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FALLEN COMRADES

The past year has been sad one for our Outfit of active Jersey Troopers. Three Fallen Comrades have been laid to rest, each killed in the line of duty. Trooper Anthony A. Raspa, #7425, lost his life on May 30, 2015, in the subsequent accident after striking a deer while on routine patrol on Interstate I-195 in Upper Freehold, New Jersey. Trooper Eli M. McCarson, #7775, lost his life on December 17, 2015, when he lost control of his troopcar on CR #581 in Quinton Township, New Jersey while responding to a reported domestic complaint. And, Trooper Sean E. Cullen, #7594, lost his life on March 8, 2016, after being struck by a passing vehicle while assisting at an accident investigation scene on Interstate I-295 in West Deptford Township, New Jersey.



Trooper Anthony A. Raspa, #7425



Trooper Eli M. McCarson, #7775



Trooper Sean E. Cullen, #7594

Three young men, lost in the prime of their lives, each doing the job they aspired to do. While nothing any of us can say will ever lessen the pain caused at their passing, we can all reflect that these young men each earned their appointment to the ranks of the New Jersey State Police, were issued our Triangular Badge, specific only unto them by number, and their acknowledgement to uphold the Honor, Duty and Fidelity of their charges. They were and forever will be remembered as Jersey Troopers. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all our Fallen Comrades, and to each and every Jersey Trooper, for their dedicated service to the Outfit, past and present. Thank You All!

Submitted by: Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe upcoming summer.

I would like to mention to you about our membership numbers. We seem to keep a steady number of members of the FTA of just under 2,000. Of the 800 or so former troopers that are not members, some resigned early in their careers, some were not re-enlisted and some were dismissed or fired. Giving you an educated guess, I think there are about 500 retired troopers who are receiving a pension check and are not members of the FTA. I'm sure this is about normal for any organization of retirees from a work related field. I have heard many excuses why former troopers do not join and I am not going to bring them up again. What I am asking you active members to do is, when you run into a former trooper in your travels, ask him or her if they are a member and if not why not? I am sure you will be surprised at their answers, as I was when I was Chairman of the Membership Committee. Tell them about our social events, scholarship program, our new Heritage Foundation and if you are not sure of our many programs have them call Gail at our office in SP Division Headquarters at 609-882-2000 ext 2220. Maybe you can generate some non-members to join.

Another matter that I would like to mention is current legislation we are working on; retired police officers permit to carry a pistol or revolver (RPO). Director Mike McLaughlin 2118, who is Chairman of the Legislation Committee, is working with member and State Senator Fred Madden 3033 to increase the permit time from one year to two years to avoid the current problem of Division Headquarters to timely process the permits on time. Also some of our members are concerned that they have to give up their permits at age 75. Mike is also working on this discrepancy. Myself and Director Ray Chintall 3234 with Senate President Steve Sweeney on this matter in February and he will see what he can do also. Remember the original law came out in the late 90's with a limit at 70 years old and was then changed to 75 years later. The original permit to carry law for private detectives has always been two years and with no age limit. FTA member Al Golluscio 3884, is also working with a State Senator and a State Assemblyman up North to make these changes to the RPO. (Al is a NRA Firearms Instructor and qualifies numerous retired Troopers up North, including me). Most important also is having carry insurance. Even if you satisfy all criminal investigation requirements you can still be sued in civil court for a wrongful death charge or wrongful assault. You could lose your house or more. If you choose to carry a pistol or revolver, check with your homeowners or apartment insurance policy to see if you are covered or take out a rider on the policy. I will try and keep you posted on the web site bulletin board on the pending legislation on this matter.

Myself and Vice-President Nick Soranno attended the NJ State Supreme Court case on the cost of living issue (COLA) on March 14, 2016. Both Nick and I thought that the hearing went well and that lead attorney for the plaintiffs, Charles Ouslander Esq., did an excellent job in explaining our case to the seven justices. The Supreme Court will probably issue a ruling in late April or in May. Keep your fingers crossed.

Remember if you have to call our FTA office, we are now in Division Headquarters, phone 609-882-2000 ext. 2220. If Gail is not in, leave her a message and she will get back to you.

May God Bless you all

Sal Maggio
President

A MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL



REMEMBERING OUR HEROES AND RENEWING A CALL FOR JUSTICE

In the December issue of True Blue and Gold, I ended my message by asking the FTA membership to remember Trooper Anthony Raspa #7425, who lost his life in the line of duty on May 30, 2015. That same month on December 17, 2015, Trooper Eli McCarson #7775 lost his life while responding to a motor vehicle accident. Less than three months later on March 8, 2016, Trooper Sean Cullen #7594 was struck by another motor vehicle as he crossed Interstate 295 at an accident scene and died several hours later.

The line of duty deaths of three Jersey Troopers in ten months reminds all of us of the dangerous and unforgiving landscape of our duties and missions.

The loss of these three Troopers brings the total of Troopers who have sacrificed their lives in the service of their state to seventy-one. Please keep all of their families in your thoughts and prayers.

President Obama's recent diplomatic excursion to the island of Cuba also gave the Division another opportunity to visit the issue of Joanne Chesimard's sanctuary in that country. I penned an opinion piece expressing my continued concern that the coddled status of Chesimard's political asylum and that of three other domestic terrorists - William Morales, Charles Hill and Victor Manuel Gerena - also in Cuba, were not a priority of this presidential administration in their negotiations to normalize relations with the repressive regime of Fidel and Raul Castro.

The opinion piece appeared in the New York Post and Miami Herald and generated significant national controversy that captured the attention of Fox National News. I conducted an extensive interview at the Newark Barracks with Fox News correspondent Rick Leventhal, portions of which were aired nationally in the days leading up to and during the president's trip.

I must admit that we took an unusual approach in this latest campaign to return Chesimard and the other three terror fugitives, to justice in the United States. Sensing that our protests were falling on deaf political ears, we decided to appeal directly to the American tourists that would be traveling to Cuba for vacation. We published an alert containing the most updated photographs and information and posted it to our website, www.njsp.org, warning all tourists to be on the lookout and to contact the U.S. Embassy in Havana in the event of a sighting of any of these culprits. Along with links to the opinion piece, we accompanied this alert on the website with a public service announcement video to the same effect.

The Division has also leveraged social media, to include our website, Facebook and Twitter to spread our message beyond the conventional television and newspaper outlets. For those of you interested in viewing the opinion piece and Fox interview, here are the links for your convenience:

<http://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/op-ed/article66538242.html>, <http://nypost.com/2016/03/16/meet-the-fugitive-us-terrorists-sheltered-by-cuba/>, and <https://www.facebook.com/NewJerseyStatePolice/posts/966499383404604?fref=nf>.

In sum, all Troopers, both retired and on active duty, should know that the Division will remain vigilant in its advocacy and efforts to recapture Joanne Chesimard.

Be well and be safe.

Colonel Rick Fuentes
Superintendent

FTA SPRING MEETING REMINDER

The FTA Spring General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the State Police Museum and Learning Center - Log Cabin, Division Headquarters. Coffee and donuts will be served before the meeting and all attendees are invited to lunch immediately following.

