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COLONEL'S COMMENTS



statue is delivered.

Greetings from Building 15 at Division Headquarters. I hope this newsletter finds you all well as we head into Spring. I always look forward to the opportunity to provide all of our Former Troopers with updates regarding various topics around the Division. With regards to the grounds at Headquarters, the columbarium and paver project has been completed and it is simply breathtaking. Many thanks to George Wren and Nick Soranno for their leadership and management of this tremendous upgrade to our State Police Museum and Learning Center. Three new flag poles were also installed, and we are currently awaiting the completion of the Colonel Schwarzkopf statue which will stand at more than eight feet tall and will be placed at the entrance of the museum. We anticipate hosting a dedication of the columbarium and museum grounds this summer once the Colonel Schwarzkopf

I am glad to report that the 163rd State Police Class started on March 7, 2022 and is expected to graduate on July 22, 2022. A total of 215 recruits reported on day one and as of this writing, 190 recruits remain at the Academy. As with the previous two classes and to minimize the impacts of Covid-19 to the class, these recruits will spend most of their weekends at Sea Girt. Depending upon how many recruits successfully complete their training, it is possible that badge number 9000 be issued at the graduation in July. They obviously have a long way to go and yes, for those of you that are wondering, it is still always sunny at Sea Girt!

It also gives me great pleasure to report that Detective Jacob Schor of the Troop "A" Criminal Investigation Office was selected as the 2021 Trooper of the Year for his meticulous investigative skills solving an attempted homicide that took place in April of 2021 and was also linked to the May 22, 2021, mass shooting that killed three people in Fairfield Township, Cumberland County. On April 13, Detective Schor was called to investigate an attempted homicide on South Burlington Road in Fairfield where he interviewed witnesses who provided vehicle descriptions and intelligence identifying the potentially involved parties. Detective Schor also found surveillance cameras that captured the suspect's vehicle. After conducting multiple residential searches, Detective Schor was able to corroborate the events of the attempted homicide but was still attempting to identify the main suspect. On May 22, a mass shooting took place during a birthday party at a home Fairfield. Multiple shell casings recovered from the scene revealed that the firearm used to kill those people was the same one used in the attempted homicide the previous month. Surveillance video obtained from the scene also showed a vehicle that Detective Schor recognized from his attempted homicide investigation. The video revealed footage of the driver of the vehicle that ultimately led to a positive identification of the suspect. Detective Schor was able to find the vehicle and link it and the driver to the scene of the attempted homicide. This led to a suspect being arrested and charged with attempted homicide, possession of a weapon for unlawful purpose, unlawful possession of a weapon and aggravated assault. He was also charged with murder, conspiracy to commit murder, four counts of attempted murder, six counts of possession of a firearm for an unlawful purpose and one count of unlawful possession of a handgun in the house

party shooting. Detective Schor's outstanding dedication and commitment are deserving of the honor of being named Trooper of the Year and his dedication to investigating this incident undoubtedly made the residents of the Fairfield community safer by removing a violent offender off the streets. The remarkable efforts of Detective Jacob Schor embody The Outfit's core values of Honor, Duty and Fidelity.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon at the FTA picnic this summer. Last year's picnic was a huge success and I trust that this year's will be even more enjoyable. That is all for now and until we meet again, stay safe out there!

-Colonel Patrick J. Callahan #5243

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Everyone,

Well Captain Nicholas C. Soranno, Jr., #3065 (*Ret*) finished up his four-years as President and passed the torch on to me in the hopes that our Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers will continue to grow as the Fraternal, Social Organization it was established under sixty-two years ago. Our Charter's purpose was and remains to "a) promote the preservation of friendship and loyalty among the members; (b) promote an active interest in good government and Civic affairs; to inspire respect for law; to promote patriotism; to work for and encourage high standards for the betterment of law enforcement agencies; and (c) to promote and further the interests of the New Jersey State Police organization." Over the course of those sixty-two long years our Association has steadfastly stayed the course towards the betterment of every Jersey Trooper (Active and Retired).



Yes, there have been trying times along the way, and some may even consider the current state-of-affairs of the country and our state as a low point in our history. No one can predict what the future will bring, but rest assured our Association won't be facing it with blinders on. We will take every opportunity to protect and enhance the lives of our Members and their Families. Fraternal gestures of aid and consolation during times of need have always been our standard; but underlying everything is our longstanding belief that "Once a Trooper, Always a Trooper" is paramount, and although retired or separated from State Police service, we are all still part of "The Outfit."

As I draft this correspondence, several issues of concern dwell heavy on all our minds, and contrary to the comments of some, your Association Board of Directors is working on solutions. While I find it commendable that members are willing to voice their interests and concerns on the many issues facing us all in retirement, I also find it disheartening whenever I see and hear accusations, especially on social media, usually from brave, armchair warriors, spouting that the FTA isn't doing anything to combat these issues. Rarely, if ever, do I hear from anyone offering a solution to address the issues at hand, its usually just complaining. Well, I will tell you,

complaining won't get you a Cost-of-Living- Adjustment, it won't get you changes to the RPO/HR218, and it won't protect you from being outed for past major discipline. What will, and is producing results is well-thought-out, viable solutions, and that is what your Association Board of Directors is proactively doing on a constant basis, and we are making headway. These issues didn't happen overnight, and they won't be solved overnight, but your Board of Directors is working diligently and in coordination with our Active Partners - the STFA, NCO and SOA Associations to secure the very best for every Jersey Trooper! Thank you all! I would like to also offer a special "Thank You!" to Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, #5243 for his friendship and support of our Association, our Mission, and our endeavors!

Lately, there have been a lot of complaints that our Association hasn't come out in support of Legislative Bills S1310 (S260) and A2758, touting the reinstatement of the Cost-of-Living-Adjustment (COLA). These Bills were first introduced in 2020 and have recently been reintroduced by their original sponsors for reconsideration. While the title of the Bills sounds enticing, little change in the law is being considered. You may recall the infamous "target funded ratio," well it remains intact, so there is little chance we could be considered for COLA payments until we reach the magic 80% ratio. Thanks to some twenty-eight years of fleecing our pension fund and insufficient or no annual contributions from the State, our State Police Retirement System has fallen to a ratio of about 54%. That coupled with the State's continued fiscal shortfalls, what funding source would cover the COLA? If fleecing our SPRS for some COLA payments is their answer, I'll be voting a vehement **NO** to support it! Once the SPRS funds run dry and is bankrupted, it's game over, no more pension checks! So, you can be sure we're working on this! If data comes forward to say otherwise, we will be happy to revisit it!

