



True Blue & Gold

THE FORMER NEW JERSEY
TROOPERS ASSOCIATION

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HERE'S WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A FUN FILLED HOLIDAY SEASON, ENLIGHTENED BY THE WISDOM OF YOUR SENIORITY AND THE JOY OF YOUR YOUTHFUL HEART. MAY GOD BLESS US ALL IN THIS THE CELEBRATED SEASON OF HIS SON'S BIRTH. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First of all I would like to wish everyone and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I also hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving for 2013.

I would like to speak to you about our membership and what the Board of Directors and Officers have done to increase and sustain our current membership. As I grow older I look at a glass of water as being half full rather than half empty.

I became a Director of the Former Troopers Association (FTA) in 2003 and was made Chairman of the Membership Committee. As Chairman back then I felt it was my responsibility at least in North Jersey to try and contact as many retired troopers who were not members of the FTA and advise them or find out why they chose not to join. Here are only some of the reasons that I have heard from retired troopers on why they chose not to join the FTA; "I never got an application," "What does the FTA do for me?" "I don't look back," "I plan to join but have not had the time" (subject never joined) and "I thought it was automatic" (most recent excuse I have heard).

Of course there are many more reasons why some retirees do not join our organization or do not renew their applications but in my mind I think its apathy, though I have heard that some retired troopers just don't want to sit down and write the check to join.

When you spend 25 or more years of your life working for an organization like the State Police you would think that you would jump at the chance to join the FTA to continue in keeping up with the organization and the social events that we have and the camaraderie that comes along with it.

One disturbing fact that was uncovered by one of our Directors was that a list of retired State Police Officers that currently are working for other State agencies were accused by the Asbury Park Press with being "double dippers". I don't agree with the newspaper. They were hired for their expertise from being a member of the State Police. My displeasure was that of the 81 members identified in the article with salaries ranging from \$50,000 to \$113,000, only 41 of the 81 were members of the FTA. You can't say they cannot afford to join but you can say that they forgot where they came from.

Looking at the glass being half full rather than half empty, are membership is very strong and runs around 80% to 85% of all retired troopers. (You cannot get them all).

For the past couple of years we send out letters to our members in November notifying them that their membership is about to expire on December 31st. This has increased our renewals on either one year or three year memberships. Prior to these letters the only way to find out about your membership was call the office (or an officer or director); look at your membership card or the address label on the Newsletter. Unfortunately as the Newsletter is slowly becoming an e-mail item this is no longer feasible.

For you Florida residents (and Georgia and the Carolinas) the Florida Winter Party is scheduled for March 4th and 5th 2014 at the same hotel in Melbourne, Florida. Please make an effort to attend since attendance was weak last year. I was there in 2011 and I will be there with by wife in 2014. It's a great time and a chance to see past acquaintances.

As I attend some upcoming meetings with other retired police organizations on the Cost of Living Adjustment that we lost, I will keep you informed either by the bulletin board of our web site or the next Newsletter.



God Bless You and Your Families,
Sal Maggio – President

FTA SPRING MEETING REMINDER

The FTA Spring General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014, starting at 10:00 AM at the State Police Museum and Learning Center - Log Cabin, Division Headquarters. Coffee and donuts will be served before the meeting and all attendees are invited for lunch immediately following.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Well it's that time of year again, it's the season for giving, and I hope I can count on your Christmas Holiday Spirit to come through and help turn the tide on cancer through our recently established cancer research fund in honor of Debbie Chesko. As you've all read in my previous writing, this research program titled: *Genomic Instability and Tumor Progression Program* is in the forefront of cancer research. The strides they are making towards effectively treating, and even reversing cancer is amazing. However, they do need our help to reach the finish line. Now I don't have to remind anyone of the loved ones you've lost, or of our many departed comrades who have succumb to this horrific disease. Only through our combined assistance can we begin to make a difference, not only for ourselves, but for future generations. If every Jersey Trooper, Active and Retired just kicked in \$20.00 we would have already reached our goal. It's hard to imagine that together we can make such a great and important impact. Please give what you can to this very worthy cause. This is a New Jersey based cancer research program being conducted at the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey. **Donate by visiting <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/NJFTA/chesko>, or use the mail in Donor Registration Form found on page #35 of this newsletter. Do it for Debbie, you know she'd do it for you, and your family!**

Early this fall, I was honored to be asked to be a guest speaker at the Annual Mid-Atlantic Police & Fire Survivors Weekend in North Wildwood. This weekend long event is a very worthy and unique occasion, in that it is the only event of its kind that focuses solely on the SURVIVORS. Of particular interest was one particular family that caught our attention, the Serratore Family. Their to support the families of Survivors was Sergeant Frank Serratore, #5975 – New Jersey State Police; Corporal Jason Serratore – Delaware State Police; and Trooper Justin Serratore – Pennsylvania State Police, all under the proud and watchful eye of their Mother, Judy Serratore of North Wildwood. I have no doubt, that the tri-state area is well protected with these three State Troopers!



Corporal Jason, Trooper Justin, Mother Judy, and Sergeant Frank Serratore

I've been in contact with our own 'Marathon Man,' Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (Ret), and he tells me he's taking on some very impressive goals. Since his last reported triumph at the 117th Boston Marathon, John has embarked on a new set of goals, a bucket list if you will, to conquer the original 5 world marathons, namely the Boston, New York City, Chicago, Berlin Germany, and London England, and there's one more, Tokyo Japan, which was added in 2013. These are the top marathon races on the planet and draw participants in excess of 40,000. That's a lot of competition!