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to start by apologizing for getting the newsletter out a little later than usual this April. I've been tied up on a couple projects lately, and of course I injured my left hand which made typing this all the more difficult. As such, I've asked our President, Captain Sal Maggio, #2177 to extend the due date for FTA Scholarship Applications from April 20th to April 30th. So, if you are a current member in good standing and have a child, step-child, grandchild, or step-grandchild who meets the criteria on page #19 of this publication, they have until April 30th to get their application in pursuant to the stated directions!

The FTA Logo Merchandise Store has been up and running for the past 9 months at its new location in the front of the old Wilburtha Station. As I write this issue we've made arrangements to have the former store trailer removed from Division Headquarters. So, if you come to Division to do some shopping in our store remember to turn left into Wilburtha Station before you reach the guard house. As always we are adding new items to our inventory, so feel free to check out our online store at: <http://store.ftanjsp.org>. Also join us on our Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/Former-Troopers-Association-of-NJ-1382368762059216/>.

In other news, the annual Florida Winter Reunion Party was another successful occasion, thanks to efforts of Sergeant Moe Washmann, #2634 (*Ret*). Moe has been coordinating this great event for many, many years now and his efforts are certainly appreciated by all who attend. Thanks again Moe for another superb Florida Reunion!

I continue to keep in contact with our own 'Marathon Man,' Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (*Ret*), and here's his latest update of April 5th:

As I mentioned at the winter party, my last marathon turned from sheer disappointment to jubilation. It all started with the morning of January 3, 2016, Race Day, Jacksonville Bank Marathon. I awoke to pouring rain, so bad that I could not see the parking lot from my hotel room at the Embassy Suites. However, I had to go thru with it. At the 5K marker, I already knew it was going to be a long day. I finished the race with a disappointing time of 3:32:56. So downtrodden was I, since I had run a 3:23:40 at Twin-Cities three months earlier that I considered quitting.

When I got home, I cleaned up my emails, and went to my Facebook site. There, in comments was an entry that my finishing time had placed first in multiple age groups. I went into the results, and discovered that not only had I won the 75-79 age group, but also the 70-74, 65-69, 60-64, and placed third in the 55-59 age group. This brought a complete attitude change, and needless to say jubilation. Furthermore, I found that all the times across the board suffered from the existing conditions.

Since then I have raced in two shorter races. The first of the year, I acquired the services of a personal training coach. To measure my progress, I raced in a 10K on February 28, 2016 in Vero Beach Fl. I placed first in my age group, as well as multiple age groups with a 44:26, 7:10 average mile, and on March 26, 2016, Downtown Melbourne, multiple age groups, with a 21:43,



7:00 average mile. In doing so, I broke the course record in the 75-79 age group by two minutes and 5 seconds.

On April 21st, I fly to London for the Virgin Money London Marathon, scheduled for April 24th. I feel great, have super confidence, and based on my two recent shorter races, and am ready to race. The only deficit I face is that I am unable to race in my age group. London cuts it off at 70, so I must compete with competitors almost six years younger. I was aware of this prior to entry, and this is the reason I sought professional help. Hopefully I will overcome. London will be my sixth and final World Major. Wish me luck, and I will certainly report my results for your upcoming newsletters.

After London, it will be Amsterdam, Holland on October 16, 2016, and rounding out the year will be the Space Coast Half Marathon on November 27, 2016. Have a great summer!



After receiving that amazing overview from John he further added that he was just featured on the cover of the running club he belongs to, the Space Coast Runners. Well, I couldn't help but contact the Space Coast Runners to request permission to reprint that newsletter cover in our newsletter. Conversing by email with Lisa Hamelin, it wasn't hard to see that the Space Coast Runners are very proud of John and his accomplishments. Lisa replied:

Absolutely! I've attached the .jpg of it for your use. If possible, I would love to see the article you're doing on John when it's published - we are proud of our local phenom and I'm sure many of our SCR family would love to know more about him.

John may have told you about that particular race, but if not - the race was Downtown Melbourne 5K on March 26 and he won his age group and smashed the course record by over 2 minutes! He got 21:43 in the male 75-79 category, which shattered Roger Rouiller's 2014 record of 23:48.

Having had the opportunity to review the Space Coast Runners newsletter, I found it very telling that the article ended with, "It was Roger who convinced his friend, Johnny O to run the 5K which is a short race for him. John, of course, is the reigning USATF #1 ranked marathoner in the age group." There is no doubt that the Space Coast Runners are a close-knit family, one John always speaks very highly of.

Best of Luck in London John, we'll be rooting for you, every step of the way!

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

FEATURED MEMBER(S)

A FALLEN MOUNT

If you've attended a State Police related picnic, parade, open house, or funeral, you've had the occasion to observe a State Police Mounted Trooper in the background. That's right, a sight long since passed, some 83 years ago, when Jersey Troopers on horseback patrolled the rural farmlands, pinelands, and mountainous regions of our pristine state. It was a time when Mounted Jersey Troopers road from town to town to enforce the laws of the land and investigate offenses perpetrated on the citizenry. Old-timers would say those early Mounted Troopers were feared by some and respected by most, all while adhering to the teachings of their Superintendent, Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf, #1. They were – "True Gentlemen in the Saddle."



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

horseback became obsolete and its use as a mode of transportation was phased out by Colonel Schwarzkopf in 1933. Gone was the Mounted Jersey Trooper.

So why for the past 16 odd years have we seen that Mounted Jersey Trooper so often? That Mounted Trooper was Lt. Theodore W. 'Ted' Schafer, #5207, the unofficial, New Jersey State Police Mounted Trooper, atop his trusted steed Sprout – a "True Gentleman in the Saddle." It is therefore with a heavy heart that I announce Sprout passed away unexpectedly on March 14, 2016, of natural causes.

I've known Ted Schafer for well over ten years and I can attest, he is the embodiment of State Police tradition. A former academy instructor, Ted enjoys researching the history of the State Police and the early Mounted Jersey Troopers. He instilled his knowledge in his 'unofficial' Mounted Patrols at every event, often offering up tidbits of history to those who easily became fascinated with the steady, yet gentle Sprout. For the past year I've wanted to write an article for this publication on our Mounted Jersey Trooper and Sprout, but something always came up and I put it off until the next issue, and the next. I've taken their picture at events I've attended, and there were many, in anticipation of using some for a great story. I am truly sorry that it's come to this reporting for that article to be finally written. In recent years, Lt. Schafer and Sprout have been joined on occasion by a few other "unofficial" Mounted Jersey Troopers to the delight of attendees. Hopefully, they will carry on the tradition started by Lt. Schafer and keep us all cognizant of just where we came from. Visit the link above for a small sampling of how much Sprout meant to so many.

When word of Sprout's passing was posted on the NJSP.org website, Dan Alexander of Townsquare Media reached out to Lt. Schafer to obtain some details. The following is a reprint of Mr. Alexander's eloquently written piece, reflecting the personal story of Ted Schafer and his horse Sprout. I offer it to you with his permission.