On a lighter note, you may recall that our former FTA Office Administrative Assistance, Patti Maldonado resigned her position in February to take on full time employment at the NJSP. We thank Patti for her FTA service and wish her well in her future endeavors. Fortunately, we were able to secure the services of our new Administrative Assistant, Christal Mannikus. Christal is certainly not a stranger to our State Police Family. She is the wife of DSG Uku R. Mannikus, #3263 (*Ret*) and the mother of Trooper Andrew C. Mannukis, #8332! Please join me in welcoming Christal to the administrative side of our Association. She will be manning the FTA Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 11:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the Board of Directors for their years of dedicated service to the Association. Most members have little to no idea just how hard they voluntarily work towards the betterment of everyone. Over the past decade this Association has undergone a remarkable transformation, expanding services through focused, diversified business expansion. Thanks to the advice and recommendations of then President, Lt. Harry C. McCurdy, #2117 (*Ret*), and years of planned business alignments, our Association has grown to now include a successful Public Charity, charged with a College Scholarship Fund, providing educational scholarship opportunities to the families of Jersey Troopers; a Survivors Fund, dedicated to assist the survivors of former and active Jersey Troopers; a Building Fund, that is just finishing up the incredible construction of the Memorial Columbarium and Courtyard; and a For the Good of the Order Fund, dedicated to support the NJSP and other charitable benevolences. The alignment also incorporated a For-Profit Corporation to handle the sales of NJSP Logo Merchandise and assist the FTA in regulating its Trademark Rights to NJSP and FTA Logos. The incorporation of the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, Inc., and True Blue and Gold, Inc., adds great importance to our Association

and to the benefit of our Outfit of Jersey Troopers. Where sixty-two years ago, a small band of retirees gathered to establish fraternal support for their fellow comrades, today stands an organizational structure capable of enhancing many more services towards the benefit of every Jersey Trooper!

In closing, I'd like to personally thank Nick Soranno for the privilege of serving as his Vice President over the past four-years. It has certainly been a great experience, encompassing issues and concerns few would consider tackling. No matter what the issue, whether it be a pandemic, court filings against outing past major discipline, or especially the design, planning, fund-raising, and ultimate constructing of the Memorial Columbarium and Courtyard, we all worked through it to viable and successful solutions thanks to Nick's leadership, caring, and friendship. I've learned a lot, but I'm still working on my bedside manor! May God Bless us All!

Thank you again, and My Best Regards,
George Wren

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

On behalf of the Officers, Directors, and our Staff our hope is that 2022 continues to allow us health, personal and professional happiness. With Spring coming which is certainly taking its time, we begin to explore the outdoors again. There are many upcoming events for our members to participate and re-engage with colleagues. Troops A, B and C are all having gatherings as outlined in our newsletter. Also the summer FTA picnic is returning to the German American Club in Hamilton Township. We hope you avail yourselves of these get-togethers and enjoy the renewed friendships and our events.

This past January the FTA Board was realigned as follows: **PRESIDENT – GEORGE J. WREN, JR., #3680; VICE PRESIDENT – PATRICK J. REILLY, JR., #3570; SECRETARY – AL DELLA FAVE, #4040; TREASURER – HEIDI S. SCRIPTURE, #3579; AND SERGEANT AT ARMS – JOSEPH W. WURTZ, #4501.**

It is important to know that the FTA Board has gone above and beyond when our members pass away in outside states. Detective Bill Trump, #2516 (*Ret*) has initiated a new program by contacting the State Police agency where the affected member had resided. A request to have a trooper present at the funeral services has been met with gracious camaraderie by these agencies. Troopers from Florida and New Hampshire took the time to recognize and respect our deceased members in a sincere, professional and reverend manner of respect. Their presence at the funeral services certainly uplifted the family members at their time of grief. This is an example of how we continue to serve our members and the Division. Kudos to Bill Trump for his continued efforts in supporting our Troopers.

Included in this edition is a sneak peek at the Columbarium and Courtyard upgrades. It is more impressive in-person so please make the trip to our FTA Spring Meeting and the Open House this May.

Captain Patrick J. Reilly, Jr. #3570 (Ret.)

FTA/HERITAGE FOUNDATION WINTER CRUISE PARTY

The maiden voyage of our FTA/Heritage Foundation Winter Cruise Party could not have been better! Clear skies, calm seas, warm weather, and great friends were the order of the day, every day! The March 7-11, 2022, cruise aboard the completely refurbished Norwegian Sky was fantastic, and certainly lends credence to the fact that the FTA Cruises of the 1990s and early 2000s, put together by Former Director and President Lt. John Palotta, #1589 were so successful. One of these cruises to the Caribbean in late October 2000 was also aboard the then new, Norwegian Sky! Another FTA celebrated cruise occurred in June 1996, marking the 75th Anniversary of the New Jersey State Police, an event that reportedly drew seventy-five couples sailing to Bermuda and back! Surprisingly, prices posted from twenty-years ago are very similar to today's pricing, except they didn't offer free-at-sea drink and dining, excursions credit, onboard cash credit, or Wi-Fi, hefty savings today at yesterday prices! Thanks to the nine couples that embarked on this fateful trip, a \$300 cruise credit was incurred that was graciously donated to our Heritage Foundation, For the Good of The Order! Rhonda and Nick Soranno celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary which kicked off the cruise in true FTA style with a challenge to see how many of us could fit into an elevator. Poor Mike took the brunt of a misstep or something!?! No harm, no foul! Hopefully, word of the success of our maiden voyage will spread and more will join in on this great opportunity via our next cruise! Check out a small sampling of our many pictures of our maiden voyage via the link!