A little closer to home, John was recently selected to be a member of 'The Florida Finest' racing team, an elite team of Florida marathoners, covering various age groups designed to participate in the Disney World Marathon on January 12, 2014. At 73, and being the oldest member of the team, John has the distinct title of "Senior Grand Master." The race is sponsored by Cigna Health and Disney Enterprises.

A couple weeks after the Disney World Marathon, on February 2, 2014, John will defend his USATF National Masters age group half marathon title that he currently holds, a title he plans to defend, seeking a three-peat. And lastly, because of his 2nd place finish, 1st American in his age group, John received a complimentary invitation to participate in upcoming 118th Boston Marathon on April 24, 2014. Of course he graciously accepted the invitation with full intentions of doing his best. We're all behind you John, especially since we can't keep up! Congratulations and best of luck!

For the past four years you've heard me preach, and before that Captain Jack Caldwell, #1629, over the increasing costs associated with printing and mailing out the newsletter. The internet offers our membership better, quicker, and a much more affordable delivery service not only for our newsletter, but for future correspondences. Several years back the Association initiated a voluntary campaign to utilize internet email as its primary delivery service for future publications of the *True Blue & Gold* newsletter and Association mailings. If you haven't submitted your email address to join the Association emailing list please do so at your earliest convenience. For those who do not have computer email, a limited black & white printed version of the newsletter will continue to be mailed to you.

In keeping with the Mission of the Association towards maximizing the effectiveness and efficiency of all FTA operations, the Board of Directors once again requests that all members able to receive the newsletter by email enroll in our emailing program. All new members to the Association will only receive the newsletter via email. So, if you have internet access and you're not receiving the newsletter electronically, it's time to sign up!

To join the FTA emailing list simply log onto the FTA website at: www.ftanjsp.org. Click on "MEMBERS LOGIN." Enter your "USER NAME" and "PASSWORD" and click "OK." After entering the "MEMBERS ONLY" page, click on "MAILING LIST," and then "SUBSCRIBE TO MAIL LIST." An information box will appear where you can fill in the blanks. Use the space bar to place checks in the boxes you desire, **especially the newsletter**. Lastly, click on "SUBSCRIBE" to complete your subscription.

It's that simple, your viewing will now be much more extensive, and in a digital color format. You've saved your Association more money than you think. Money better spent on important issues and very worthy causes.

Lastly, on behalf of the Officers, Directors and Staff of the Former Troopers Association, I'd like to wish each and every Jersey Trooper, active and retired, their families, and the entire civilian staff of the New Jersey State Police a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Lt. George Wren, #3680 (Ret)



HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

For all you Lindbergh Kidnapping enthusiasts, I've included the October 30, 2013, article authored by our State Police historian and archivist, Mark Falzini - offering yet another intriguing story of State Police lore.

[INVASION! A 75th Anniversary Tribute](#)

If you were to ask any knowledgeable historian, “when was the last time the United States was invaded by alien forces?”, the answer you would get would probably be "sometime around 1916" when Francisco “Pancho” Villa invaded the United States and attacked the village of Columbus, New Mexico during the Mexican Revolution.

They would, however, not be entirely correct. Twenty-two years later, the United States of America was invaded again. This time New Jersey was targeted and by forces much more advanced than those of Pancho Villa. This time, the invasion was not stopped by a general or by the militia, but by a lone New Jersey State Trooper sitting “on the book” and answering phones at Department Headquarters in Trenton, New Jersey.

Trooper Vincent Mason reported for duty at 4:00 in the afternoon of October 30, 1938. All was quiet, the most exciting thing happening so far was an escape from the Skillman Village, an epileptic asylum just north of Hopewell. But then all hell broke loose.

The United States in 1938 was sitting on a precipice looking over the edge at a fast approaching war in Europe. Adolf Hitler had been in power since 1933 and had already advanced his nationalist army into Austria and Czechoslovakia. Who would be next? Would the Germans come here?

What of the Japanese? They had sent their imperial forces into China and wreaked havoc in Manchuria. Would the Japanese come here?

The question was, who would get here first?

My father, who was 19 years old at the time, remembered the anxious tension of that time. In an interview with him a few years before he died he told me that he remembered listening to the radio every night. “We would hear Hitler giving his speeches over in Germany at those rallies. Then all the Germans cheering and shouting ‘Heil Hitler!’ It was really scary!” International tensions were so heightened that the slightest utterance of the word “Boo!” could trigger a panic.

Then it came. INVASION!

It was 75 years ago on October 30, 1938. It began with huge flaming objects hurtling through the sky and crashing down in the countryside. According to the news being flashed on WCBS Radio, a “huge flaming object...fell on a farm in the neighborhood of Grovers Mill, New Jersey, twenty-two miles from Trenton...The noise of the impact was heard as far north as Elizabeth.”

WCBS reporter Carl Phillips was immediately dispatched to the scene of the invasion. The yellowish-white projectile – a huge cylinder” that had the diameter of thirty yards had hit the Wilmuth Farm in Grovers Mill. Phillips reported that it had struck the ground with such “terrific force...[that] it was half buried in a pit.”

Old man Wilmuth witnessed the object hurtling through the sky. In an interview with Carl Phillips, Mr. Wilmuth explained that he first heard a hissing sound “kinda like a four’ of July rocket.” As he turned to look out the window “I seen a kinda greenish streak and then zingo! Somethin’ smacked the ground. Knocked me clear out of my chair!”

