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On behalf of every FTA Officer, Director and Staff Member, I'd like to wish everyone all the happiness of the holiday season, and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving for 2015.

In keeping with our ongoing fight to get our cost of living adjustment (COLA) back, I would like to report the following information. The Board decided (unanimously) to have our attorneys (Brach-Eichler) join the lead attorney in the case (Charles Ouslander). The brief was filed with the State Supreme Court a couple weeks ago and the State Supreme Court accepted our brief to join in the case despite the objections by the State. The current administration has objected to anything that is being done to rectify what I think our contractual rights are. Oral arguments are scheduled for January 2016 with an opinion coming out in February 2016. Remember, this case was already heard by the Appellate Court in February of 2014 but was postponed because of the case of the State not putting enough funds in the pension plans. This case which we lost is on its way to the US Supreme Court and was brought by the State Troopers Fraternal Association (STFA) and is called the Bergos case. Both cases are very important. If the State continues to not fund the present system the pension could go broke in the future and put our earned pensions in jeopardy. The COLA case is also very important. Many members who retired in the late 70's and early 80's have had their pensions keep up with the cost of living. COLAS have been issued the pension funds since 1970 with no problem in paying them to retirees. I will keep you posted on the web site bulletin board on the outcome of these cases.

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

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

May God Bless you all

Sal Maggio
President



A MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL



WE SHALL FACE UNDAUNTED EVERY CHALLENGE

It seems that each year brings about a more challenging environment within which our Troopers must perform their duties. Part of this is driven by national priorities and perspectives towards the policing profession. The membership of the FTA should know that none of the criticisms that have impacted the operations of many large and small police departments in this country were directed at the New Jersey State Police. NJSP continues to function within a highly disciplined environment and in close contact with the communities that we serve. Troopers still patrol the streets of Newark, Trenton, Camden and along the highest crime corridors of the northeast area of the state. These urban patrols are welcomed by those communities and police departments who understand that these deployments do have an impact upon both crime rates, the quality of their lives and the safety of their children.

On November 18, 2015, we dedicated a roadside memorial to the memory of Trooper Werner Foerster, located between the old New Brunswick Barracks and the berm adjacent to the outer southbound roadway of the New Jersey Turnpike. It was well attended by the television and print media, as well as the FTA and many other dignitaries from government and business.

As you know, along with Governor Christie and the entire New Jersey congressional delegation, I have been tireless in my pressure upon the federal government to include the return of fugitive Joanne Chesimard as we continue to normalize relations with Cuba. At the dedication, I reminded the media and the audience that this advocacy is not just about Chesimard. It is also about the other terrorist fugitives hiding out in Cuba: Charles Hill, who is accused of murdering a New Mexico State Trooper in 1971; William Morales, convicted bomb maker for the FALN; and, Luis Manuel Gerena, an FBI Top Ten fugitive and member of the Los Macheteros.

If you add up the atrocities of the criminal organizations to whom these four were members, it is staggering and includes 159 bombings, the deaths of 17 police officers, two military personnel and 5 American citizens. In addition to these fatalities, 112 civilian and military personnel and dozens of police officers were injured. That's a lot of criminal acts, dead Americans and destroyed families – significant leverage and moral authority, if you will, to ignore at the negotiating table.

It is beyond the pale that an Administration duly elected to protect the country and the people that live here would diminish that many lives in the desperate pursuit of an international agreement that asks little or nothing in return. In spite of these obstacles and frustrations, the members of the FTA can be assured that the New Jersey State Police and our political allies will remain steadfast and unyielding in our campaign to bring Joanne Chesimard back to serve out the term of her life sentence.

As I write this column, more than 100 Troopers are assigned daily security posts at the New York City ferry crossings and interstate rail system. In light of the recent Paris attacks and the continued threat to the homeland by ISIS and al Qaeda, a collaboration between the NYPD and NJSP will maintain high visibility on both sides of the river beginning Thanksgiving Week through the New Year's holiday. The terror threat is to the region-at-large. The Hudson River as a boundary or firewall against the threat of terrorism in New Jersey is a distinction totally lost on the international terror group who seek to do us harm.