Visit: <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/FTACruise2022.pdf>

If you're still on the fence about joining us, here are the particulars on our next cruise adventure. March 5-12, 2023, aboard the new Norwegian Prima. Join us and discover the Prima, 1st in a new

class of ships designed to elevate every expectation. Sailing to Cozumel, Mexico; George Town, Grand Cayman; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; and Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas, this seven-day cruise will be a relaxing, fun-filled, warm weather experience packed with good food, cold drinks, and a camaraderie only experienced by great friends! Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity. Check out the Prima at: <https://www.ncl.com/cruise/prima> and make sure to view all the videos to see just how much this ship really offers. Eleven months to go, so book now and start saving! Final payment will be due in early January 2023. Check out our cruise flyer on the FTA Website Announcements Boxes and book your cruise today!

SPRING FTA GENERAL MEETING

The FTA Spring General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, starting at 9:00 a.m., at the State Police Museum and Learning Center - Log Cabin, Division Headquarters. Coffee and donuts will be served before the meeting. All attendees are invited to join family members of those Jersey Troopers and Spouses previously interred in the Memorial Garden at the NJSP Reinterment Service immediately following the meeting in the Memorial Columbarium and Courtyard. Lunch will be served following the Reinterment Service.

BUSINESS UPDATES

N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.



Subsequent to George Wren assuming the Presidency of the Former Troopers Association, he nominated Nicholas Soranno to succeed him as Chairman of the Heritage Foundation. Nick's leadership, fund-raising, and networking abilities afford the Heritage Foundation the greatest opportunity to excel in all its benevolent endeavors. As Nick assumes the Office of Chairman, he is tasked with finalizing the policies and procedures of administering the newly constructed Memorial Columbarium and Courtyard site which will include processing applications for interment, approval, placement, and scheduling services, as well as long-term perpetual care of the facility! Upon finalization with the Division of State Police, these procedures will be published for the information and use of all Jersey Troopers and their families, *Active, Retired and Deceased!*

TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC.

Our Logo Merchandise Store operation remains open inside the former Wilburtha Station at Division Headquarters. Store operations continue to be Tuesdays through Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Our Ecom Store remains at the ready for your online purchases at www.trueblueandgold.com. This site has enhanced our merchandise selection and offers monthly specials via online, Facebook and Social Media Platforms. Online orders over \$100 offer free shipping vs. today's rising price of gas. Thank you for your continued business and support!



FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

TROOP "A" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHERS

Troop "A" will kick off this year's regional Old-Timers Get-Together events on April 21, 2022, at the Frog Rock Golf & Country Club in Hammonton, NJ. Good Ole' Captain Ed Marinelli, #1334 (*Ret*) has outdone himself, and set the stage for a great South Jersey Get-Together. It's a "Welcome Back" sort of dinner that will afford everyone in attendance a great time, reminiscing with old comrades, and even some new ones, great food, and drink, all at an unbelievable price. You'll be sorry if you miss this occasion! An Event Registration link has been established on the FTA Web Site to register your attendance, visit www.ftanjsp.org/events (use the Troop A Get-Together form). Those who previously called or emailed the FTA Office are already signed-up! Any questions call: Bill Trump @ (856) 296-0319!

TROOP "B" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER

The Troop "B" Old-Timers Get-Together will take place at the Casa Bianca, 5266 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438, on Wednesday evening, June 1, 2022, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. (Dinner @ 7PM). Open to Retired and Active Jersey Troopers, this move to the Casa Bianca offers expanded seating that includes beer and wine with a CASH bar, cold appetizer table, 7 hot chaffing dishes in an all-you-can-eat buffet style, and a desert table! An Event Registration link has been established on the FTA website to register your attendance where you can pay \$25 in advance or pay later at the door, visit www.ftanjsp.org/events (use the Troop B Get-Together form). Headcount request will go out in mid-May! Any questions call: Bob Wilk @ 908-246-9643, or Tom Van Tassel @ 908-246-9063!

TROOP "C" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER

The Troop "C" Old-Timers Get-Together will take place at the American Legion Post, 2025 Church Road, Toms River, NJ 08753 on June 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Open to all Retired and Active Jersey Troopers, this event is a favorite Troop "C" dinner gathering, sporting a great buffet and reasonable CASH bar. An Event Registration link has been established on the FTA website to register your attendance where you can either pay \$20 in advance, or pay \$25 at the door, visit www.ftanjsp.org/events (use the Troop C Get-Together form). There will also be a 50/50 drawing, prize to be determined. Any questions call: Ken Wondrack @ 908-489-8703!

2022 FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION PICNIC

The 2022 Former Troopers Picnic is returning to the German American Club, 215 Uncle Pete's Road Hamilton, N.J., after a three-year hiatus. The event is scheduled for Friday, August 19, 2022, from 12 Noon to 5:00 pm. The usual picnic fare will be provided along with refreshments including a beer truck. Active and Retired Troopers and guests along with Civilian employees of the Division are invited to attend. The Picnic Committee looks forward to a large attendance following the restrictions over the past two years. Further details are forthcoming and will be announced as soon as the various vendors are confirmed. Attendance Form and Payment information will be posted on the FTA Website in the near future.

STATE POLICE CHASE & OPEN HOUSE UPDATE

Please be advised that subject to a change by the State Police Memorial Association, the State Police Chase and Open House has been rescheduled from May 14, 2022, to May 21, 2022.

FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The FTA Board of Directors – Awards Selection Subcommittee is seeking nominations from our members for the 2022 Former Trooper of the Year. The Subcommittee will make their recommendation subsequent to the following guidelines which should be considered in, but not limited to, the selection of the person who best represents the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers:

1. Candidate for the Former Trooper of the Year Award must be a ‘Member in Good Standing’ of the Association.
2. Candidate’s contributions to the Association should be considered, i.e., volunteer time, committee service, Board of Directors service, etc.
3. Civic activities should strongly be considered. Is the candidate active in charitable or civic organizations that favorably reflect on the Division of State Police and the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers? Has there been a major accomplishment, or an award bestowed upon the candidate? Has there been involvement in his or her community activities?
4. Has the candidate best represented the traditions of the New Jersey State Police and the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers?

If you would like to nominate someone, please send all information via a Letter of Nomination to the FTA, c/o FTOY, PO Box 7852, West Trenton, NJ 08628, no later than August 31, 2022. Your nomination will be given careful consideration. Presentation of the award will be made at a date and location determined by the Board for the convenience of all involved.

N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP INFO.

