newsletter was published. It has been reprinted with permission for your reading enjoyment.

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

FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

THE FTA CHRISTMAS PARTY

We have had an FTA Christmas party for many years, dating back to the 1990's. Originally the party was held in North Jersey and run by Past-President Lt. (ret) John Pallotta. The party was held first at Flanders Valley Farm in Flanders, NJ and then moved to the Mountain Lakes Inn in Mt. Lakes, NJ. Once it was held in Lyndhurst, NJ. WE used to get about 150 people to attend, which included only about 15 to 20 troopers and mostly family members and friends of troopers. Other than members of the Board of Directors, we did not get any retired troopers from Central or South Jersey. A few years ago the Board decided to move the Christmas party to Central Jersey in order to give members living in Central or South Jersey a chance to attend the Christmas party. So in 2012 we had our first FTA Christmas party in Central Jersey at the Spring Lake Manor in Spring Lake, NJ. The party was a mild success with about 100 people attending. The Board thought that this was a success even though we did not get the usual 150 people as we did in North Jersey. Again in 2013 we had the party again at the Spring Lake Manor and we had about 80-85 people show up. We also had the award of the Former Trooper of the Year both in 2012 and 2013. Myself and the Board were getting a little disappointed in the turn out especially from Central Jersey where many of our members live in the shore area. This past Christmas party on December 6, 2014 was even worse. The turnout was very low and mostly it was family of members and family of the Former Trooper of the Year award. Other than Board members there were no members from North or South Jersey. So as a result of the poor turnout the Board has decided to cancel the Christmas party for 2015. The Former Trooper of the Year Award will probably be given out at our November open meeting.

The current party was a sit down dinner with an open bar and music from the Cameos, a great band from North Jersey. The price was \$80.00 per person.

I am asking you, our members who live in NJ to send in to our office your suggestions that might make you come to the party if it is re-instated in 2016, i.e. Cash bar or buffet style which would lower the price, or another location.

Please send your recommendations to our office by mail or e-mail at fta@ftanjsp.org

Thanks in advance for a response,

Sal Maggio President FTA

THE 2015 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY

Another great Florida Winter Party was hosted by the FTA in sunny Melbourne on March 3rd and 4th. The weather was perfect with clear, sunny skies and temperatures in the high 70s and low 80s. What a fine respite to the frigid, snow covered northeast that those who travelled south from New Jersey escaped, if for only a short while.

The festivities at the Crowne Plaza Hotel were excellent 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 outstanding job.

This year's get-together saw almost 100 attendees. It was great however to see old faces and even some new ones. Presentations were made by our Vice President, Captain Nicholas Soranno, #3065 (*Ret*) regarding FTA activities, organization, fund raising, and our COLA and pension issues. Our Human Resources Consultant, Bessie Jones was also on hand to give an in depth presentation on our benefits and healthcare issues.

For those of you who haven't attended the Annual Florida Get-Together, or are thinking of doing so, do yourself a favor and GO. 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 still locked in again next

year at last year's rates. Get a group together and getaway to Melbourne next year!

Lastly, while this year's get-together was certainly an enjoyable affair, there was one noticeable element missing from the festivities. Two very active attendees were back in New Jersey, one fighting for her life, the other standing vigil by her side. Bette & Matt Welch were missing and everyone in attendance knew it. They had become a fixture at the Florida Get-Together and we all had a heavy heart at their absence. During the event a 'Team Bette' poster was made available for all to sign in support of Bette's fight. Even though Bette's no longer with us, she's only as far away as our memory allows. Take a minute and remember her and who she was.



visit: http://ftanjsp.org/newsletter/FLA15.pdf

Pics courtesy of Sandy Wren & Capt. Joseph J. Curry, Jr., #1701 (Ret).

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 23, 2015, at the Kerri Brook Caterers on the White Horse Pike, Hammonton New Jersey. This long standing Troop "A" event serves as a great opportunity to catch up with old comrades and some more recent retirees.