Was this a new type of weapon developed by Hitler’s military machine? A prelude to the Nazi regime unleashing their infamous Blitzkrieg - *Lightning War* - on the United States? The crowds that had gathered by now would not have to wait long to find out – the object was beginning to make noise. It was described as a scraping sound of metal upon metal. Suddenly, a piece of the cylinder fell off with a bang. To the horror of the crowd, someone began to climb out of the metal canister!

The epitome of evil that was released from the object unleashed hell’s fury, firing a flame thrower into the unsuspecting gathering of curious onlookers. WCBS’s Carl Phillips reported the carnage until he, himself, fell

victim to its wrath:

"I can make out a small beam of light against a mirror. What's that? There's a jet of flame springing from the mirror, and it leaps right at the advancing men. It strikes them head on! Good Lord, they're turning into flame! Now the whole field's caught fire. The woods . . . the barns . . . the gas tanks of automobiles . . . it's spreading everywhere. It's coming this way. About twenty yards to my right . . .



Sadly, Carl Phillips did not survive the invasion of 1938. He and at least forty other people died when their bodies were “burned and distorted beyond all possible recognition.”

Once news of the invasion had reached Trenton, the Governor of New Jersey immediately placed the counties of Mercer and Middlesex under martial law, and put Brigadier General Montgomery Smith in charge of the state militia. No one was permitted to enter or exit the area "...except by special pass issued by state or military authorities."

The countryside was engulfed in flames. The technologically advanced flame thrower was described by Professor Pierson of Princeton University: "It is my guess that in some way they are able to generate an intense heat in a chamber of practically absolute nonconductivity. This intense heat they project in a parallel beam against any object they choose, by means of a polished parabolic mirror...much as the mirror of a lighthouse projects a beam of light. That is my conjecture..."

Reports issued by Captain Lansing of the signal corps were relayed by WCBS Radio. Lansing was attached "...to the state militia now engaged in military operations in the vicinity of Grovers Mill. Situation arising from the reported presence of certain individuals of unidentified nature is now under complete control... adequately armed with rifles and machine guns. All cause for alarm, if such cause ever existed, is now entirely unjustified... Anyway, it's an interesting outing for the troops. I can make out their khaki uniforms, crossing back and forth in front of the lights. It looks almost like a real war."

Captain Lansing's cavalier attitude did not last long because what has become known in some circles as The Battle of Grovers Mill ended "...in one of the most startling defeats ever suffered by any army in modern times; seven thousand men...one hundred and twenty known survivors. The rest strewn over the battle area from Grovers Mill to Plainsboro." The enemy was now in control of the middle section of New Jersey and had effectively cut the state through its center.



"Communication lines are down from Pennsylvania to the Atlantic Ocean. Railroad tracks are torn and service from New York to Philadelphia discontinued except routing some of the trains through Allentown and Phoenixville. Highways to the north, south are clogged with frantic human traffic. Police and army reserves are unable to control the mad flight. By morning the fugitives will have swelled Philadelphia, Camden, and Trenton, it is estimated, to twice their normal population. At this time martial law prevails throughout New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania."

Meanwhile, back at New Jersey State Police Department Headquarters in Trenton, Trooper Mason is single handedly putting an end to this terrifying "foreign invasion" simply by answering the telephone...over and over again throughout the night. As he noted in the Station Record for that evening,

"Between 8:30p & 10pm received numerous phone calls as result of WABC [sic] broadcast this evening re Mars attacking this country. Calls included papers, police depts. Including N.Y.C. & private persons. No record kept of same due to working teletype & all the extensions ringing at same time. At least 50 calls were answered.

Persons calling inquiring as to meteors, number of persons killed, gas attack, militia being called out & fires. All were advised nothing unusual had occurred & that rumors were due to a radio dramatization of a play."

Orson Welles was the brilliant mind behind the radio dramatization of the novel *The War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells. He, most of all, was shocked when he learned about the fear and near panic his radio play instilled in the hearts of Americans. At the end of the broadcast he stepped out of character (he had portrayed the fictional Professor Pierson) to explain:

*"that The War of The Worlds has no further significance than as the holiday offering it was intended to be. The Mercury Theatre's own radio version of dressing up in a sheet and jumping out of a bush and saying **Boo!** Starting now, we couldn't soap all your windows and steal all your garden gates by tomorrow night. . . so we did the best next thing. We annihilated the world before your very ears, and utterly destroyed the C. B. S. You will be relieved, I hope, to learn that we didn't mean it, and that both institutions are still open for business. So goodbye everybody, and remember the terrible lesson you learned tonight. That grinning, glowing, globular invader of your living room is an inhabitant of the pumpkin patch, and if your doorbell rings and nobody's there, that was no Martian. . . it's Hallowe'en."*

It would be another three years before the United States would face another invasion. Once more there would be a radio broadcast. This time, however, it would be for real. This broadcast would not be delivered by Orson Welles; rather by a very angry and resolute Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the President of the United States.

"Yesterday, Dec. 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan..."

Note: This article has been revised from the original, which was published on the 70th anniversary of the broadcast in 2008.



FEATURED MEMBER(S)

TROOPERS ASSISTING TROOPS



The Troopers Assisting Troops (TAT) bus was being escorted by a Troopcar as it pulled up to Scarborough Restaurant, Wall Twp., to kick-off the 2013 TAT week-end. Wounded Warriors came off that bus from every military branch of service. Men and women who Served and Sacrificed. Heroes is a better description. However, if you use that term with them - the response is "sir, I had a job to do."