The N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, Inc., is proud to announce the following scholarship opportunities for high school seniors graduating in 2022, under the following criteria:

Applicant eligibility is available to high school senior students that will be attending college in the upcoming school year, who are the children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and step-grandchildren of Active, Retired, and Deceased New Jersey State Troopers! Preference will be given to students whose parents, stepparents, grandparents, or step-grandparents are, or were at the time of their passing, Members in Good Standing of the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers. **Note that the forms require a transcript from the High School and the deadline for submission is April 20, 2022.** Unless specified, scholarships can be used for the study of any curriculum while attending a state accredited college or university. 2022 Scholarships will consist of:

- the annual \$1,000 Debra Chesko Memorial Scholarship, funded by the Heritage Foundation,
- the annual \$1,000 Trooper William L. Carroll, #3296 Memorial Scholarship, funded by Michelle Carroll, and supplemented by the Survivors of the Triangle,

- a \$1,000 Richard Salvatore Soranno Memorial Scholarship, to be awarded to the leading candidate seeking a degree and career in the performing arts, funded by Captain Nicholas C. Soranno, Jr., #3065(*Ret*) and Carl Soranno, Esq.,
- the annual \$1,600 Captain Peter E. & Eleanor Baker, #1600 Memorial Scholarship, in honor of his Badge#, funded by their children, and supplemented by a donation from Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (*Ret*),
- a \$978 Captain Robert D. & Mary Delaney, #978 Memorial Scholarship, in honor of his Badge #, funded by their son and daughter-in-law, Sergeant Robert J. & Billie Delaney, #2853 (*Ret*),
- a \$2,500 Lucas Homeijer Memorial Scholarship, to be awarded to a candidate seeking a degree and career in Criminal Justice or Law & Public Safety, funded by private donations started by the families of the 161st New Jersey State Police Class,
- five - \$1,000 Cindy Trump Memorial Scholarships, to be awarded to candidates pursuing degrees and careers in the field of medical first responder, nursing, or medical profession, funded by Detective I William T. & Joan K. Trump, #2516 (*Ret*), and,
- annual unnamed scholarships totaling up to \$12,000, funded by the Heritage Foundation.

Scholarships will be paid directly to the student. Completed scholarship applications must be received no later than April 20, 2022! Announcement of scholarship awards will take place during the FTA Spring General Meeting on May 7, 2022.

Scholarship applications can be found on the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, Inc., Web Site at: www.njfhheritagefoundation.org, and on the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, Inc., Web Site at: www.ftanjsp.org.

NJFTHF-EDUCATIONAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP INFO.

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Educational Fund, Inc. (AFNJST) has been committed to provide educational scholarship opportunities and interest free loans to eligible State Police family members for several decades. The scholarship program will continue to offer scholarships to any child or grandchild of a New Jersey State Trooper (Active/Retired), who is living or deceased as set-forth in its By-Laws. There are total of five (5) annual scholarships each in the amount of \$1,500.00.

The AFNJST Wallace/Crawford Educational Scholarship Fund is in fond memory of Captain John B. Wallace #253 (Retired September 1952) and Major John C. Crawford #256 (Retired January 1956). Captain Wallace is recognized as the founder of the AFNJST Educational Fund which was established in 1964. Major Crawford is recognized for his significant contribution of \$50,000.00, which stands as the largest contribution to date.

The scholarship is open to any student presently attending an accredited college and maintaining a GPA of at least 2.5, and to any high school senior with an equivalent grade who plans to enroll in a state accredited college or university, anywhere in the USA. Selections are based on a lottery drawing, which shall include all applications submitted that meet the stated criteria.

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

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

All applications must be mailed to the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Education Fund, Attention: Alyson Honrath, Secretary, 701 Howell Drive, Brielle, NJ 08730. Applications for the 2022 drawing are due prior to April 30, 2022. Applications for scholarship and “interest-free” loans can be found on the FTA website.

SPOTLIGHT
CAPTAIN MICHAEL MCLAUGHLIN #2118

After retiring, Captain Michael McLaughlin #2118 successfully ran for Sheriff in Camden County where he served 4 terms. He became aware of a federal program that provided surplus military equipment to law enforcement agencies throughout the country free of charge. The only requirements were that the receiving department had to document a major crime problem in their jurisdiction, and the department could not sell any assets after accepting the equipment. They received equipment had to be returned to the federal government or transferred to another law enforcement agency.

Inasmuch that Camden County, more particularly Camden City at the beginning of his tenure as Sheriff had the ignominious distinction of having the highest per capita murder rate in the country which met the federal requirement. At a meeting with county officials and the then Chief of Police, Sheriff McLaughlin inquired what was the most effective thing that could be done to help Camden City’s agency. Without hesitation the chief replied that the few times he was able to get the New Jersey State Police helicopter in the city the crime rate plummeted and flatlined the whole time it was there.

An application was submitted, and now Sheriff McLaughlin was given a 1970, OH 58, which is a military version of a 420 horsepower, Bell Jet Ranger helicopter with a mere 1500 hours of service time since new.

Utilizing confiscated drug money, the helicopter was stripped, painted, equipped with new landing gear and placed into service. Upfitting the helicopter with a one million candle watt search light that was not being used by the Delaware State Police, a Forward-Looking Infrared Radar system that had been removed from a New Jersey State Police crashed helicopter, and a surplus updated radio system made this ship ready for patrol duties. Again, using confiscated funds, the Sheriff’s department operated it successfully for ten years using volunteer sheriff’s officers and local police officers as observers, despite the opposition from political opponents and uninformed critics.

Upon leaving the Sheriff’s office, Mike offered the helicopter to the New Jersey State Police helicopter unit which graciously accepted. It was often seen at Cape May

airport where the pilots stated that they enjoyed flying it as it was easier to handle than the big Sikorsky Medivacs. As an aside, Mike owns a plane and enjoys flying from his New Jersey and Florida residences. The below pictures show the progressive iterations from Federal to County and finally to the State Police. Well done, Mike!!!



ORIGINAL SURPLUS FEDERAL HELICOPTER



CAMDEN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.



NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC. INFO.