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 #38 of this newsletter*.

34RD ANNUAL STATE POLICE CHASE & FAMILY OPEN HOUSE



This year's event will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2015, 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 Rachel Pingitor @ (609) 882-2000 x: 2323 or email lpppingr@gw.njsp.org.

TROOP "B" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER



The next North Jersey Gathering will be on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 6:00 PM. The price remains the same, \$20.00, pay at door only. Due to circumstances beyond the control of the FTA, the site for the gathering will change. The new location is La Strada Restaurant 1105 SH # 10 EB Randolph, NJ 07869. This is a very nice restaurant and I am sure all members attending will be pleased. Post card will be going out in the beginning of May.



NEGRON CARROLL SCHOLARSHIP FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 27th Annual Negron-Carroll Golf Tournament will take place on June 12, 2015 at Gambler Ridge Golf Course. Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM. A donation of \$145 includes: Green Fees, Cart, Shirt, Raffles, Lunch, Prizes & Steak Buffet. Contact Michelle Carroll at (732) 446-1642.

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





The Annual River Sharks for Trooper Bertram Zimmerman, #5853 Memorial Baseball Game will take place on Friday evening, June 26, 2015, 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 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/RIVERSHARKS15.pdf

19th Annual NJSP Memorial Association Golf Tournament



The 19th Annual New Jersey State Police Memorial Association Golf Tournament, the "Colonel's Cup," will take place on July 7, 2015, 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, 2015, 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 16, 2015, 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 #38* of this publication.

FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PICNIC

The FTA Annual Picnic will be held on Friday, August 21, 2015, 12:00 Noon – 5:00 p.m. at the German-American Club Picnic Grounds, Uncle Pete's Road, Hamilton, NJ. Costs to attend remains the same as last year: \$25 pre-registered FTA Members, Active Troops & Guests; \$30 for FTA Members, Active Trooper & Guests paying at the gate; \$35 NJSP Retirees who are not FTA Members; Children under 12, Life Widows, and members of the 48^{th} , 49^{th} , & 50^{th} 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 consist of the NJSP Bag Pipers, NJSP Helicopter, and a trusted State Police Mounted Patrol, as well as music by The Cameos. Registration form for the picnic can be found on *page #38* of this publication. Read on for more information regarding this year's Anniversary Celebrations from the 50th Class Anniversary Committee.

This year marks the 50th Class Anniversary for the members of the 66th/67th/68th/69th New Jersey State Police Classes. All four classes graduated in the same year (1965) representing a total of 140 'new' troopers. It was Colonel David B. Kelly vision after taking office February 1, 1965 as Superintendent of State Police to increase the strength of the 'outfit' and to have more troopers on the 'road'. It was the 'first' time in the history of the New Jersey State Police to have a four (4) multi-class group of recruits to graduate from the New Jersey State Police Academy 'all' in the same year (1965).

The 66th class graduated on January 18, 1965; 67th Class graduated on June 7, 1965; 68th Class graduated on September 17, 1965 and the 69th Class graduated on December 17, 1965 for a total of 140 'new' recruits. All four classes will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year at the Former Troopers' Association (FTA) 'annual' picnic that is being held at the German-American Picnic Grounds, Uncle Pete's Road in Hamilton, New Jersey on Friday, August 21, 2015. Retired Captains Joe Paulillo and Walter Kowal, both members of the 68th class, are coordinating the multi-class anniversary event with retired Captain Bob Bauers (66th Class); Lieutenant John Laird (67th Class) and Lieutenant Jack Penney (69th Class) and representatives from the FTA.