NJ STATE POLICE'S UNOFFICIAL HORSE MASCOT — RESCUED FROM ABUSE — DIES

By [Dan Alexander](#) @ Townsquare Media
March 16, 2016 4:12 PM

You may have seen Sprout proudly walking through parades around New Jersey or standing solemnly at a funeral. Perhaps, your kids were one of hundreds who took a ride on him over the past 16 years.

State Police are mourning the loss of their beloved 22-year-old horse Sprout — a rescue who had been starved and abused at a young age. He was adopted by Lt. Ted Schafer, who made him the law enforcement agency's unofficial ceremonial horse.

“He was my pet and there were no state dollars involved” in his care, Schafer said.

Schafer said Sprout died suddenly sometime early Monday morning and found him lying the floor of his stall and there was no indication he was sick. His 7-year-old daughter took Sprout for a ride on Friday night.

“He loved going to work. He just really enjoyed doing what he did and was very passionate about it.” “We had a great ride at the park. He was trotting, interactive. He did very well,” said Schafer, who said he was groomed and ready for the funeral of Sean Cullen on Monday.

Schafer said Sprout loved his job and interacting with the public. When he saw Schafer hook up the State Police trailer to his truck in the driveway, Sprout would “run around knowing he was going to work. He loved going to work. He just really enjoyed doing what he did and was very passionate about it,” said Schafer.

“Literally hundreds and hundreds of children have ridden him. I would hop off his back and parents would put their kids on and give them horseback rides. He enjoyed doing it and he never minded.”

Schafer who said Sprout was a Belgian horse and a “gentle giant” who weighted 1,800 pounds. Sprout was a friendly way to “break the barrier between police and the public,” said Schafer.

Schafer said Spout did about 35 events a year including inner city events, security for Giants and Jets games. He was also called upon by other law enforcement agencies around the region for their events.

“My wife would custom make the saddle patch for that agency, she'd put their graphics on it,” he said. Schafer got Sprout at 4-years-old from a farm on Long Island.

“He was starved, abused and left for dead to the point where as a yearling he couldn't stand. or get up. They had to drag him onto a trailer just to get him out of there,” said Schafer.

He remembered meeting Sprout for the first time and taking him for a ride. “He did really, really well for me and I found out later he really didn't know much of anything”

“I was truly blessed to have had him in my life and my family's life. And State Police got to share him and so did many so many people in the state.” “So I spent some time with him and got to know him,” said Schafer, who said the woman who had rescued him was giving him away. “When I went to leave the farm he actually followed me along the fence line as I was walking away from the farm. And I look at that and said, ‘How do I say no to this?’ From the moment I got him he was instantly bonded to me.”



Schafer said that Sprout was a leader as well and would always be the anchor when he was with other horses at police events because of his experience and he didn't startle easily.

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"I got 16 years out of that horse. He's a family horse; he taught all three of my children how to ride" and each learned how to ride when they were just 6 months old.

"He was a great, great family member."

Thank you Lt. Theodore W. 'Ted' Schafer, #5207 for your humane and dedicated volunteer service to our Outfit of Jersey Troopers!

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

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

In this issue I've included two articles of historic value for your reading enjoyment. Each depicts the background and activities of our Jersey Troopers in years past, both previously published by other publications.

The first article was gracefully penned by Thomas H. Mungeer, President of the New York State Troopers PBA Titled: *Two-Time Trooper Pioneer*. The article identifies Captain John J. Lamb, #55 who pioneered both the New York State Police in 1917 and the New Jersey State Police in 1921. It was recently published in the New York State Troopers PBA, 'Winter 2015-2016' issue of their *PBA Trooper* newsletter. Many thanks to NYSP/BCI Senior Investigator Dominick A. Froio, Jr., #3441 (Ret), for bringing this article to our attention. I offer it to you for your reading enjoyment with the permission of the New York State Troopers PBA.

NEW YORK PBA TROOPER

A Two-Time Trooper Pioneer

By: PBA President
Thomas H. Mungeer

The New York State Police was formed in 1917 and the New Jersey State Police followed close behind, forming four years later. Over our respective histories there have been men who have served with both agencies. One man, however, holds the distinction of serving as an original member of both organizations: John J. Lamb.

John Joseph Lamb was born on Hudson Street in Manhattan on March 28, 1893, the son of John and Margaret Shelly Lamb, natives of Ireland. In 1900, the family moved



NJSP Capt. John J. Lamb.

to Hoboken, N.J.

John enlisted in the Coast Guard at the age of 17 and served on the SS Seneca for one year. Upon discharge he enlisted in the Army with Battery "C" of the 6th Field Artillery on May 3, 1911. He served until his discharge on Aug. 25, 1915 with the rank of Sergeant. He joined the New York City Police Department in 1916 and served as a special policeman assigned to one of the bridges before he took the first exam for the newly-established New York State Constabulary.

On June 11, 1917 Lamb left his new wife Frances at their home at 103 Hudson Street in Hoboken and travelled to the Assembly Chamber

at the Capitol in Albany. Of the 1,592 young men who had applied for a position with the organization, Lamb was one of only 168 who successfully passed the initial test. Standing 5 feet and 8 ¼ inches tall, John J. Lamb was appointed a private on July 7, 1917 at Camp Newayo and was assigned to Troop D. Prior to the completion of his training, Lamb was promoted to Corporal.

There are a few references to Lamb over the next few years. In the field, he demonstrated his leadership skills and was quickly promoted to Sergeant. He arrested a tramp in May 9181 in Theresa, Jefferson County and within a week was called to a complaint involving a delusional woman suffering from "an acute religious mania" in Jamesville. The woman - Mrs. Mary Ryan - was armed with two large carving knives and started to menace her neighbors, slashing the arm of one of them when he attempted to disarm her. Frantic phone calls brought Sgt. Lamb and Trooper Richmond to their aid. Lamb was able to subdue Mrs. Ryan without further incident and brought her to a hospital in Syracuse for observation.

With his two-year enlistment drawing to an end, John Lamb, now the Troop D First Sergeant, chose not to reenlist and instead resigned from the New York State Police on April 1, 1919. He returned to Hoboken and went to work with his father at T. Hogan & Sons as a dock foreman stevedore managing the loading and unloading of ships. He also attended law school in his spare time.

Apparently this wasn't the occupation he wanted to pursue for himself. In 1921, he took the exam for the newly-created New Jersey State Police. This new organization, headed by 26-year-old Col. Herbert Norman Schwarzkopf, like the New

York State Troopers set stringent standards for its prospective recruits. Out of 1,600 applicants, only 116 men were invited to report for training in Sea Girt, N.J. on September 1, 1921.

Lamb was one of only 81 men to complete the three-month training program and most likely because of his prior police and military experience, he was promoted to Corporal in October while still training. On December 1, 1921, Lamb, shield #55, and his fellow New Jersey Troopers were administered the oath of office.

On December 5, in a blinding snowstorm, they started out on horseback and motorcycle to their posts throughout the state. They had an inauspicious start. While traveling through Trenton, city policemen stopped them to give the, a "friendly" warning for riding without their headlights on during the snowstorm.