VISITATION PROGRAM

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers in cooperation with the New Jersey State Police developed the Visitation Program in 2009. The program was designed to check on the wellbeing of retired members and to lift the spirits of those who may be seriously ill, homebound, or in need of some old fashion camaraderie by their fellow Jersey Troopers. Visits are scheduled utilizing both active duty, uniformed personnel and representatives from the Association. The Association currently maintains lists of retired volunteers in north, central and southern New Jersey to draw upon for visits. Visits can be scheduled via a request from any FTA or family member, or a friend. In respecting the privacy of our members these visits will only be conducted with his or her approval. The FTA is also looking for additional retired volunteers to assist with visits to our members. Visitation requests and/or volunteers may contact the Former Troopers Association office by telephone at 1-609-882-2000 x2220. Your assistance in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

BESSIE'S CORNER



Bessie's Corner

Happy Spring, at least I thought it had arrived! Hopefully, March lives up to its name, “Comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.”

There have been quite a few changes this year at Pensions and Benefits, including how they are preferring documentation be submitted for any changes regarding health benefits, change of address or financial information, beneficiary info, etc. All these changes can be submitted through your MBOS account, which now includes a dropdown box to upload and submit documents.

With the move away from paper documents being submitted, avoiding long wait hold times, now, more than ever it is important to set up a Members Benefit Online System (MBOS) account. Information and instructions on how to set up an MBOS account can be found here:

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

If you have questions or need assistance, please let me know.

Another new addition is Benefitsolver through your mynjbenefitshub. Please review this new for information by clicking on this link:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/pdf/SHBP-retiree-transition-newsletter.pdf>

For those who are required **to submit payments** for your health coverage due to various reasons, as of June 11, 2021, those payments are to be submitted electronically. Information can be found here:

https://www.typen.state.nj.us/TYP_EPAY/sng/epayEntry

This link is for information regarding RETIREE pension and benefits info. You can find the answers to many of your questions here.

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/pension-retirees.shtml>

This link provides contact information with telephone, mailing address and a link where you can send an email, as well as a Live Chat feature. Office hours are Monday through Friday 7 am until 4:30 pm. To avoid lengthy wait times, it is recommended to call first thing in the AM, try and avoid the beginning and end of the month, as well as Mondays and Fridays. If your computer supports Live Chats, you can live chat with them Monday thru Friday, 9 AM to 12 PM, if Live Chat is not possible, email them at:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/contact.shtml>

This link will provide info regarding your Pension, such as change of address, Letters to Retirees, Change of Beneficiary, etc. If you have an MBOS account, you can log into your account and get much of this same info specific to your retirement account.

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/pension-retirees.shtml>

The link below will provide information regarding RETIREE health benefits, including information on enrolling in Medicare upon turning 65 and what plan(s) you and eligible dependents move over to.

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/hb-retired-shbp.shtml>

Please take note of changes this year for those turning 65: When a retiree OR spouse turns 65 and enrolls in Medicare, the retiree and/or spouse moves over to the Aetna Medicare Advantage plan. Retiree or Spouse and eligible dependents who have NOT yet turned 65 will be enrolled in a non-Medicare advantage Aetna plan. Below taken from NJ Pension and Benefits website:

Aetna Medicare Advantage Plans

Medicare Advantage plans, sometimes referred to as "Part C" or "MA plans," provide Medicare Part A (inpatient hospital insurance) and Medicare Part B (outpatient medical insurance) coverage. The Aetna MA plans offer access to providers nationwide, with the same benefits in or out of network, and no referrals required.

SHBP Medicare-eligible retirees can enroll in the following Aetna Medicare Advantage plans: Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO ESA 10;* Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO ESA 15; Aetna Medicare Advantage HMO and Aetna Medicare Advantage HMO 1525. **Not all State retirees will be eligible for Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO ESA 10*

Spouse or Partner with Different Medicare Eligibility than the Member

Medicare-eligible retirees enrolled in a non-Medicare Advantage plan and who have a spouse or partner who is not Medicare eligible will move to the Aetna MA plan while the spouse/partner and/or any covered children remain in the non-Medicare-Advantage plan. Similarly, retirees who are not eligible for Medicare but have a spouse or partner who is Medicare eligible will remain in their non-Medicare-Advantage plan (along with any covered children) while the spouse/partner is transferred to the Aetna MA plan.

PREVIOUSLY, when the retiree or spouse turned 65 and enrolled in Medicare, they were moved over to a Medicare Advantage health plan while the non-Medicare spouse and eligible dependents remained in their current health plan. Retiree/Spouse/Eligible dependents not yet 65 will now be moved over to the NON-MEDICARE Aetna plan.

It is a requirement in order to keep your State Health benefits that a member or spouse turning 65, enroll in Medicare upon turning 65. This can be done approximately 2 months prior to turning 65. Proof of enrollment can be uploaded through your MBOS account. Paper copies be sent to Pension and Benefits. This needs to be done for both the retiree and spouse prior to turning 65. It is recommended that you visit your local Social Security office or enroll online. Fact sheet 23 addresses Medicare Enrollment, it can be found here:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/factsheets/fact23.pdf>

New this year is how those who pay higher Medicare premiums due to income limits are to submit information to Pensions and benefits for reimbursement. Pensions and benefits is recommending that you submit your verification documents for additional Medicare Premiums paid through your MBOS account. There is a drop down box where you can submit documents. They are moving away from paper documents being submitted and are urging retirees to have an MBOS account. All the more reason, if possible, to set up an MBOS account. Please contact me if you have questions or need assistance with enrolling. They will accept paper documents, but processing will take longer. Please click here for this new information: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/pdf/med-b-and-d-letter-2021.pdf>

Upon turning 65 and enrolling in Medicare, Medicare becomes your PRIMARY insurance and the State Health Benefits – Aetna Medicare Advantage plan becomes your SECONDARY insurance. The majority of the time, you will need to only present your Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan membership card to the medical professional you are seeing. Your medical professional will submit billing to Aetna Medicare Advantage, who will coordinate processing of the claim with Medicare.

Change of Address and/or Financial Institution Changes

It is extremely important to notify Pension and Benefits of any changes to your address and/or banking information. Any of these changes need to be reported immediately as to not affect the depositing of your monthly pension check, or receiving important benefit information by mail. Again, you can make these changes online through your MBOS account, but either way, please be sure they have your current address and banking information. Pensions and Benefits is the only one who has access to your account information. As I am not an employee of State of NJ, I do not have access to a retiree's personal information.