In addition to the four class multi-anniversary celebration event in the year 2015, several other classes will be having their own 'class' anniversary as well. Although each year, a NJSP class may celebrate its class anniversary, it does not happen every year. Using the year 2015 and looking at the classes that will be celebrating their $45^{th}/40^{th}/35^{th}/30^{th}/20^{th}/and$ 5^{th} year anniversary, the $80^{th}/81^{st}/82^{nd}/83^{rd}$ classes will be celebrating their 45^{th} class anniversary; 91^{st} class 40^{th} Anniversary; 96^{th} class 35^{th} anniversary; 102^{nd} class 30^{th} anniversary; no 25^{th} anniversary class in 2015; 115^{th} 20^{th} anniversary; no 10^{th} year anniversary in 2015; and the $139^{th}/140^{th}/141^{st}/142^{nd}/143^{rd}$ will be celebrating their 5^{th} Class anniversary. All classes combined represent a total of $1{,}010$ recruits that have a class anniversary during the year 2015.



To help celebrate this 'first-time' and four-multi-class 50th Class Anniversary in New Jersey State Police history, the 50th Anniversary Committee is proud to announce a 50th Anniversary 'Commemorative' Coin that is available to purchase for this 'special' occasion. The coin is to 'honor' all four (4) classes 50th Anniversary historical moment with a 'special' tribute to all the members in the 'Outfit' that made their 'last-patrol'. The coin represents a symbol of 'pride' for each member serving the 'OUTFIT' and the citizens of the State of New Jersey since 1921.

Made of heavy brass coated with a gold plated finish the coin is 1.75" in diameter is trimmed in a dark blue color surrounding the entire outer rim of the coin. On the front side of the coin, in raised lettering are the words 'NEW JERSEY

STATE POLICE' and 'HONOR/DUTY/FIDELITY' to signify the 'motto' of the 'Outfit'. On the reverse side of the coin also in raised lettering are all four (4) class numbers appearing with '50th Anniversary' for all to remember. Anyone interested ordering a 50th Class Anniversary Commemorative Coin go to 50th Class Anniversary website 50th Class Anniversary Commemorative Coin Order Form or call 609.610.0360 for information and assistance to purchase your coin. NJSP 'Triangle' charm and necklace not included with purchase.

50th Class Anniversary Committee

MILITARY NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ALL VETS SHOULD KNOW

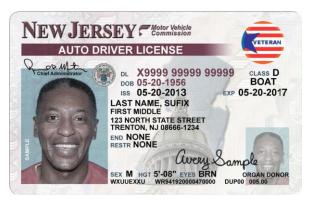
The link below will open a list of web-sites that will provide information on Veterans benefits and how to file and/or ask for them. Accordingly, there are many sites that explain how to obtain books, military/medical records, information and how to appeal a denied claim with the VA. Nearly 100% of this 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.)



VETERAN'S HONORARY DESIGNATION



New Jersey thanks our military veterans who proudly served to protect our freedom. To honor you, a special designation has been created for display on your driver's license or non-driver ID card.

On March 1, 2015, the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) began issuing custom-designed stickers to those veterans who wish to display them on their driver's licenses or nondriver ID cards. The MVC will notify those of you who requested these stickers at a later date when a permanently imprinted veteran's designation is available. You may request your honorary veteran's recognition sticker in person or by mail.

In Person

Visit any MVC agency and bring **both** of the following documents to receive your veteran's recognition sticker. The sticker will come with instructions for attaching it properly to your driver's license or nondriver ID card.

- **1.** Your current NJ driver's license or nondriver ID card **AND**
- **2. Original or photocopy** of your military discharge document to show satisfactory proof of your veteran's status:

Original or photocopy of DD-214, DD-215 OR

Original or photocopy of federal activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or section 12301 of the United States Code **OR**

Original or photocopy of report of Separation of Active Duty (discharged prior to 1950).



By Mail

Send **all three** of the following documents to receive your honorary veteran's recognition sticker. The sticker will come with instructions for attaching it properly to your driver's license or non-driver ID card.