Lamb's first assignment was to Troop B under the command of Capt. Charles H. Bell, who soon resigned to pursue other interests. His replacement was John C. Weinmann, who arrived on April 7, 1922. Weinmann was not popular as Troop Commander and his men had little or no respect for him. Instead, they felt the John, now Sgt. Lamb, actually ran the Troop. Weinmann didn't help the perception by continually changing his orders based on Lamb's input and recommendations. Soon thereafter, following Weinmann's resignation, Lamb himself was promoted to Captain in April 1924.

Besides being a leader, John Lamb was a skilled marksman and a member of the New Jersey State Police Pistol Team, which competed against neighboring states, local municipalities as well as the New Jersey National Guard and regular Army. He consistently was one of the highest scorers, usually taking

second only to Col. Schwarzkopf and set a world record of 299 during a pistol match at Wilburtha in May 1933.

At the onset of his career John Lamb was prominent in the Hall-Mills murder investigation of 1922. This case was the O.J. Simpson trial of the "Roaring Twenties" and held the title of "Crime of the Century" until the Lindbergh Kidnapping in 1932.

The Sept. 14, 1922 sensational double murder of a New Brunswick Episcopal priest named Edward W. Hall and a married church choir singer Eleanor Mills, with whom he was having an affair, made headlines nationwide. When the bodies were found positioned under a crabapple tree with torn up love letters scattered between them at an abandoned rural farm, there was initial confusion between the police of both Middlesex and Somerset Counties as to whom the case belonged.

By the time the jurisdictional issue was settled that the crime scene lay 30 feet into Somerset County, it took hours for police to clear the area of "looky-loos." Curiosity seekers and souvenir hunters had trampled the scene, stripping the bark from the tree under which the bodies had been found and passing among the crowd a business card found propped on Hall's body. By the time the bodies were removed hours later, the area had been severely compromised.

The local police seemed stumped by the case and Rev. Hall's widow, a member of a prominent and wealthy family and an heiress to the Johnson & Johnson fortune, seemed surprisingly quiet. It took a letter from the daughter of the slain woman to Gov. Edward Edwards for him to order the State Police to look into the case.

The case took another odd and surprising twist when one of the

lead State Police investigators in the case, Trooper Henry L. Dickman, mysteriously disappeared in June 1923. He had been summoned to headquarters to explain the lack of submission of reports on the case. He bought some time when he phoned and stated that he had solved the case and requested the assistance of a couple of Troopers to make arrests. When his paycheck, which had been forwarded to where he was staying in New Brunswick, was returned his superiors were baffled.

Eight months later, with Dickman's disappearance still a mystery and the case still open, now Lieutenant Lamb told the press, "I don't know what happened to Dickman but I do know that someday we are going to break the Hall-Mills case. We have never stopped an investigation and we never will until the murderers of the couple have been brought to justice."

A break came in the case in 1926 when the husband of the Hall's maid filed for an annulment and stated that his wife had been paid \$5,000.00 by Mrs. Hall's family to keep the events of Sept. 14, 1922 quiet. Additionally, Trooper Henry Dickman was found, in Alcatraz Prison of all places, detained as a deserter from the Marine Corps. He also told of how he was paid \$2,500.00 to drop the case and leave the state by a relative of Mrs. Hall.

Soon, the suspects – Hall's wife Frances and her two brothers, Henry and William Stevens - were indicted for murder. Following the circus-like trial at the Somerset County Courthouse, they were acquitted following a 1926 trial. The case had been too mismanaged prior to the State Police's involvement and a supposed witness told too many versions of her story to convince the jury. So ended one of the messiest, most scandalous, and most

complicated murder cases in the history of the state of New Jersey.

While many police officers go through their careers without being involved in a sensational murder case, John Lamb didn't have to wait long until once again his name was splashed across front pages nationwide. On March 1, 1932 the new "Crime of the Century" was committed. On that evening, 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr. went missing from his crib in East Amwell, N.J. His aviator father was one of the most famous Americans of his time and it didn't take long for the press to swarm to the location.

Capt. John Lamb, referred to in the press as the strong-arm man of the State Police, was the highest-ranking State Police officer assigned to the Lindbergh kidnapping case. Two months later, the toddler's body was discovered in the woods behind the Lindbergh home and the case was changed to that of a murder investigation.

After an investigation of more than two years- hampered by the involvement of high-ranking government officials, the New York City Police and the FBI as well as Lindbergh's private investigators- a suspect named Bruno Richard Hauptmann was arrested for the child's murder. He was found guilty of murder in the first degree and executed in the electric chair on April 3, 1936.

Lamb's involvement in the case led to him being placed in charge of the Detective Bureau at headquarters in Trenton in August 1935. It was at this position that he led the successful manhunt for Edward Metelski, who had escaped two hours after his arrest for the shotgun murder of Trooper Warren G. Yenser on Nov. 9, 1935 in Woodbridge Township, N.J.

The Lindbergh case, however, was wrought with controversy and

refused to go away. New Governor Harold G. Hoffman, not a fan of Col. Schwarzkopf, referred to the case as the "the worst bungled police job in history," Hoffman tried to find fault with the investigation and was spurred by his friend Mark O. Kimberling, who drafted a four-page letter to Governor Hoffman in January 1936 outlining problems with the investigation and Col. Schwarzkopf and his investigators.

Kimberling had been the Deputy Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police from its inception until 1929 and was subsequently appointed as the Principal Keeper of the State's Prison by Hoffman upon his taking office. Author George J. Wren, Jr. in his book *Jersey Troopers II (The Next Thirty-Five Years 1971-2006)* stated Hoffman was "blinded by aspirations for higher office" and "foolishly sought to prove the State Police had framed an innocent man." He went on to state that, "Try as they did, Hoffman and his henchmen failed at every turn to impeach the credibility of the State Police investigation, leaving Bruno Richard Hauptmann to die in the electric chair."

Gov. Hoffman refused to reappoint Schwarzkopf to a fourth term and instead appointed his friend Mark Kimberling as New Jersey's second Superintendent on June 17, 1936. Before his term ended, however, Col. Schwarzkopf made a final gesture of defiance in the face of the new Governor. He bestowed upon the Lindbergh case investigators the Distinguished Service Award, the highest award in the State Police, for their "painstaking, conscientious, and comprehensive work." Included were Capt. Lamb and Lt. Arthur T. "Buster" Keaten as well as two Sergeants, two Corporals and three Detectives.

When Kimberling took over, his first order of business was to show

his displeasure of the results of the Lindbergh investigation. Capt. Lamb was relieved of his command of the Detective Division and transferred to the command of Troop C Wilburtha, and Lt. Keaten was demoted to Sergeant and also transferred to Troop C.

In 1939, Capt. John Lamb began to complain of stomach pains to his

doctor as well as to the State Police doctors. The diagnosis was stomach cancer and he succumbed to it on June 8, 1940 at the age of 47 at his home in Titusville, N.J. John J. Lamb was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Trenton, N.J. He left behind his wife, Marjorie Laird, and two daughters from his first marriage, Gertrude and Marion.