In 2009 John Loosen, Wounded Warrior Project, arranged for Former Troopers Gary McWhorter, Joe Sarnecky and Drew Lieb to visit Walter Reed Hospital. Troopers Assisting Troops was started as a result of their experiences visiting with Wounded Warriors and they started TAT.

The Former Troopers Association and New Jersey State Police Fraternal Association support TAT in honoring our Troops.

The Iraq & Afghanistan Wars have taken a toll on our service members and their families. The resiliency they display is amazing and providing a week-end of thanks was part of the TAT message. It is part of the message because when you attend a TAT week-end what you will see in action is 21st Century Therapies. Peer to Peer conversations taking place between military members who experienced traumatic events in the middle east wars and Troopers who deal with trauma experienced as a result of their profession. Two SERVICE professions, where they see what the rest of the world does not, and while the experiences may be different they are the same in many ways.



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

Colonel Rick Fuentes spoke at the Scarborough luncheon and underlined the N.J. State Police military connection and bearing as a result of our founder; Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf. Colonel Fuentes explained how the famed U.S. Army General H. Norman Schwarzkopf represented his father at many N.J.S.P. events, and his pride in Jersey Troopers. Colonel Fuentes voiced a "thank you for serving" on behalf of every State Police member past and present.

After lunch the Wounded Warrior bus was escorted to 3rd Avenue Manasquan where they disembarked and walked down the street to cheers, flags waving and band playing from Manasquan High and Elementary schools. Students, teachers, administrators with home-made signs of THANK YOU and towns people lining the street clapping to honor these Great Americans.

The next three days provided a feast of food, drink and entertainment on the Sea Girt Academy grounds. The bands (The Cameos and John Rogers retired NYPD trio Three Johns) rocked away the nights.

Comedian Jeff Norris had the Troops belly laughing. Joe Piscopo, Saturday Night Live fame, entertained and brought along the Bell Tones. Three beautiful, talented women singing military songs like the Andrew Sister's did for Troops during WW II. The New Jersey State Police TEAMS, Canine, Helicopter and Marine Units presented training demonstrations showing their protective capabilities. I shared the Post Traumatic Stress Education & Awareness message I have the honor of presenting to our Troops around the world.

Joe Cannatella and Richie "Bones" Militano kept the food coming and everyone put on a few pounds over the week-end as a result.

New York State Police has attended the last two TAT week-ends and are starting their own TAT program, following the lead of our Outfit. Gary McWhorter and the Board hope every State Police Department follows, and there are TAT programs in every state one day.

Support TAT and to find out more contact (<http://www.troopersassistingtroops.org>), or contact one of the Board members.

Sam Cunninghame, former Trooper #1396, and former Marine, recently passed away and his family listed Sam's request for donations be made to Troopers Assisting Troops in his obituary.

The words WE SUPPORT THE TROOPS are heard and read often - supporting TAT is a way to put action to those words.

We hear about the great financial debt we have in our country and we know it is real; however there is another national debt we have - to the military members and their families for all they do for us every day. We live in the land of the free 'because' of the Brave!

TROOPERS ASSISTING TROOPS BOARD

DSG Gary McWhorter, #2252 (Ret) – President, LTC Drew Lieb, #2964 (Ret) – Vice President,
Capt. Joe Sarnecky, #2542 (Ret) – Treasurer, Capt. Ken Wondrack, #2363 (Ret) – Secretary,
Major Joseph Cannatella, #2852 (Ret) – SGT at Arms, SFC Jeffrey Crapser, #4435 (Ret) – SGT at Arms,
SFC Sean Gleason, #5159 – SGT at Arms, John Loosen, Retired Dept. of Veteran Affairs – Liason
Joshua Altman – Legal Counsel Tyler McWhorter – Marketing & Communications

TAT SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

Coca Cola, Shiseido, Miller Lite, Shop Rite, NBA Cares, Rich Militano Bar-BQ, Martins Potato Bread
Many individuals also assist TAT in various ways, but the list is too long to mention.

Submitted by: DSG Robert J. Delaney, #2853 (Ret), Post Traumatic Stress advocate and author of Surviving the Shadows...A Journey of Hope into Post Traumatic Stress, and Covert, My Years Infiltrating the Mob.

FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

ABSECON BARRACKS TROOPERS REUNION



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

Another great South Jersey outing hosted by retirees SFC Tom Innocente, #2172 and Major Tom Kinzer, #1849!

SAVE THE DATES



The Annual State Police Holiday Open House will take place on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at the State Police Museum and Learning Center between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. All Enlisted, Retired, and Civilian

Employees (past and present) and their families are always cordially invited. Plan to come out and help usher in the arrival of the Christmas Season to Division Headquarters.

As in the past, a fine gathering of our State Police family and friends, numbering in the hundreds is expected to be on hand to welcome jolly old Saint Nicholas, hopefully, arriving compliments of the NJSP Aviation Bureau. Children of all ages will be eagerly waiting to sit on Santa's lap, each hoping that he will grant their wish with a special present come Christmas morning. Don't miss out on this special occasion.

In addition to a huge assortment of food and refreshments, this year we will make available an even larger selection of State Police and FTA Logo merchandise ever. In addition to our fine selection of T-Shirts, Sweats, hats, and assorted memorabilia, we now offer an expanded selection of clothing, State Police related books, prints, and more. Don't forget to obtain your SP/FTA 2014 calendars. Don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase that special gift for that special active, retired, or "future" Jersey Trooper.