- **1. Photocopy** of your current NJ driver's license or non-driver ID card **AND**
- **2. Photocopy** of your military discharge document to show satisfactory proof of your veteran's status:

Photocopy of DD-214, DD-215 OR

Photocopy of federal activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or section 12301 of the United States Code **OR**

Photocopy of report of Separation of Active Duty (discharged prior to 1950) **AND**

3. A self-addressed stamped envelope (must be included).

Mail **all three** items to: NJMVC 225 E. State Street PO Box 129 – Veterans Trenton, NJ 08610

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)

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, 2015. 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 October 15, 2015. The presentation of the award will be made to the successful recipient at the 2015 FTA Fall General Membership Meeting on November 7, 2015.

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.

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

COSTLY NEW AREA CODES

Do Not Dial Area Code 809, 284, 876, or 649 from the United States.

This scam is being distributed all over the United States, and it's pretty scary. Especially, given the way they try to get you to call. They get you to call by telling you that it is information about a family member who has been ill or to tell you someone has been arrested, died, or to let you know you have won a wonderful prize. In each case, you are told to call the number right away. Since there are so many new area codes these days, people unknowingly return these calls. If you call from the United States you will apparently be charged a minimum of \$2,425 per-minute. And you'll also get a long recorded message. They will try to keep you on the phone as long as possible to increase the charges.

These area codes are located outside the United States, often in Canada or the Caribbean. The charges afterward can become a real nightmare. That's because you did actually make the call. If you complain, both your local phone company and your long distance carrier will not want to get involved and will most likely tell you that they are simply providing the billing for the foreign company. You'll end up dealing with a foreign company that argues they have done nothing wrong. Be aware of this scam and please let your friends, family and colleagues know to help them becoming victims of this scam. AT&T has verified that this scam is true.

Visit: http://www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=6045.

Submitted by: Gail Carrigan

RETIREE PRESCRIPTION ROLL BACK RATE

On Friday, March 20, 2015, the State Health Benefits Plan Design Committee held a meeting. This group reviewed and discussed the New Jersey Supreme Court ruling which indicated the State illegally adjusted rate increases to the co-pay that retirees paid on their drug prescription plans. Our representative was part of a suit against the State for illegally increasing the retiree prescription co-pay rate two years ago. The significance of this court decision is that it reaffirms the shared responsibility of the committee and prevents the State from unilaterally taking certain actions that fall under the domain of this committee. Upon entering the July reduced cost rate members needing maintenance prescriptions should take advantage of the reduced cost to order their ninety (90) day supplies. Following discussion the Design Committee agreed to implement the following terms as it relates to this court ruling:

All in person or mail prescriptions will be \$0.00. For the period from July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, co-pays for \$10.00 and \$15.00 plans will be:

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Retail</u>	<u>Mail</u> (3 months)
Generic	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Name Brand	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Non Preferred	\$11.00	\$11.00

Co-pays for the \$10.00 HMO Plans will be:

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Retail</u>	<u>Mail</u> (3 months)
Generic	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Name Brand	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Non Preferred	\$17.00	\$17.00

The maximum out of pocket expense will be \$1,351.00 per person which is the 2012 rate will apply for calendar year 2015.

The 2016 co-pay rates will be rolled back to the 2012 amounts while they are negotiated and are subject to change. Members are reminded that the State did not voluntarily roll back the rate, but were forced to do it as a result of losing the court case.

Lt. William A. Wade, #3347 (Ret)

NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF TAXATION STRIKES AGAIN

It appears that NJ Taxation has again begun contacting people, advising they owe additional NJ State Tax after withdrawing money from their Deferred Compensation accounts. We bring this to your attention again to advise you that Deferred Compensation was taxed by the State of New Jersey fully in the year it was earned. The only taxes that are due are federal taxes when it is withdrawn. Below is a report on this matter that was published in the December 2013 issue of True Blue & Gold. If you have received one of these letters from taxation please take this advice seriously. Attached is a sample of the letter wording you can use to address this issue with Taxation visit: http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/TaxLetter.pdf.