Upon his death, condolences came from far and wide for the renowned police officer who left his mark in more ways than one. In the end, he was a pioneer who helped the formation of not on State Police organization, but two. □

The second article was penned back in 1961 by Mr. John Peardon of the *Master Detective* magazine series. The article titled: *New Jersey's Most Baffling Murder Case* detailed the exhaustive two-year murder investigation of Frank Egner that began on April 13, 1959. While many individuals certainly contributed to the investigation, its primary investigators were then Detectives First Class Rulan C. Peek, #789 and James R. Brennan, #898; and Detectives Walter B. Moore, #1266 and Anthony G. Cowell, #1319. Then Lt. Harry C. Armano, #635, Commander of Troop 'A,' personally supervised the case. His son, John J. Armano recently came upon the magazine in his Father's collection and submitted it to me for consideration. Unfortunately, due to the long length of this in-depth article only those who receive the newsletter via email or have access to a computer will be able to view the article via the below link.

Of particular interest in this case was that while very few clues were obtained during the lengthy investigation these investigators doggedly pursued it to a successful conclusion. Unfortunately, the article ended before a grand jury was impaneled, leaving the reader to wonder about the final disposition. Fortunately, I was able to contact the sole remaining living investigator and ascertain the outcome. Lt. Walter Moore graciously outlined the particulars of their now 57 year old case to me as if it had taken place last week. You can rest easy, the suspect was ultimately found guilty and sentenced to a lengthy incarceration within the New Jersey prison system. Thank you Lt. Moore and everyone who participated in what was then titled, "New Jersey's Most Baffling Murder Case."

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

BUSINESS UPDATES

N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

The Foundation Directors are pressing forward to facilitate the operational aspects of all that encompasses the charitable undertakings of our organization and the benevolences to be offered in several areas of our future endeavors. We are well on our way!

One key issue to remember now that the FTA has diversified into the realm of 'Non Profit Status' under The N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, Inc., is that all donations, including those submitted to the Quarter Century Club, are now tax deductible.



TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC.

Our Logo Merchandise Store continues to do a great business, and our Internet sales operation is expanding every week. The Christmas rush certainly depleted our store shelves of our seasonal inventory, but rest

assured, Jackie Snyder has been busy replacing the winter inventory with our new line of spring and summer wares. Check out our web store at: <http://store.ftanjsp.org/>, or join us on our FTA Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Former-Troopers-Association-of-NJ-1382368762059216/>. You'll know as soon as something new is added to our store inventory!

One of our top-notch Sales Clerks will be leaving us shortly to attend Sterling College in Vermont. Kate Elgrim has been a great asset to our Logo Merchandise Operation, and while we will certainly miss her, we wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Don't be surprised if you see Kate behind the counter at some future event, she's agreed to help out when her schedule permits. Kate's absence will certainly cause a void in our operation, one that we need to be filled in the very near future. This is a part time position, a few hours per day, 2 to 3 days per week, perfect for someone with children in school, or that local college student in need of some extra cash and an open schedule in the middle of the day. The position requires an energetic, people person with general knowledge of a retail sales operation, computer proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, and a Point of Sales computer system. Interested applicants can contact Jackie Snyder at (609) 882-2000, x: 3065.

FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

THE 2015 STATE POLICE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



The 2015 State Police Holiday Open House was another great success on Saturday, December 19, 2015, at the State Police Museum and Learning Center. December 19th proved to be beautiful, yet crisp day to usher in the start of winter and our State Police Christmas Holiday Season. As always, enlisted, retired, and civilian employees (past and present) and their families took in the festive occasion. Children of all ages eagerly awaited the expected arrival of Santa Clause, who in true State Police fashion, didn't disappoint when he arrived courtesy of the NJSP Aviation Bureau. Circling the crowd from above, jolly old Saint Nicholas and Mrs. Clause waved from the windows of the helicopter to everyone below, before descending to a

picture perfect landing in the parking lot of building #15. After a plethora of pictures, Santa and Mrs. Clause waded through the crowd and into the log cabin where a long line of children, young and old were eagerly waiting to sit on Santa's lap, each hoping that he would grant their wish with a special present come Christmas morning.

If you haven't attended this occasion you're really missing out. Bring the kids and the grandkids out to usher in Christmas. This is what the State Police family is really all about. Just ask someone who has been there.

THE 2016 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY

The 2016 Florida Winter Party was held on Tuesday, March 8th and Wednesday, March 9th, at the Crown Plaza Melbourne Oceanside, Melbourne, Florida. The weather was perfect this year, warm with a breeze off the ocean, just perfect for relaxing on the beach or hotel deck, leisurely conversing with old comrades. You did however have to be careful. The sun was a bit stronger than some anticipated, as witnessed by the red faces, arms, and legs of quite few attendees.

The festivities were excellent as usual, thanks to Sergeant Moe Washmann, #2634 (Ret) who coordinated the party, accented by the hotel staff who went out of their way to make sure everything was taken care of. Thanks again Moe on another great outing!

Some 90 members attended this year's party. It was great to see old faces and some new ones. Presentations were made by our President, Captain Sal Maggio, #2177 (Ret); and Vice President, Captain Nicholas Soranno, #3065 (Ret) updating the current and future activities of our FTA. Our Human Resources Consultant, Bessie Jones was also on hand to give an update on our benefits and healthcare issues.



Visit: <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/2016FloridaParty.pdf>

For those of you who haven't attended the Annual Florida Winter Party, especially those of you who reside in Florida and the southern states, do yourself a favor and make it a point to attend next year's party. For those residing up north, take a break from the doldrums of winter and plan a trip to sunny Florida, and attend the Winter Party! In retirement, too many fall by the wayside and lose touch with those who were such a big part of their lives during their careers. Use opportunities such as the Florida Winter Party, the FTA Picnic, the Troop Get-Togethers, and the General Membership Meetings to get back in the fold. These are a great opportunity to rekindle friendships with old comrades and renew your rightful place within our Outfit of Jersey Troopers. *Pics Courtesy of Sandy Wren & Capt Joe Curry, #1701 (Ret).*

SAVE THE DATES

TROOP "A" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER



The Annual Troop "A" Old-Timers Get-Together will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016, at the Kerri Brook Caterers, Hammonton, NJ. As in the past this long standing Troop "A" event serves as a great opportunity for retirees to catch up with old comrades.

As always, Good Ole' Captain Ed Marinelli, #1334 (Ret) will 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. **Use the Registration Form on page #34!**

STATE POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE



The Annual State Police Memorial Service is scheduled to take place at 11:00 a.m., May 2, 2016, at the Museum and Learning Center Memorial Garden. This is an extremely important event that pays homage to all our fallen comrades who have passed away in the line of duty!

35TH ANNUAL STATE POLICE CHASE & FAMILY OPEN HOUSE



This year's event will take place on Saturday, May 21, 2016, 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 2016 North Jersey Get Together will be held on June 1, 2016, at 6:00 PM. As last year it will be held at La Strada Resturante, 1105 Rte 10 EB, Randolph, NJ. It was a great time last year with 63 retirees attending. Post cards with information will be going out on or about May 1, 2016. The price for members is still \$20.00! (PAY AT DOOR ONLY). Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

NEGRON CARROLL SCHOLARSHIP FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 27th Annual Negron-Carroll Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, June 10, 2016, 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.