THE 2013 FTA-NJSP CHRISTMAS PARTY



The 2013 FTA-NJSP Christmas Party will take place on Saturday evening, December 14, 2013, at the Spring Lake Manor, Spring Lake, New Jersey. This centrally located affair is the finest Christmas Party in the State, offering an open Premium Bar, Cocktail Hour, Sit-Down Dinner, and music by The Cameos. Open to **all** active and retired Jersey Troopers and Civilian Support Staff, this is the party to celebrate the coming of the Christmas Season. Hotel accommodations are readily available at many local hotels, inns, and bed & breakfasts. Don't miss this fantastic party! Call the FTA Office for tickets.

THE 2014 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY

The Florida Winter Party will be held on Tuesday March 4th and Wednesday March 5th 2014 at the Crown Plaza Melbourne Oceanside, which is still a Holiday Inn facility.

Festivities will begin on Tuesday, March 4th with a cocktail party starting at 3:00 PM. There will be an open bar until 6:00 PM, followed by a buffet at 7:00 PM. After the buffet there will be a D/J present for your dancing pleasure. The reunion will begin on Wednesday, March 5th with a sit-down breakfast that will start at 8:30 AM. A sit-down luncheon will begin at 1:00 PM.

The costs are \$30.00 per day per person in good standing, thus \$120.00 per couple for two days. For former troopers not in good standing the cost is \$50.00 per day per person, or \$200.00 per couple for two days. Payment for the dinners, etc. must be made through the FTA Office in Hamilton Township (609)588-8323. No tickets will be sold at the door. No tickets will be mailed. Your name will appear on a prepaid list at the door. ***Use the Registration Form found on page #30 of this newsletter.***

Due to previous problems with bookings, please **DO NOT** call the toll free number. Call the REGULAR Hotel number at (321)777-4100. Be sure to identify yourself as being with the NJ State Police. Use the code "FNJ." Reservations can be made for a week or less with the same discount. Reservations are currently being accepted, however, the cut-off date for making room reservations is FEBRUARY 9, 2014.

Room Rates are as follows:

\$109.00 Standard Non-Oceanfront View	\$129.00 Standard Partial View
\$174.00 Oceanfront w/Balcony	\$204.00 Oceanfront Suite

Any problems, contact Moe Waschmann at (239)542-8098 Cell - (239)292-8992.



TROOP "A" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER

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



Last year's event drew eighty "609'ers" who thoroughly enjoyed the longstanding South Jersey tradition.

As always, Good Ole' Captain Ed Marinelli, #1334 will coordinate and host the occasion. At only \$20.00 per person in good standing, every Jersey Trooper who started their career reporting to Hammonton Headquarters should be attending this event. *Use the registration form on page #30 of this newsletter.*

MILITARY NEWS

THE STATE INCOME TAX, FOR MILITARY PENSIONS

Many of our FTA members are also retired from the military, either the National Guard or Military Reserve units. For these members (or spouses) who are receiving United States Military pensions or survivor's benefits, you are exempt from paying New Jersey Income taxes on this income. A substantial amount of money is saved by this exemption.

It is also noted that New Jersey does not tax Social Security benefits, unemployment benefits or income tax refunds from New Jersey, the Federal government or other jurisdictions.

When filing your New Jersey State Income Tax Return, check in the 1040 Instruction book under Line 14 (wages, salaries, tips) for other exempt income that may apply to you.

Lt. John O. O'Keefe, III, #2121 (Ret)

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)

HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC INFORMATION

TROOPERS FILL UP 125 NEEDY FAMILIES FOR THANKSGIVING

Atlantic City, N.J. - Today, detectives from the State Police Casino Gaming Bureau put together 125 turkey feasts for needy city families just in time for Thanksgiving. This is the ninth year that the troopers have spearheaded their turkey drive, and with the help of some corporate donations, they set a new record for the number of meals provided.

Detectives coupled their own money with donations from the N.J. State Troopers Non-Commissioned Officers Association, ShopRite of Egg Harbor Township, TD Bank Corporation, and Local 356 Gaming Enforcement P.B.A. to provide the meal components. Empty boxes were lined up on the gymnasium floor of the Pennsylvania Avenue School and filled with a turkey and all the ingredients for a holiday feast. After the meals were assembled, the needy families from the area were ushered into the gym to pick up the free food.

"We've been doing this for almost a decade and it feels better each year knowing we are helping more families enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday," said Det. Sgt. First Class Eric Hubbs of the State Police Special Investigations Squad.



Hubbs estimated that they donated more than one ton of food this morning. They hope to continue the donations next year and make the one decade anniversary even bigger than this year's haul. More than 65 percent of the turkeys came from the donations of state police detectives and their families.

Note: This article was posted on 11/25/13, as an Official News Release by the NJSP Office of Public Information.

NJ DIVISION OF TAXATION & DEFERRED INCOME

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

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

Based on the above a member of the FTA appealed this assessment and was requested to provide the N.J. Division of Taxation a copy of any and all records which would support his position that no further taxes were

due and that the money had been fully taxed the year it was earned. Twelve years worth of records were sent to the division of taxation including W-2's which proved that taxes were paid to the state fully in the year in dispute. The state withdrew the assessment.

Captain Michael W. McLaughlin, #2118 (Ret)

FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR

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

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

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

SCAM WARNINGS

809- 284- 876- Area Code Costly SCAM Warning!!!

NEVER DIAL Area Code 809, 284 or 876 from U.S.A./Canada! \$2,425 per-minute minimum charge!
Important info provided by AT&T with links below to verify.