NJ DIVISION OF TAXATION & DEFERRED INCOME

As addressed during the November, 2012 open meeting of the Former Troopers Association a number of our retired members had received a letter from the New Jersey Division of Taxation stating that after a review of their returns for the year 2009, additional taxes were owed based on a comparison and differences in the gross income amounts reported on their state and federal returns. The letter gave an amount of additional taxes owed along with penalties and interest. The letter further stated that any appeal or review of this determination must be requested within ninety (90) days of the letter or the amounts assessed would be final with no further recourse and that additional penalties and interest would be added.

A number of retired members opted to just send in the additional tax amount. Some members decided to look into what would cause this error and discovered that the difference between the gross amounts was due to the state treating deferred income withdraws as new income on the state return. Deferred income accounts allow taxpayers to defer a set percentage of their pay from federal taxation in the year earned based on the premise that when the taxpayer retires he or she will be in a lower tax bracket. No relief is provided from state taxes and the state tax for each year is based on full gross earnings for that year. Withdraws from a deferred income account can occur without penalty after age fifty five (55) and must be reported on your federal taxes. Starting at age seventy (70), withdraws are mandatory or penalties occur. Inasmuch as all deferred compensation was taxed by the state in full the year it was earned, state taxes are not due in the year that it is withdrawn. At best, interest earned on the money may be subject to state taxes but at a fraction of the gross amount.

Based on the above a member of the FTA appealed this assessment and was requested to provide the N.J. Division of Taxation a copy of any and all records which would support his position that no further taxes were due and that the money had been fully taxed the year it was earned. Twelve years worth of records were sent to the division of taxation including W-2's which proved that taxes were paid to the state fully in the year in dispute. The state withdrew the assessment.

Captain Michael W. McLaughlin, #2118 (Ret)

SAVED BY AN ANGEL

From time to time a story comes to light that portrays the importance of humanity, a time when two people meet in the brief moments of an emergent situation. A time such as this occurred when Christina Havens, the daughter of Major Joseph A. Cannatella, #2852 (*Ret*) reacted and saved the life of a young Japanese boy in the waters of Waikiki. The lifesaving story below as told in her own words.



Tonight I had the honor to meet Yuto, a 12 year old sweet Japanese boy. Yuto and I experienced something no one should have to encounter. Three days ago I found Yuto drowning off the shore of Waikiki, 8 ft deep at the bottom. I heard the screams of people above on a balcony overlooking the water screaming "the boy." By the time I got to him he had sunk and I dove under to pull him up. I swam with this little boy unconscious and over my shoulder to shore. Carried him to the beach and performed CPR with another female guest. It took over a minute and a half before he took his first shallow breath. However that seemed like a lifetime to me with his fate in my hands. Yuto regained consciousness in the ambulance about 20 minutes later and was admitted into the hospital for three days with fluid in his lung and for testing to determine any permanent damage. His entire family came to our hotel tonight with tears of happiness he made a full recovery. The mother and I hugged and cried and couldn't speak a word to each other as they only spoke Japanese. Nothing needed to be said. I'm a mother I know what she was saying. While we will never see this family again we have a bond that will last a lifetime. He and Dylan hugged as if they were friends forever. He told Dylan "thank you, your mom me hero." #unforgettablemoments #ohana #hawaii #toYuto #alonglifeofhappiness

Congratulations Christina on your quick, selfless response. There's little doubt, you are your father's daughter!

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

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Former New Jersey State Troopers Association will be awarding scholarships for the upcoming school year ending in June 2015. Only those students that are seniors and are graduating from High School in June 2015 need apply. Also the student must be a child, grandchild, step child, or a step grandchild of a member in good standing of the FTA.