REPORTING A DEATH

Social Security, if collecting a SS check or receiving Medicare and Pensions and Benefits should be contacted as soon as possible regarding the reporting the death of a retiree OR spouse. To contact Social Security, please call: If you need to report a death, call **1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778)**. You can speak to a Social Security representative between 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact info for NJ Pensions and Benefits at 609-292-7524. It is recommended that this telephone number be written down and kept with your important papers so it is readily available when needed. The sooner they are contacted, the sooner any survivor benefits and insurance benefits can be completed. After contacting Pensions and Benefits, please reach out the FTA office to notify the FTA office of any changes at 609-882-2000, EXT 2220.

Surviving Spouses of Retirees Tax Implications:

After the passing of a retiree or spouse, the surviving spouse will need to have the income tax adjusted for the pension. The default is set to 2 deductions and will need to be changed to “1” to offset any end of year tax “surprises.” This can be done online through your MBOS account. If you do not have an MBOS account or access to a computer, a paper W4 will need to be submitted to have the tax withholding changed.

A **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT** is available to eligible retirees through the State of NJ. This life insurance benefit is provided through Prudential and the benefit is equal to 50% of the final year of salary of the retiree. This benefit is payable to your listed beneficiary. Beneficiary info can be accessed through your MBOS account, and if it needs to be changed, you can do it right online. If you do not have an MBOS account the form can be accessed through the first link listed above.

If you do not have computer access, you will need to contact Pensions and Benefits at 609-292-7524 and have them send you a form to change. NJ Pensions and Benefits’ hours are 7 am until 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday.

Information regarding death benefits can be found here:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/factsheets/fact40.pdf>

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/factsheets/fact10.pdf>

Information regarding Designation of Beneficiary:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/forms/eb0215.pdf>

For more information regarding this benefit and the Certificate of Group Life Insurance, click here:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/pdf/life-sprs.pdf>

Any questions or concerns? Reach out to me, at anytime, by either phone or email My email is bjones@ftanjsp.org or at **609-649-3221**. If you know of a member who doesn’t have computer access, or needs assistance setting up a MBOS account, please have them reach out to me.

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Have a wonderful Spring!

Bessie

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DIVISION ACTIVITIES

Courtesy of NJSP PIO

State Police Arrest Three Suspects for Allegedly Operating Child Trafficking Network in South Jersey

Acting Attorney General Andrew J. Bruck and New Jersey State Police Superintendent Colonel Patrick J. Callahan today announced the arrests of Marquise Ogawa, 28, Chyaire Lee, 26, and Jazmin Scott, 21, all of Lawnside, N.J., for allegedly trafficking a missing child for prostitution. During the three-month investigation, detectives discovered that the suspects were allegedly operating a human trafficking network out of Camden County, N.J., in which they trafficked the juvenile victim.

On Oct. 26, 2021, the juvenile victim was reported missing out of Voorhees Township, Camden County, and on Oct. 27, detectives from the Missing Persons & Human Trafficking Unit were contacted by members of the Voorhees Police Department to assist with locating the child.

During the investigation, detectives discovered numerous online advertisements offering the missing juvenile for prostitution in Cherry Hill, N.J. Through various investigative means, detectives linked Scott to the advertisements. On Nov. 24, detectives located and arrested Scott in Camden, after she allegedly attempted to prostitute the juvenile victim. Detectives safely located the missing juvenile and reunited her with her family.

As a result of the ongoing investigation, detectives linked Scott to a human trafficking network that also allegedly involved Ogawa and Lee. Ogawa allegedly facilitated the human trafficking operation by securing hotel rooms, coordinating the operation, and collecting payments. Detectives also determined that Lee allegedly arranged for customers to have sex with the juvenile victim, transported the victim, paid for hotel rooms, and collected payments for services.

On Dec. 3, detectives along with members of the Fugitive Unit located and arrested Ogawa and Lee at a residence in Lawnside, N.J. Detectives also executed a search warrant on a Hyundai Elantra, from which they seized multiple electronic devices and additional items used for human trafficking operations.

The case is being prosecuted by the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice Specialized Crimes Bureau. The defendants were charged as follows:

- Human Trafficking
- Promoting Prostitution of a Child Under 18
- Promoting Organized Street Crime
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child
- Promoting Prostitution
- Conspiracy

All three were lodged in the Camden County Correctional Facility pending a detention hearing.

"I applaud the State Police and local law enforcement for working together to locate the missing juvenile and reunite her with her family," said Acting Attorney General Andrew J. Bruck. "We are committed to working with law enforcement partners across all levels to raise awareness about human trafficking, rescue victims, and bring those responsible for these terrible crimes to justice."

"With child trafficking becoming more prevalent across the United States, our law enforcement agencies must stay one step ahead in an effort to keep juveniles safe from being targeted by these offenders," said Colonel Patrick Callahan. "I applaud the dedicated detectives and our partnering agencies who continue to work tirelessly to eradicate child trafficking. We will continue to target perpetrators that prey on innocent youth and swiftly bring them to justice."

State Police and Partners Arrest 18 Fugitives, Including Individuals Wanted for Violent Crimes in Essex County

The New Jersey State Police Fugitive Unit coordinated a four-day cooperative mobile deployment that led to the arrest of 18 fugitives in Essex County, including seven documented street gang members.

Detectives from the State Police Fugitive Unit, Violent and Organized Crime Control North Bureau, K-9 North Unit, Real Time Crime Center North Unit, and Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory Unit, along with members of the US Marshals Service NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force, the New Jersey DOC Special Operations Group, Essex County Prosecutor's Office, Essex County Sheriff's Office, and the Newark PDt, targeted violent criminals who were located in, or near, the City of Newark. The targets for the operation were identified through various investigative means including street-level intelligence, patrol advisories, and information provided by the Real Time Crime Center North Unit, Essex County Prosecutor's Office, Essex County Sheriff's Office, and Newark Police Department Intelligence Units.

Those arrested were wanted for crimes including murder, aggravated assault, aggravated manslaughter, armed robbery, aggravated sexual assault, terroristic threats, burglary, and weapons and drug offenses. All were lodged at Essex County Jail.