COSTLY SCAM: They call you and then get you to call back by telling you that it is info about a family member who has been ill or tell you someone has been arrested, died or you won a prize, etc. In each case, you are told to call the 809 number right away. Since there are so many new area codes these days, people unknowingly return these calls. And you'll also get a long recorded message. The point is, they'll try to keep you on the phone as long as possible to increase the charges. You will apparently be charged a minimum of \$2,425 per-minute if you call from the U.S./Canada.

WHY THE SCAM WORKS: The 809 Area Code is located in the Dominican Republic. The charges afterward can become a real nightmare. That's because you did actually make the long distance phone call. If you complain, both your local phone company and your long distance carrier will not want to get involved and will most likely tell you that they are simply providing the billing for the foreign company. You'll end up dealing with a foreign company that argues they have done nothing wrong.

Someone wrote: We actually received a call last week from the 809 area code. The woman said, "Hey, this is Karen. Sorry I missed you; get back to us quickly. I have something important to tell you." Then she repeated a phone number beginning with "809". We did not respond. Then this week, we received the above e-mail.

Please forward this entire message to your friends, family & colleagues to make them aware of this scam.

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Submitted by Lt. James J. Dooley, #2439

FYI - Hotel Scam (This is one I might have fallen for!)

You arrive at your hotel and check in at the front desk. Typically, when checking in, you give the front desk your credit card (for any charges to your room).

You go to your room and settle in. All is good.

The hotel receives a call and the caller asks for (as an example) room #620 - which happens to be your room.

The phone rings in your room. You answer and the person on the other end says the following: 'This is the front desk. When checking in, we came across a problem with your charge card information. Please re-read me your credit card number, and verify the last 3 digits numbers at the reverse side of your charge card.'

Not thinking anything wrong, since the call seems to come from the front desk you oblige. But actually, it's a scam by someone calling from outside the hotel. They have asked for a random room number, then ask you for your credit card and address information. They sound so professional, that you think you are talking to the front desk.

If you ever encounter this scenario on your travels, tell the caller that you will be down to the front desk to clear up any problems. Then, go to the front desk or call directly and ask if there was a problem. If there was none, inform the manager of the hotel that someone tried to scam you of your credit card information, acting like a front desk employee.

This was sent by someone who has been duped.....and is still cleaning up the mess.

ANYONE travelling should be aware of this one!

Submitted by Lt. James J. Dooley, #2439

FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION NAME TAGS AVAILABLE

For those who would like to have a name tag to wear to various FTA functions, we have available for purchase a personalized name tag. The tags are available with blue background and yellow lettering, either with a pin, magnet or fold-over for placing in a jacket breast pocket. The cost is \$11.00 each. If you are interested call the FTA Office @ (609) 588-8323 for an order form.

Submitted by Major George Coyle, #1528 (Ret)

**STATE POLICE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
PAVER PROJECT**



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

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

In honor of his dedicated service to his country and the close bond he maintained with New Jersey State Police, "His Father's Outfit," the State Police Memorial Association has purchased a Memorial Paver in memory of the late General H. Norman Schwarzkopf – USA (Retired).

For more information and order forms call on Adele at (856-547-2135), at adelegolf@gmail.com, or see the order form on *pages #31 & #32* of this newsletter. Also, check out the new SPMA website at: www.njspmemorialassociation.org.



VISITATION PROGRAM

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

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

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

Applications are available on our web site under "forms," at our office, or on *pages #27 - #29* of this newsletter. Completed applications must be received at the address at the end of the application no later than April 20th of the year the student is a senior in high school.

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

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

HAPPY HANUKKAH



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

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

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

Any person interested in the scholarship must complete and submit an application to the Secretary of “The Fund.” The application can be found on *page #33* of this newsletter.

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

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

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

CONSIDERATIONS

Santa is our culture's only mythic figure truly believed in by a large percentage of the population. It's a fact that most of the true believers are under eight years old, and that's a pity.

[Chris Van Allsburg](#)

Christmas is the time when kids tell Santa what they want and adults pay for it. Deficits are when adults tell government what they want and their kids pay for it.

[Richard Lamm](#)

You can't allow the forces of political correction to shut you up. I mean, why are people afraid to say, 'Merry Christmas?' Give me a break. If people don't like it, yeah, they can go do something else.

[Benjamin Carson](#)





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FTA AUTO PLAQUES



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

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

LETTERS TO THE FTA

August 26, 2013

Dear Former Troopers Association,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our grandson Frank Florencie upon his graduation from Marywood University in Scranton, Pa.

Frank graduated with honors and received his Masters Degree in Art Therapy and Physiology.

He is employed by a private firm in his chosen profession. Well Done!

*His Proud Grandparents,
Tpr I. Thomas A. and Catherine M. Corcoran, #3861(Ret)*

Dear Mr. Maggio,

Thank you so much for granting me the Former New Jersey State Troopers Association Scholarship. It is going to help me but textbooks and other college supplies. I will be attending the University of Tampa next month. This is a great help and I am very appreciative.

*Thanks You,
William Roll*

To Sal Maggio & The Former Troopers Assoc,

My family and I wish to thank you for the Memorial Plaque you sent us in memory of Bob. It is a wonderful way to remember his service in the NJ State Police.

He was always very proud to be a part of the NJ State Police and the friendships he made during his career.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

Lynn Gaugler & Family

September 25, 2013

Dear Former Troopers Association,

Thank you for your donation to The Forget Me Not Foundation. Your donation of \$200.00 will continue to help us support families suffering from pregnancy loss or newborn death and educate the professionals who care for such families. Please visit our website for more information on The Forget Me Not Foundation, our accomplishments and upcoming events.