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," and at our office. 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 2nd 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 Former New Jersey State Troopers Education Fund, Inc., has been committed to provide educational scholarship opportunities and interest free educational loans to eligible State Police family members for several decades. The scholarship program will continue to offer scholarships to any child or grandchild of a New Jersey State Trooper (Active or Retired), who is living or deceased as set-forth in its By-laws. The program consists of (3) annual scholarships being awarded, each in the amount of \$1,250.00. 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. Selections are based on a lottery drawing, which shall include all applications submitted that meet the stated criteria.

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

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

All applications must be mailed to the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Educational Fund, Attention: Daniel Morocco, Jr., Secretary, 291 Westcott Blvd., Pennington, New Jersey 08534. Applications for the 2015 drawing are do prior to April 30th, 2015. Applications for scholarship and "interest free" loans can be found on the FTA website.



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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

If you're still looking for that special gift, or can't decide on what to buy the person who has everything, don't

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

You can help support the Memorial Association while leaving a lasting tribute to a Trooper or special person by purchasing a personalized engraved paver. Pavers have been installed in the new walkway and are engraved on site. Your paver will forever remain an important State Police landmark. Reserve your spot today and give the gift that will last a lifetime. For more information and order forms call on Adele at (856-547-2135), at adelegolf@gmail.com, or see the order form on our website.



LETTERS TO THE FTA

December 17, 2014

Dear Former Troopers,

Thank you for the Former Troopers Association Memorial plaque as a remembrance for Gene. He was a dedicated State Trooper and was very proud to be a member of the NJSP family.

Mary Wojciechowski and children

December 17, 2014

The entire Staff of The Former New Jersey Troopers!

Thanks for Jobs Well Done!

Bill Long, #1295

Dear Sal.

We thank you so much for the support you have given us during a very difficult time.

We also want to thank you for the beautiful plaque and picture we received after my husband Bill Doyle, #1884 passed away. Thank you also for the Lifetime membership in the FTA.

Bill will be surely missed.

Kind regards, Antje Doyle and Family

January 21, 2015

Dear FTA,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness during this difficult time.

Warren Ferry & Family

January 22, 2015

Dear FTA,

I want to thank Frank Cavallaro for all of his help& guidance after the death of my husband, Major Robert Winters, Badge #1598 on 12/17/14.

Frank took care of providing uniformed Troopers at Bob's funeral & also took care of providing Troopers for traffic control to the cemetery!

It was a very impressive sight! I know Bob must have looked down w/pride!

Enclosed is a check for \$100 as a donation in Bob's memory.

Claire Winters

January 25, 2015

Dear Sal,

My family and I are so very grateful for the Former New Jersey State Troopers Association's gift of a memorial plaque featuring the likeness of my husband Charlie, a retired Lieutenant from the 78th State Police class, badge #2435.

We have always been exceedingly proud of his career choice in service and his dedication to the state police. It is comforting to know that he will be remembered and that our connection to the New Jersey State Police remains strong as our daughter, Joan Bloom, 131st State Police Class, badge #6223, was inspired to follow in his footsteps.

We would especially like to express our thanks to those many troopers who have given so graciously of their time and energy in support or our family during this difficult time. The level of respect paid to Charlie's legacy through their gesture has been deeply appreciated.

With great respect, Anne Marie Dalio (Wife) Marc G. Dalio (Son) Joan M. Bloom (Daughter) Dear Former Trooper's Association,

On behalf of the Imbroglia and Robertson families, we would like to thank the Former Trooper Association for their expression of sympathy shown to us after the recent death of my brother-in-law, Sgt. Gino Imbroglia, #1161. Gino was proud to serve as a NJ State Trooper for over 25 years.