"These fugitive initiatives not only take dangerous offenders off the streets, but also helps us obtain valuable intelligence that may solve additional crimes and ultimately reduce violent crime in our communities," said Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police. "Our commitment to protecting all those in New Jersey does not end with these 18 arrests. We remain committed to working with our law enforcement partners across that state to target violent, recidivist offenders who attempt to evade justice."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

March 2, 2022

Colonel Patrick J. Callahan
New Jersey State Police
P.O. Box 7068
West Trenton, NJ 08628

Dear Colonel Callahan,

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for the beautiful tribute performed by the honor guard provided by Director of FTA William Trump at the memorial of my husband, Sargent Wayne E Chattin, New Jersey State Police, Troop A on Saturday, February 26, 2022.

I would also like to express my deep gratitude to Master Sargent Leatherow and Mike Parmenter of the New Jersey State Police for making these arrangements.

We were all moved by the quiet dignity of these officers as they carried out the ceremony. Wayne loved his fellow troopers and was always proud to stand with them. The flag ceremony was a beautiful expression of this spirit.

As a grieving wife the ceremony provided by the Former Trooper Association meant so much to me, Wayne's children and friends. I hope this tradition will endure for the families of all troopers in years to come.

The Florida troopers remained beyond the ceremony and the respect shown by their presence was deeply appreciated.

I am grateful to you all for this treasured memory.

Sincerely,
Georgiana Chattin

1/6/22

Thank you for the beautiful Plaque and for your continued support.

Vivian L. Prescott
Kenneth D. Prescott
Badge #1983

February 2, 2022

Honorable George J. Wren, Jr.
President, Former Troopers Association

Dear President Wren, I am writing to you to express my gratitude for the manner in which the FTA has responded to the passing of my husband. Jerry was a proud member of the NJSP for 27 years and served with honor and distinction. Following our marriage and retirement (Jerry's subsequent career) in 2006, we relocated to New Hampshire and enjoyed a full and satisfying life. Although I lost Jerry far too soon as a result of pancreatic cancer, he was not defined by it and we met it bravely.

Bill Trump, who knew Jerry, has been generous in his support and understanding. I could not have asked for more from him or from the FTA. When I discussed with Bill the possibility of having the State Police authorize an Honor Guard to attend Jerry's service, he suggested that I write to Colonel Callahan. The Colonel was very kind but was bound by the AG's policy of not sending troopers out of state. I then presented to Bill my "back-up" plan of requesting the New Hampshire State Police to authorize an Honor Guard for Jerry's mass service. Bill successfully undertook this project and this past Saturday; a NH Honor Guard trooper attended the service and reception. He carried the Urn into the reception hall, placed it on the table of photos and flag, and saluted. I am attaching a photo of him in front of the table. His actions honored Jerry, as well as me and the family. Coincidentally, the trooper is from New Jersey, having grown up in Bayonne.

All of these "acts of kindness" are heartwarming and comforting.

After this positive and uplifting experience, Bill told me that he would like to see the FTA do the same whenever a retired trooper passes away in another state. If I may, I would like to ask you to consider instituting such a policy. There is such strong solidarity among all troopers regardless of the state that I think the State Police in each state would be privileged to honor the request, as did New Hampshire.

I thank you for overseeing a professional and responsive association and for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely, Ileana N. Saros [Lt. Gerald J. Lauther, #2070]

To the NJ Former Troopers Heritage Foundation,

Words cannot express our gratitude for your generosity for our son, Tyler. Thank you!
Your prayers and support during this time means the world to our family. God Bless.

Love,
Jordan, Gina, Cameryn & Tyler Marsch

Dear Patti,

Thank you So much! The 100th Anniversary Treasurers you sent are perfect. I am going to order the book and hope it will have much about the First 50 years with pictures and Times I remember.

**Special Holidays to you and yours Patti, and again thank you,
KayWorth**

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LAST PATROL

LIEUTENANT JANET R. CHIRICO #4121



CHIRICO, JANET R. #4121 passed away on March 12, 2022. She was 58 years old. She enlisted in the State Police on June 13, 1985, as a member of the 102nd Class and retired in 2010. She is survived by her son Robert Chirico, mother Joan Kuiken, brother Ken Tilstra, stepbrother Wayne Kuiken and his wife Betts, and many nieces, nephews.

TPR. I JOHN A. GUSZ #3888



GUSZ, JOHN A. #3888 passed away on 02/26/2022 at the age of 78. He enlisted on 01/21/1984 as a member of the Highway Patrol Class that was absorbed into the NJSP. He retired on 11/01/1993. He was a member of the Army National Guard. He is survived by his wife Maureen, 2 daughters Kristine Gusz and Jennifer M. P'Simer – Harding and her fiancé Joseph Muni, III, two grandchildren Zachary and Amanda Harding; mother-in-law Catherine Grogan.

TPR. MICHAEL C. REPSHA #5003



REPSHA, MICHAEL C. #5003 passed away on Feb. 26, 2022. He was 62 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on Feb. 10, 1989, as a member of the 112th Class. He retired in early 2003 after being injured in the line of duty. He is survived by his son Michael and daughter Amanda. He is also survived by four brothers: rank, Jack #3443, Robert #5506 and Thomas.

SGT. ANDREW A. DONDERO #1882



DONDERO, ANDREW A. #1882 passed away on February 24, 2022. He was 79 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on May 25, 1964 as a member of the 64th Class. He retired on September 1, 1991. He is survived by his wife Rosanne, two daughters Lisa Dondero Long and Wendy Dander, one son Andrew D. Dondero and three grandchildren.

SGT. WAYNE E. CHATTIN #2736



CHATTIN, WAYNE E. #2736 passed away on February 10, 2022, he was 75 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on June 26, 1971, as a proud member of the 85th Class, and retired on November 1, 1991, at the rank of Sergeant. He served in the US Air Force prior to his State Police Service. He is survived by his wife Georgiana, daughters Christina and Cynthia, and 2 grandchildren.

LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. NYE #1810



NYE, ROBERT E. #1810 passed away on January 21, 2022, he was 81 years old and passed away a day before his 82nd birthday. He enlisted in the State Police on June 10, 1963, as a proud member of the 61st Class, and retired on July 1, 1989, at the rank of Lieutenant. Prior to his State Police service, Lt. Nye served in the United States Army. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Placida Nye, a daughter, Marida Nye and one grandson, Kevin Handlin.