The Forget Me Not Foundation has been granted non-profit status under Section 501©3 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The contribution made here to this organization is fully deductible for federal income tax purposes as no goods or services were received in exchange.

*Thanks again,
Melissa Barry – Founder, Forget Me Not Foundation*

FTA,

Thank you so much for your support of the 25th Annual Golf Tournament. Four recipients received \$5,000 each. Total awards to date are \$342,500 aiding 77 students. Without your thoughtfulness and generosity this would not be possible.

*My heartfelt thanks,
Michelle Carroll – Chairwoman*

October 25, 2013

Former Troopers Association

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to The V Foundation for Cancer Research in memory of Debbie Chesko.

Your donation is so important to our work – funding innovative research aimed at ending cancer. This research helps countless men, women, and children who are facing cancer today by funding novel, effective treatments. And it allows us to uncover strategies to prevent and cure cancer, to stop the suffering that cancer inflicts. Your generous support makes this possible.

ESPN and Jim Valvano founded The V Foundation in 1993 to fund innovative research and to put an end to cancer. We remain motivated by Jim's strong spirit and loving memories of Jim and others who have lost their lives to cancer. With you, we carry this inspiration forward to help ensure that future generations will not face this devastating loss.

A memorial gift is doubly valuable. It allows you to remember Debbie Chesko and at the same time make a true difference in changing the course of cancer. It is a reflection of your generosity and concern. We are honored by this gift and sincerely hope we will continue to receive your support.

Extraordinary progress has been made, but there is still much more to be done. If you would like information on how you can help in the fight against cancer, please call 1-800-4-JimmyV or visit our website at www.jimmyv.org.

Thank you again for your support of our mission with your generous donation. Remember:

“Don’t Give Up...Don’t Ever Give Up!”

*Sincerely yours,
Susan Braun – Chief Executive Officer*

Dear FTA,

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and family mean to us... We have lost someone very special... Thank you for sharing our sorrow.

The Family of Henry A. Belcolle

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB MEMORIAL DONATIONS

<u>CONTRIBUTED BY</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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LAST PATROL

TROOPER I. MARK S. GARABICS # 3701



GARABICS, MARK S. #3701, passed away on 26 November 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 2 July 1982 and retired on 1 June 1999. He is survived by his wife Susan and daughters Aimee, Stacey, Maria, Renee and a son Nicolas.

LIEUTENANT WALTER F. DALLENBACH # 1781



DALLENBACH, WALTER F. #1781, passed away on 30 November 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 29 October 1962 as a member of the

60th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 May 1988. He proudly served in the United States Army and was a member and Past Commander of the American Legion Post # 25 in Milltown. He is survived by his wife Cathleen, two daughters Kathy and Roza, three sons Christopher, David and Walter.

SGT. CHARLES P. SPERANZA # 1552



SPERANZA, CHARLES P. #1552, passed away on 28 November 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 15 July 1957 as a member of the 52nd Class and retired on 1 August 1977. He proudly served in the United States Navy and was a veteran of WW II and the Korean War. After retirement he moved to Morganton, NC where he served a Deputy Sheriff and later served as a magistrate. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years Minnie Fay. He is survived by his brother Sam and a sister Angie.

SSGT. T. EDWARD GRAHAM # 1288



GRAHAM, T. EDWARD #1288, passed away on 15 November 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 30 April 1954 as a member of the 45th Class. He retired on 1 August 1974 at the rank of Staff Sergeant. He proudly served in the United States Navy during WW II and took part in the invasion of Normandy as an LCT crewman bringing armored tanks to Utah Beach. He is survived by his devoted wife of 68 years Nancy Jo, a son Kevin and three grandsons. He was predeceased by a son, Robert.



**LIEUTENANT THOMAS
R. BURNS # 1627**



BURNS, THOMAS R. #1627, passed away on 3 November 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 August 1960 as a member of the 56th Class. He retired on 1 September 1989 at the rank of Lieutenant. He is survived by his wife of 52 years Patricia, his sons Tom and Steve, his daughter Lynn, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**LIEUTENANT HENRY A.
BELCOLLE # 1601**



BELCOLLE, HENRY A. #1601, passed away on 3 November 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 29 June 1959 as a member of the 55th Class. He retired on 1 November 1986 at the rank of Lieutenant. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Alexandra, his daughter Eileen,

two sons Hank and Christopher and two grandsons.

**TROOPER SCOTT W.
BOHONYI # 7087**



BOHONYI, SCOTT W. #7087, passed away on 29 September 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 27 June 2008 as a member of the 149th Class. Prior to his State Police employment he served a a teacher at the Trenton Catholic Academy where he coached football and baseball. He is survived by his parents Michael and Jill Bohonyi, his fiancée Jennifer E. Maxwell, his brother John M. Bohonyi and his uncle Robert Bohonyi.

**TROOPER II CHARLES
F. SHIPE #3939**



SHIPE, CHARLES F. #3939, passed away on 24 September 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 21 January 1984 as a member of the Motor

Vehicle Class and retired at the rank of Trooper II on 1 October 1989. He is predeceased by his wife Sandy. He is survived by his son Charles F. Shipe III.

FTA FAMILY & FRIENDS

TERRY HEILEMANN, beloved wife of Roger W. Heilemann, #2483 (*Ret*) passed away on October 5, 2013.

JOAN SEPPI, beloved wife of Lt. Richard Seppi, #1515 (*Ret*) passed away on October 5, 2013.

ELAINE ELLIOTT, beloved wife of Lt. Raymond J. Elliott #1702, (*Ret*) passed away on September 28, 2013.