Sincerely, SFC Andrew Robertson 2085 Ret and Family

February 26, 2015

Dear President Maggio,

I just received notification of my acceptance into the FTANJSP. As a legacy family member (father, two brothers, two uncles and nephew), the New Jersey State Police has played a major role in my life and I am truly honored and proud to be able to continue to be part of this organization and I thank you for approving my membership. My father was staff sergeant at the former Newton barracks and have fond memories of visiting him there as a child as well as the Troop B picnics held at the old Limecrest Park. I even considered applying in 1982, passed the entrance exam, however, regrettably, had second thought and withdrew my application.

I have received my membership card displaying my father's badge No. 802, however, did not receive the FTA decals. I would ask if you could please forward them so that they may be displayed.

Again, thank you for this honor and I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully, Mary E. Skok-Clark

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LAST PATROL

LT ANDREW D. SNELLGROVE, JR, #1865



SNELLGROVE, ANDREW D. JR., #1865 passed away on Saturday 21 March 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 2 March 1964 as a member of the 63rd New Jersey State Police Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 December 1991. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1955 until 1958 attaining the rank of Sergeant. During his State

Police career he worked mainly in Troop C and later as a detective became involved in narcotics and arson cases. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge of Atlantic Highlands, the Elks Lodge of Middletown, the Marine Corps League and the Former New Jersey State Troopers Association. He is survived by his wife of 53 years Agnes, two daughters Diane and Sharon and 7 grandchildren.

SFC SALVATORE J. GIANNINI, #1253



GIANNINI, SALVATORE J., #1253 passed away on Monday 16 March 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 December 1953 as a member of the 44th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on November 1980. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Margaret, his children Thomas, John, Michael, Patricia, Barbara and seven grandchildren.

CAPTAIN ELIZABETH L. WELCH, #3506



WELCH, ELIZABETH L., #3506 passed away on Friday 13 March 2015. She enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 27 June 1980 as a member of the 96th Class and retired in 2005 at the rank of Captain. After retirement she served as a Director on the Former Troopers Association Board of

Directors and was involved in the planning and running of social events for retirees. She is survived by her husband of 27 years, DSFC Matthew M. Welch, #3349 (*Ret*), four brothers; Richard, Bobby, Tom, and Jerry.

LT ROBERT L. McMAHON, #1687



McMAHON, ROBERT L., #1687 passed away on Monday 23 February 2015. 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 1985. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1947 until 1956. He served in the Army of Occupation in Japan after WW II and served in the Korean War as a member of the U.S Army Airborne Rangers. He is survived by his wife Yakeo and a sister Joan McMahon.

LT JOHN R. TIRONI, #2720



TIRONI, JOHN R., #2720 passed away on 12 February 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 5 March 1971 as a member of the84th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant. He was predeceased by his wife Stephanie in 2009. He is survived by his Mother Margaret Tironi and three children, two sons John and Brian and a daughter Beth.

DSFC GREGORY WALLACK, #1957



WALLACK, GREGORY,

#1957 passed away on Sunday 8 February 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 17 August 1964 as a member of the 65th Class and retired on 1 January 1990. Since his retirement he served as a supervisor with the Jersey Department Banking and Insurance. He was active in his church St. Johns R.C. Church serving as a Deacon and Eucharistic Minister. He predeceased by his first wife, Lois who passed in 2005. He is survived by his wife Louise, two sons Gregory and Rev, Michael Wallack and a daughter Melisa, eleven grandchildren and one greatgrandson.

LT DAVID M. CAGNEY, #1734



CAGNEY, DAVID M., #1734 passed away on 15 January 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 5 February 1962 as a member of the 59th Class and retired on 1 September 1989 at the rank of Lieutenant. He proudly served in the United States Army with the 1st Cavalry Division doing a sixteen month tour of duty in Korea. After his retirement from the State Police he worked for the Jersey Department Banking and Insurance and the Division of Criminal Justice. He was most active in community affairs such as Manahawkin Elks 2340, VFW of Beach Haven, Midget Pop Warner Football in Stafford Township and Southern Regional Rams Youth Football organization. He was predeceased by his wife Elsa. He is by three survived daughters Kristin, Ella, Avery and eight grandchildren.