20TH ANNUAL NJSP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 20th Annual New Jersey State Police Memorial Association Golf Tournament, the "Colonel's Cup," will take place on July 5, 2016, at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course, Village Road, West Windsor, NJ. Entry fee is \$200.00; includes golf, greens fees, cart, lunch, open bar, dinner, drinks throughout the day, and giveaways compliments of the SPMA and sponsors. For additional information see the SPMA website @ www.njspmemorialassociation.org.

TROOP "C" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER



The annual Troop "C" Old-Timers Get-Together will take place on July 14, 2016, 6-11 p.m., at Mastoris Diner in Bordentown, N.J. Open to all Troop "C" Jersey Troopers, Active and 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 #34* of this publication.

FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PICNIC



The FTA Annual Picnic will be held on Friday, August 19, 2016, 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 51st Class 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 live music by The Cameos. Registration form for the picnic can be found on *page #34* of this publication

MILITARY NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ALL VETS SHOULD KNOW

The link below will open a list of web-sites that will provide information on Veterans benefits and how to file and/or ask for them. Accordingly, there are many sites that explain how to obtain books, military/medical records, information and how to appeal a denied claim with the VA. Nearly 100% of this information is free and available for all veterans, the only catch is: you have to ask for it, because they won't tell you about a specific benefit unless you ask for it. Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/Veterans.pdf>

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

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

HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC INFORMATION

FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR

Nominations for the 2016 Former New Jersey State Trooper of the Year Award will be accepted January 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016. All nominations should be forwarded to the FTA office in West Trenton, N.J., by the August 31st 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 in September 2016. The presentation of the award will be made to the successful recipient at the 2016 FTA Fall General Membership Meeting on November 5, 2016.

FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION NAME TAGS AVAILABLE

For those who would like to have a name tag to wear to various FTA functions, we have available for purchase a personalized name tag. The tags are available with blue background and yellow lettering, either with a pin, magnet or fold-over for placing in a jacket breast pocket. The cost is \$11.00 each. If you are interested call the FTA Office @ (609) 882-2000 x:2220 for an order form.

Submitted by Major George T. Coyle, #1528 (Ret)

VISITATION PROGRAM

The Former Troopers Association in cooperation with the New Jersey State Police developed the Visitation Program in 2009. The program was designed to check on the well being of retired members and to lift the spirits of those who may be seriously ill, homebound, or in need of some old fashion camaraderie by their fellow Jersey Troopers. Visits are scheduled utilizing both active duty uniformed personnel and representatives from the Former Troopers Association. The Former Troopers Association currently maintains lists of retired volunteers in north, central and southern New Jersey to draw upon for visits. Visits can be scheduled via a request from any FTA or family member, or a friend. In respecting the privacy of our members these visits will only be conducted with his or her approval. The FTA is also looking for additional retired volunteers to assist with visits to our members. Visitation requests and/or volunteers may contact the Former Troopers Association office by telephone at 1-609-882-2000 X:2220. Your assistance in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

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

YOUR RIGHT TO CARRY

Your right as a Retired Police Officer (RPO) and as a private citizen to personally carry a weapon has been the topic of many writings and discussions over the past several years. The actions of several crazed terrorists and insane criminals, perpetrating targeted mass shootings in recent years has certainly enflamed the opinions of many liberals who are loudly calling for the elimination of private citizens' carry rights, including those who have previously sworn to lay down their lives for the protection of the citizenry. Unfortunately, politicians across the country, including here in New Jersey have begun catering to the cries and threats of these zealots to preserve their elected place in the so-called "ruling class" of our republic.

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution specifically states: "***A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.***" That's it, one sentence, clear, concise, and directly to the point! Some question the intent of the Founding Fathers who drafted the Second Amendment, and that of the citizenry who voted to approve it, saying they were only focused on establishing the rights of States' Militias, which at the time were comprised by the able bodied adult male population. Over the years the United States Supreme Court has rendered opinions disaffirming the Second Amendment by relinquishing its federal veracity to the States via States' regulatory processes.

There are very few formal Militias left in our Republic today, or are there? Well, if you think about it, every able bodied Retired Police Officer actually possesses the training and qualifications of a Militiaman, thus constituting both States' and a Federal Militia. Who better to, "*being necessary to the security of a free State*" than the able bodied RPO? As stated, it's, "*the right of the people to keep and bear Arms.*" Are we, the RPO of this nation not part of the people? And lastly, the final mandate of the Second Amendment, "*shall not be infringed,*" cannot be more direct, mandating that right to possess and carry Arms.

The liberal minority of this nation care not about infringing upon your Second Amendment rights, and if you dare to challenge their position they won't hesitate to trample upon your First Amendment rights as well. Unfortunately, many of our current elected leaders have shown that they do not have the courage to stand up for the rights of the people, but instead quietly acquiesce to the threats and rantings of those hell-bent on taking away your rights. Remember who these elected members of the so called "ruling class" are come election time. Use your Fifteenth Amendment right to vote them out of office, before they look to take that right away from you as well.

Okay, I'll get off my soapbox for now and get to the point of this article. Many of our FTA members have been voicing their concerns about their right to carry here in New Jersey and from state to state. Many have questioned, are they covered under HR-218, the Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act (LEOSA). It's a tough question, and depending where you are in this vast country, you may possess few protections. The LEOSA was a Congressional attempt in 2004 to establish federal protections for active and retired law enforcement officers in the wake escalating terrorism. Unfortunately, their attempt left out one key element. The Act does not protect you from adhering to States' laws, each and every State's laws, while you are in their respective jurisdictions. However, the LEOFA does establish specific guidelines that you should be aware of if you choose to carry a weapon. Most import, if you're going to carry, make sure that your are insured! Check with your homeowner's insurance and secure a rider to protect yourself and your family from the devastation of civil liability.

Our Vice President, Captain Nicholas Sorrano, #3065 (*Ret*) has obtained a very thorough presentation from Chief John Sisto (*Ret*), Rockaway Township Police Department, that outlines HR-218 in its entirety. This presentation was compiled by Chief Sisto to inform all active and retired law enforcement officers about the importance of adhering to the conditions set forth in the LEOSA. Our sincere appreciation to Chief Sisto for preparing this presentation, and for allowing us to disseminate it to our members. If you choose to carry a weapon it would be wise to know the contents of the LEOSA as delineated in Chief Sisto's presentation. You can view the presentation in its entirety by visiting: <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/LEOSA.pdf>.

Submitted by: Lt. George J. Wren, Jr. #3680

NEW WAYS OF STEALING

These are a few new ways people are trying to steal from you. Be on your guard when you least expect it!

SCENE 1

A friend went to the local gym and placed his belongings in the locker. After the workout and a shower, he came out, saw the locker open, and thought to himself, 'Funny, I thought I locked the locker.' He dressed and just flipped through the wallet to make sure all was in order. Everything looked okay - all the cards were in place.