LIEUTENANT RALPH E. MEADE #1335



MEADE, RALPH E. #1335 passed away on January 23, 2022, at 90 years of age. He enlisted in the State Police on August 20, 1954, and retired on June 1, 1986, at the rank of Lieutenant. Prior to his State Police service, Lt. Meade served in the United States Marine Corps, during the Korean War where he received three battle stars and the Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, sons, Ralph, and SGT David Meade, #4083 (Ret), a daughter Tracy and 5 grandchildren, Dylan, Curtis, Haley, Ashley and Timi. He was predeceased by his son, Timothy.

LIEUTENANT GEORGE V. BUONANO #2943



BUONANO, GEORGE V. #2943 passed away on January 16, 2022. He was 70 years of age. He enlisted in the State Police on June 27, 1974, as a member of the 90th Class and retired on September 1, 2006. He is survived by his wife Valerie, son George, daughter Sarah, stepdaughter Nina Sena and three grandchildren.

**CAPTAIN RICHARD J. PRUNETTI
#2800**



PRUNETTI, RICHARD J. #2800 passed away on January 15, 2022, he was 71 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on December 17, 1971, as a member of the 86th Class, and retired on June 1, 2002, at the rank of Captain. He is survived by his wife Dorothea, a son Thomas, two daughters, Sharon, and Michelle, 5 grandchildren, and cousin, Captain Michael R. Nutt, #3659 (Ret).

DSFC. DAVID C. MCGEOCH #2972



MCGEOCH, DAVID C. #2972 passed away on December 22, 2021. He was 70 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on June 27, 1974 as a member of the 90th Class. He retired on July 1, 1999. He is survived by his wife Helen, children Susan, Jennifer and Eladio, and grandchildren Daniel, Calvin, Sarah and Abbey.

**LIEUTENANT GERALD J. LAUTHER
#2070**



LAUTHER, GERALD J. #2070 passed away on 01-02-2022. He was 80 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on 12-20-1965 and retired on 07-01-1991. He is survived by his wife Ileana Saros, two daughters Darey Drechsler and Denise Ryder, one son Jerry Lauther Jr., and Heather Hernandez. He is predeceased by his grandson Steven Ryder.

TPR. THOMAS J. LISTING #2211



LISTING, THOMAS J. #2211 passed away on Dec. 22, 2021. He was 81 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on August 28, 1967 as a member of the 73rd Class. He retired on April 1, 1978. He served in the US Army. He is survived by his wife Beverly, his son Clinton, daughter Michelle and 3 grandchildren.

SFC. WALTER J. ZARSKY #1696



ZARSKY, WALTER J. #1696 passed away on December 17, 2021. He was 86 years old. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 02/06/1961 as a member of the 57th Class. He retired on 03/01/1990. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was predeceased by his wife Joyce. He is survived by his sons Walter Zarsky Jr (Leah), Thomas Zarsky, John Zarsky Tiernie), Robert Walsh (Nancy), Kevin Walsh (Cori), daughter Jeanine Reitter Bart), and twelve grandchildren.

DSFC KENNETH PRESCOTT SR. #1983



He was 86 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on 01/18/1965, as a member of the 66th Class. He retired on 07/01/1987. He served in the US Army. He was predeceased by his son Kenneth D. Prescott Jr., and is survived by his wife Vivian, daughters Norine Bailey, Catherine Prescott, Sarah Prescott, sons Roger Prescott, stepsons Frank and Kyle Lockett, 10 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and 5 step great grandchildren.

TPR I. THOMAS J. PALGUTA #2883



PALGUTA, THOMAS J. #2883 passed away on December 12, 2021. He was 75 years old. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 06/22/1973, as a member of the 88th Class. He retired on July 1, 1993. He served in the United States Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife of 44 years Lynn Mary, a daughter Stacey Womack, a son Scott and four grandchildren.

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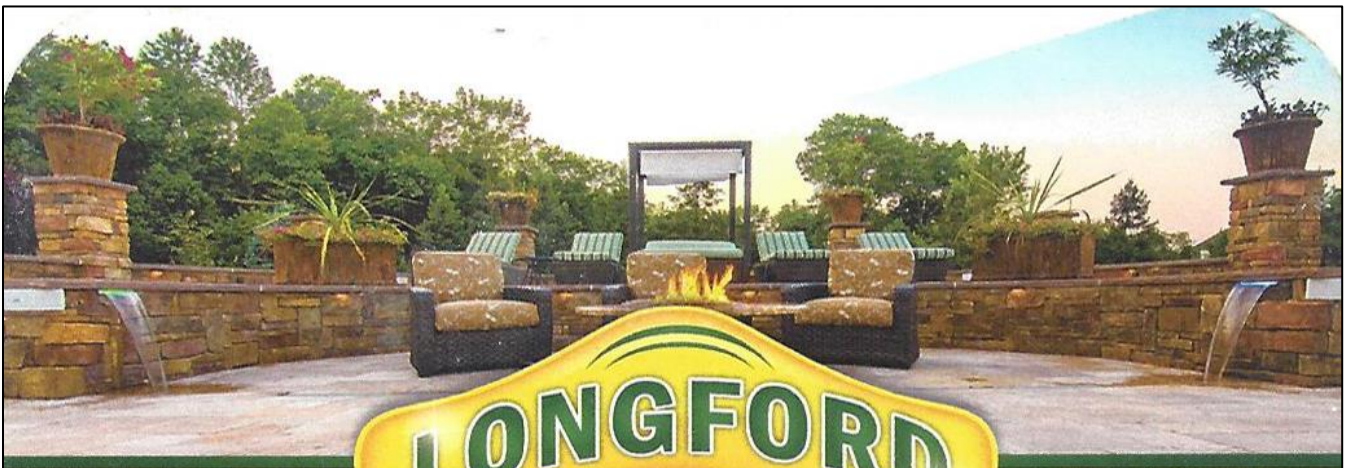
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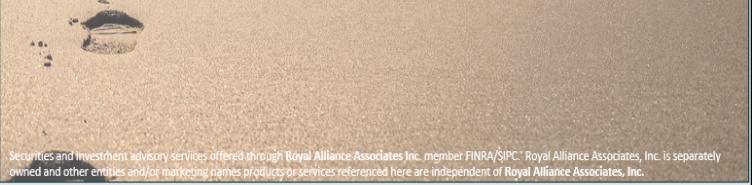
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