SGT GINO IMBROGLIA, #1161



IMBROGLIA, GINO, #1161 passed away on 8 January 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 December 1952 as a member of the 42nd Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 January 1978. He proudly served in the United States Coast Guard during WW II and served in the Pacific and South China Sea campaigns. He was predeceased by his wife Arlene.

SSGT JOHN HANUSKA, #1099



HANUSKA, JOHN, #1099 passed away on 6 January 2015. 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 Staff Sergeant on 1 May 1974. He proudly served in the United States Army during WW II and served with the Combat Engineers in Africa and Italy. After his retirement he became Director

of Security for National Freight Inc. He is survived by his wife Bee, a niece Barbara and a nephew Joseph.

DSG ROBERT E. GIBSON, #1366



GIBSON, ROBERT E., #1366 passed away on 22 December 2014. He enlisted in the New Jersev Police State on December 1954 as a member of the 47th Class and retired on 1 October 1981at the rank of Detective Sergeant. He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1951 to 1953 during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 59 years Joan, three sons Bob, Bill, Todd, a daughter Susan. seven grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.

MAJOR ROBERT C. WINTERS, #1598



WINTERS, ROBERT C., #1598 passed away on 17

December 2014. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 October 1958 as a member of the 54th Class and retired at the rank of Major on 1 November 1986. He served in the Troop A area and then moved on to the Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Services Section. Prior to the State Police and he played in the Philadelphia Phillies minor league baseball system for three years. He proudly served in the United States Coast guard during the Korean War.

Upon retirement he was appointed as special assistant to the Director of the Division of Criminal Justice. He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Claire, two daughter Debra and Kim, four grandchildren Alison, Nicole, Danielle, Ryan and by his brother Donald L. Winters.

LT FRANCIS L. DAUPHARS, JR., #1320



DAUPHARS, FRANCIS L. JR., #1320 passed away on Tuesday, 9 December 2014 at his home. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 August 1954 as a member of the 46th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 February 1983. He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1945 until 1947. He is predeceased by his wife, Margaret, a son Michael, a brother John Dauphars and a sister Jean

Novembre. He is survived by two sons, Daniel and James.

FTA FAMILY & FRIENDS

MYRNA RIVERA, retired Administrative Assistant at Division Headquarters who spent the majority of her years in the Intelligence Section, passed away on December 28, 2014.

CATHERINE MARIE (Anderson) FERRY, beloved Wife of Lt. Warren J. Ferry, #1806 *(Ret)*, passed away on January 5, 2015.

COLLEEN MARTIN, beloved Wife of Lt. William A. Martin, #1787 (*Ret*), passed away on January 23, 2015.

JANE D. ULBRICH, beloved Widow of DSFC Herbert R. Ulbrich, #1313, and the mother of DSFC Karl E. Ulbrich, #4587 (*Ret*), passed away on January 30, 2015.

RICHARD F. HUMPHREYS, proud Son of DSFC Richard E. Humphreys, #2614 (*Ret*), passed away on February 7, 2015.

JIANNA L. WALDRON, cherished infant Daughter of Trooper I Albert W. Waldron, II, #3675 (*Ret*), passed away on February 18, 2015.

ELIZABETH BACON, retired State Police Administrative Assistant at Division Headquarters, passed away on February 20, 2015.

CYNTHIA JEANNE TRUMP, cherish Daughter of Detective William T. Trump, #2516 (*Ret*), passed away on February 22, 2015.

GERALDINE (Geri) AHERN, retired State Police Administrative Assistant at Division Headquarters passed away on March 16, 2015.

JOHN T. FLYNN, brother of LTC Joseph A. Flynn, #1609 (*Ret*), passed away on March 17, 2015.

COOKIE McCURDY, beloved Wife of Lt. Harry C. McCurdy, #2117 (*Ret*), passed away on April 9, 2015.

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