KATHERINE ANN HUERTAS, cherished daughter of Major Carmelo Huertas, #3251 (*Ret*) passed away on September 21, 2013.

ROSE MARIE CANNATELLA, loving sister of Major Joseph A. Cannatella, #2852, (*Ret*) passed away on September 25, 2013.



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Relationship with contributor, if any _____

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**FORMER NEW JERSEY STATE
TROOPERS ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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

FTA MEMBER INFORMATION:

NAME _____
First Middle Last

BADGE # _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City & State Zip Code

HOME PHONE # _____

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT _____

STUDENT INFORMATION:

NAME _____
First Middle Last

ADDRESS _____
Street City and State Zip Code

HOME PHONE # _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION
DATE _____

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

COLLEGE MAJOR _____

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

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

STUDENT'S SAT / ACT SCORES _____

CLASS RANK _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEM, STUDENT'S GRADE POINT AVERAGE

ADDITIONAL
REMARKS _____

S/ _____
Guidance Counselor

Phone # _____

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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

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

FLORIDA WINTER PARTY RESERVATION FORM

\$30.00 per person (\$50.00 Non-Members)
Includes: Tuesday Hospitality and Buffet.

\$30.00 per person (\$50.00 Non-Members)
Includes: Wednesday Breakfast and Luncheon.

\$60.00 per person for both days (\$100.00 for Non-Members)
\$120.00 per couple for both days (\$200 for Non-Members)

Name: _____ Badge: # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Number of reservations for Tuesday _____ For Wednesday _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

You must indicate whether you will be attending the buffet breakfast. Number attending breakfast: _____

Entrée choices for Wednesday's luncheon only: Chicken Beef Fish

Make Checks payable to FTA & mail to:
FTA
1675 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Suite #103
Hamilton, New Jersey 08619-3824
(609) 588-8323

FTA/NJSP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Name(s): _____ Badge: # _____

Telephone: # _____ # Attending @ \$80.00 pp _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make Check payable & mail to:
FTA
1675 Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd, Suite #103
Hamilton, NJ 08619-3825

TROOP "A" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER

Kerri Brooke Caterers, Hammonton, New Jersey
April 24, 2013

Name: _____ Badge # _____

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

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

Make Checks payable to FTA and mail to:
FTA, 1675 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Suite #103
Hamilton, New Jersey 08619-3824

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Bellmawr, NJ 08031

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Email
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Granite Paver Order Form

\$150.00 per paver

DONOR INFORMATION

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

PERSONALIZE YOUR BRICK

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

					
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**THE ASSOCIATION OF FORMER NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE
EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION '2013-2014' SCHOOL YEAR**

General Information: Only those students that are the child or grandchild of a New Jersey State Trooper or a retired New Jersey State Trooper may apply. The scholarship funds can only be used while attending an institution of higher education, or an accredited college or university. Scholarship applications must be received by the Secretary no later than September 30th of the year the student will be attending college.

STUDENT

Applicant's Full Name _____

Last First MI

Address _____

Street City & State Zip Code

Home Phone _____ SS# _____

SPONSOR

Name _____ Badge# _____ Date Retired _____

(Name of retired/deceased/active New Jersey State Trooper)

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

ACADEMIC

High School Attended:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Street City & State Zip Code

College University Attending:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Street City & State Zip Code

Academic Major _____ GPA _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Attach Transcripts College High School Letter of Acceptance

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

LOGO MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Please send me the following item(s):

NJSP TEE SHIRTS @ \$12.00 ea.

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

Quantity _____ \$ _____

WICKING TEE SHIRTS @ \$13.00 ea.

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

Black - Size XL _____ Size L _____ Size M _____

Quantity _____ \$ _____

LONG SLEEVE TEE SHIRT @ \$14.00 ea.

(NJSP spelled down left arm)

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

Pink - Size XL _____ Size L _____ Size M _____

Quantity _____ \$ _____

CREWNECK SWEAT SHIRTS @ \$22.00 ea.

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

Quantity _____ \$ _____

HOODED SWEAT SHIRTS @ \$27.00 ea.

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

Quantity _____ \$ _____

BASEBALL CAPS @ \$12.00 ea.

Solid Blue _____ Camo _____

Quantity _____ \$ _____

NJSP KEY CHAIN @ \$4.00 ea.

(Round / brass color with NJSP insignia in middle)

Quantity _____ \$ _____

NJSP FLAG PINS @ \$2.00 ea.

Quantity _____ \$ _____

NJSP LICENSE PLATE FRAME @ \$2.00 ea.

Quantity _____ \$ _____

Subtotal: \$ _____

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

Shipping & Handling Costs:

\$49.00 and under = \$ 7.00 \$50.00 to \$99.00 = \$10.00

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

\$200.00 and up = \$20.00

\$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Ship To:

Name: _____ Badge # _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

ALL CHECKS FOR LOGO MERCHANDISE SHOULD BE MADE OUT SEPARATELY FROM ANY OTHER CHECKS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE FTA. Make check or money order payable to FTA and mail to:

Former Troopers Association
New Jersey State Police, PO Box 7068, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0068

THE V FOUNDATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH
106 TOWERVIEW COURT
CARY, NC 27513

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

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1675 WHITEHORSE-MERCERVILLE RD., SUITE 103
HAMILTON, NJ 08619-3824

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Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____

*Please make your check payable and mail
along with this Donor Registration Form to:*

**The V Foundation for Cancer Research
106 Towerview Court
Cary, NC 27513**

Or Visit: <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/NJFTA/chesko>.