A few weeks later his credit card bill came - a whopping bill of \$14,000! He called the credit card company and started yelling at them, saying that he did not make the transactions. Customer care personnel verified that there was no mistake in the system and asked if his card had been stolen. 'No,' he said, but then took out his wallet, pulled out the credit card, and yep - you guessed it - a switch had been made. An expired similar credit card from the same bank was in the wallet. The thief broke into his locker at the gym and switched cards.

Verdict: The credit card issuer said since he did not report the card missing earlier, he would have to pay the amount owed to them. How much did he have to pay for items he did not buy? \$9,000! Why were there no calls made to verify the amount swiped? Small amounts rarely trigger a 'warning bell' with some credit card companies. It just so happens that all the small amounts added up to a big one!

SCENE 2

A man at a local restaurant paid for his meal with his credit card. The bill for the meal came, he signed it and the waitress folded the receipt and passed the credit card along. Usually, he would just take it and place it in his wallet or pocket. Funny enough though, this time he actually took a look at the card, and lo and behold, it was the expired card of another person. He called the waitress over and she looked perplexed. She took it back, apologized, and hurried back to the counter under the watchful eye of the man. All the waitress did while walking to the counter was wave the wrong expired card to the counter cashier, and the counter cashier immediately looked down and took out the real card. No exchange of words -- nothing! She took it and came back to the man with an apology.

Verdict: Make sure the credit cards in your wallet are yours. Check the name on the card every time you sign for something and/or the card is taken away for even a short period of time. Many people just take back the credit card without even looking at it, 'assuming' that it has to be theirs. **FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, DEVELOP THE HABIT OF CHECKING YOUR CREDIT CARD EACH TIME IT IS RETURNED TO YOU AFTER A TRANSACTION!**

SCENE 3

Yesterday, I went into a pizza restaurant to pick up an order that I had called in. I paid by using my Visa Check Card which, of course, is linked directly to my checking account. The young man behind the counter took my card, swiped it, then laid it on the counter as he waited for the approval, which is pretty standard procedure. While he waited, he picked up his cell phone and started dialing. I noticed the phone because it was the same model I have, but nothing seemed out of the ordinary. Then I heard a click that sounded like my phone sounds when I take a picture. He then gave me back my card, but kept the phone in his hand as if he was still pressing buttons. Meanwhile, I'm thinking, I wonder what he was taking a picture of, oblivious to what was really going on. It then dawned on me. The only thing there was my credit card, so now I'm paying close attention to what he is doing. He set his phone on the counter, leaving it open. About five seconds later, I heard the chime that tells you that the picture has been saved. Now I'm standing there struggling with the fact that this boy just took a picture of my credit card. Yes, he played it off well, because had we not had the same kind of phone, I probably would never have known what happened. Needless to say, I immediately canceled that card as I was walking out of the pizza parlor.

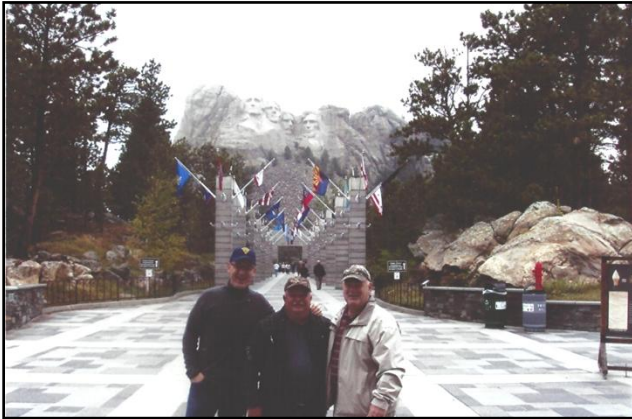
Always be aware of your surroundings at all times. Whenever you are using your credit card take caution and don't be careless. Notice who is standing near you and what they are doing when you use your card. Be aware of phones, because most phones today have a camera. Never let your card out of your sight, check and check again!

Submitted By: Captain Jack Caldwell, #1629 (Ret)

DIALING 800 NUMBERS!

The gas company serving this area brought their call center back to Phoenix from India last year after numerous customer complaints. What a difference now when you call them, and it created 300 jobs. I know this works because they were so bad that when India answered I wouldn't even deal with them. I'd simply ask to be transferred to a representative in the U.S. and they would comply. Now that I know it is the LAW – I will do it for sure. Any time you call an 800 number for a Credit Card, Banking, Verizon, Health and other Insurances, or Computer Help Desks, etc., and you find that you're talking to a foreign customer service representative (perhaps in India, the Philippines, etc.), please consider doing the following: After you connect and you realize that the customer service representative is not from the USA, you can always ask if you are not sure about the accent, please, very politely say, "I'd like to speak to a customer service representative in the United States." The rep might suggest talking to his/her manager, but again, politely say, "Thank you, but I'd like to speak to a customer service representative in the USA." **YOU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY CONNECTED TO A REPRESENTATIVE IN THE USA.** That's the rule, and the LAW. It takes less than a minute to have your call re-directed to the USA. When I got redirected to a USA representative, I asked again to make sure, and yes, she was from Fort Lauderdale. Imagine what would happen if every US citizen insisted on talking to only US phone representatives from this day on. That would certainly impact the number of US jobs that would need to be created?

Submitted by: Gail Carrigan



During the 1st week of October 2015, three former Bloomfield Station squad-mates revived old memories of 30 years ago by traveling together throughout 8 western states. The trip which encompassed some 3500 miles took in many historic sites and a side trip to a BYU vs. University of Connecticut football game in Provo, Utah. Pictured above at Mount Rushmore in South Dakota are (l-r) Scott Cartier, #3363, Steve Collins, #3178, and Greg Wilson, #3159. They came across Trooper John Light (Wyoming Highway Patrol) and asked him to pose with his New Jersey counterparts. The cost was one N.J.S.P. shoulder patch.

APPLYING FOR MEDICARE UPON REACHING AGE 65

It has come to my attention from a member that applying late for Medicare at age 65 could cause you to lose medical insurance. This member did not apply until around Feb. 1st and his birthday is Feb. 24th. He was advised by Division of Pensions when he called that his medical insurance was cancelled on Feb. 1st which is the first day of the month that he turned 65. You can apply for Medicare 3 months prior to your 65th birthday and you will probably receive your Medicare card within a couple weeks so you can then send a copy of the card to Division of Pensions on time. They will notify your health insurance company who will only then pick up 20% of medical costs, the rest will be picked up by Medicare.

If you have any questions on this please call Gail at the FTA office (609-882-2000 ext 2220) and she will connect you with Bessie Jones our benefits coordinator.

Submitted by: Captain Sal Maggio, #2177 (Ret)

BESSIE'S CORNER

Bessie's Corner will return in the September issue!

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Former New Jersey State Troopers Association will be awarding scholarships for the upcoming school year ending in June 2016. Only those students that are seniors and are graduating from High School in June 2016 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 30th of the year the student is a senior in high school. **Scholarship winners will be selected at the May 7th 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 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 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 2016 drawing are do prior to April 30, 2016. Applications for scholarship and "interest free" loans can be found on the FTA website.

COMICS & CONSIDERATIONS

A liberal's paradise would be a place where everybody has guaranteed employment, free comprehensive healthcare, free education, free food, free housing, free clothing, free utilities, and only law enforcement has guns.

And believe it or not, such a place does indeed already exist: It's called Prison.

~ Sheriff Joe Arpaio
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Major T.B. Kinzer, #1849 (Ret)

December 9, 2015

Dear Mr. McCurdy,

Thank you for your support of Mount Carmel Guild. We received your donation of \$100.00 on 11/23/2015. Your generosity always means much to us as we feed the hungry and provide nursing care to the elderly.

At the Guild, our staff and volunteers have just finished providing nearly 750 area families with a turkey and all the trimmings for Thanksgiving. We remain very grateful for the many community members who make this possible and who held us to feed those in need throughout the year.

Thank you for your gift in memory of John Patrick McGann.

Best Regards,
Marie A. Gladney – Executive Director

December 14, 2015

Mr. Maggio & FTA,

Thank you so much for the memorial plaque in memory of my husband, Andy Cavaliere, #2233. It will be treasured always. Andy was very proud of the “outfit” & the years he spent as a NJ State Trooper.

Sincerely,
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SGT MICHAEL J. LAWLOR, #2451



LAWLOR, MICHAEL J. #2451, passed away on Friday, 25 March 2016. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 29 June 1969 and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 July 1989. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Viet Nam War. After his time in the State Police he worked for the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance and the Passaic County Prosecutors Office. He is survived by his wife Emily and Nine children, five sons Michael, Matthew, Timothy, David, Brian, four daughters, Jessica, Genevieve,

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LIEUTENANT JAMES E. "JES" SAVADGE, #1228



SAVADGE, JAMES E. #1228, passed away on Sunday, 20 March 2016. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 August 1953 as a member of the 43rd Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 September 1985. He proudly served an enlistment in the United States Army National Guard. He participated in many state police activities throughout his retirement, his favorite being the annual Former New Jersey State Troopers Picnic. He is

survived by 5 children Jesse, James, Lt. Carl M. Savadge, #4832 (*Ret*), daughters Diane Niebudek, and Nancy Cuadra.

TROOPER SEAN E. CULLEN, #7594



CULLEN, SEAN E. #7594, passed away on Tuesday, 8 March 2016. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 29 August 2014 as a member of the 154th State Police Class. Prior to his enlistment he proudly served with the Mt. Holly, Westampton, and Sea Isle City Police Departments. He is survived by his fiancée Aryn, his son Seamus, and brother Detective I Garrett J. Cullen, #6558

**DSG LAWRENCE K.
CHURM, #2737**



CHURM, LAWRENCE K. #2737, passed away on Wednesday, 2 March 2016. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 26 June 1971 as a member of the 85th Class. He retired at the rank of Detective Sergeant on 1 July 1991. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Alexis A. a son Scott, a daughter Carrie A O'Hara and three grandchildren Alexis, Brad and Erica O'Hara.

**TROOPER THOMAS J.
NELSON SR., #1413**



NELSON, THOMAS J. #1413, passed away on Saturday, 6 February 2016. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 May 1955 as a member of the 48th New Jersey State Police Class and resigned on 21 June 1961. He is survived by his wife Martha, his son Thomas J. Jr. and a daughter Lori J. Leon, one granddaughter, Kelly, a great granddaughter Reese and a great grandson Logan.

**LIEUTENANT PETER W.
KUSANT, #1167**



KUSANT, PETER W. #1167, passed away Friday, 12 February 2016. 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 Lieutenant on 1 September 1985. He proudly served in the United States Navy. He is survived by his wife Carolee Sue Kusant, a son Peter a daughter Linda and four grandchildren Brittany, Kaitlynn, Brianne and Christopher.

**LIEUTENANT RICHARD
N. RICHROATH, #1812**



RICHROATH, RICHARD N. #1812, passed away on Thursday, 25 February 2016. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 10 June 1963 as a member of the 61st Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 March 1990. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Arlene. He is survived by daughters Kim and Angela and one grandson.

**SGT JOHN R. MEYER,
#1855**



MEYER, JOHN R. #1855, passed away on Friday, 19 February 2016. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 2 March 1964 as a member of the 63rd Class and retired on 1 June 1989. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife Kathy, two sons Jack of Belvidere, NJ, Jeffrey of San Francisco, CA. and two grandsons.

**LIEUTENANT WILLIAM
LEE, #1038**



LEE, WILLIAM, #1038, passed away on Monday, 1 February 2016. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 6 July 1951 as a member of the 39th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 August 1979. He proudly served in the United States Navy during WW II. He was predeceased by his wife Pearl. He is survived by two daughters Deborah and Karen, a

son Stewart and three grandchildren.

and is survived by his daughter Maureen and two grandchildren.

Ann Margaret and a step-son William Jeffers.

CAPTAIN HERBERT E. PLUMP, #1415



PLUMP, HERBERT E. #1415, passed away on Tuesday, 27 January 2016. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 April 1955 as a member of the 48th Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 September 1985. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1951 to 1957. He is survived by his wife Mildred and a son, Paul.

TROOPER RICHARD F. GILLIGAN, #1887



GILLIGAN, RICHARD F. #1887, passed away on Monday, 12 October 2015 at his home in Kingwood, Texas. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 25 May 1964 and resigned on 17 September 1971. He was predeceased by his wife Virginia

TROOPER ELI M. McCARSON, #7775



McCARSON, ELI M. #7775, passed away on Thursday, December 17, 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 February 2015 as a member of the 155th Class. He is survived by his wife Jordon.

LIEUTENANT FRANCIS A. SCHOENER, #1491



SCHOENER, FRANCIS A. #1491, passed away on Tuesday, 29 December 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 16 December 1955 as a member of the 50th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 September 1987. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife Diane, his son Steven, a daughter

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Stephanie Ann Sollenwerk, cherished Daughter of Captain Robert Bratty, #3515 (*Ret*), passed away on December 12, 2015.

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Patricia F. Braunlich, beloved Widow of Lt. Charles Braunlich, #2098, passed away on January 10, 2016.

Carl S. Brodowski, honored Father of Lt. Leon E. Brodowski, #2941 (*Ret*); Lt. Lawrence W. Brodowski, #3083 (*Ret*); and Father-In-Law of Captain Kathleen T. Devlin, #3484 (*Ret*); passed away on February 9, 2016.

Melody Kitson, beloved Widow of Lt. Richard F. Kitson, #2662, passed away on February 11, 2016.

Christine Challender Wetterling, cherished Daughter of Deacon/Captain James J. Challender, #1880 (*Ret*), passed away on February 25, 2016.

Camille Fischer, beloved Wife of Captain Milton L. Fischer, #1744 (*Ret*), passed away on February 27, 2016.

Cole Rocap, cherished Son of Lt. Christopher Rocap, #5091 (*Ret*); Grandson of DSFC James E. Rocap, #2411; and nephew of SGT Tighe M. Rocap, #5780, passed away on February 29, 2016.

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