Finally, it is important this holiday season not to forget the 69 Troopers who have given their all for the Outfit since 1921 and hold a special place on the Memorial Wall in our Museum. Our thoughts are also with the family

of Trooper Anthony Raspa #7425 who lost his life in the line of duty on May 30, 2015. This will be their first Christmas holiday without a son and a brother.

Be well and be safe. Happy Holidays!

Colonel Rick Fuentes
Superintendent

FTA SPRING MEETING REMINDER

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

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

The August 17, 2015 passing of SFC Albert A. “Gunny” Hujdich, #1709 certainly left a feeling of emptiness for all who knew him. His devotion to his Family, God and Country, and yes to our Association, will be sorely missed for quite some time. Gunny served as our FTA – Sergeant at Arms for more years than most of us can recall. He was an expected presence at most every meeting and event, and his service to our Association was unsurpassed. His passing left a vacancy on our Executive Board, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Gunny’s replacement, our new FTA – Sergeant at Arms, Captain Ernest J. Volkman, #2547. Captain Volkman has been a long time member of our Association, and freely volunteered to fill the void left by Gunny’s passing. Please join me in welcoming Captain Volkman aboard as our new FTA – Sergeant at Arms!

I would also like to acknowledge this year’s recipient of the FTA – Former Trooper of the Year as being none other than Captain Charles A. Kuyl, #1894 (*Ret.*). Captain Kuyl was presented the award at the 2015 Fall General Membership Meeting at the Log Cabin Museum and Learning Center on November 7, 2015. Congratulations Captain Kuyl!



The Kuyl Family takes part in Captain Kuyl’s Former Trooper of the Year Award presentation.

I continue to keep in contact with our own ‘Marathon Man,’ Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (*Ret*), and here’s his latest update of October 17th:

Overwhelmed by the interest in my most recent race, I want to mention my three running organizations that I am a member of: The Sunrunners of Vero Beach, Space Coast Runners, and the Sebastian Running Club. Thank you for preparing me for this event. However, I would truly be a miss if I did not mention my true inspiration for this race. My niece, [Celeste Krug Martone](#). A 2014 Breast Cancer surgery survivor, who has kept the faith in me during the training process. It was her true life events that allowed me to run to my true potential. It is fitting that this race was conducted during the month of October. Thank you Cessie, and I love you.

The first marathon of the fall 2015 season was raced on October 4, 2015, Twin-Cities MN. It was the USATF Masters 2015 National Championship. Below the results, as you can see it turned out well. This is my 6th National Championship title. Three full Marathons, and Three half Marathons. Off to Jacksonville, Florida for Marathon number 2 on January 3, 2016. Still on schedule for London on April 24, 2016.

John’s stats for the USATF 2015 Masters Marathon National Championship in Minneapolis/St. Paul MN, on October 4, 2015 are as follows. Note the DivPl (Division Place), that’s another **1st Place finish!**

Bib	Name	Sex	Age	City	State	Overall	SexPl	DivPl	Time
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We’ll be rooting for you John, every step of the way!

I’d like to briefly touch on some technology upgrades that have been going on recently that may have affected your access to our FTA web site. Our Web Master, Lt. James L. Vincent, Jr., #4588 (*Ret*) has been conducting a server migration. Excuse me – a what? That’s right, a much needed server migration that will afford our web site many new enhancements that will be well worth the upgrade. One major enhancement establishes a means of encryption for all communication between the server and your computer, ensuring a much higher level of security of our data in-transit across the Internet. This will enable the posting of law enforcement data coming from various agencies to keep our FTA Membership aware of important Law Enforcement Operations intelligence. While Jim is conducting this upgrade you may experience trouble signing onto the FTA web site. The most important thing you can do to alleviate sign-on problems is to know and use your personal Username and Password. Remember they are ‘case sensitive’ and have to be entered exactly. Writing them down and keeping them in a safe, yet accessible location will certainly help! Jim appreciates your patience during this system upgrade. If you experience prolonged problems send Jim an email at: webmaster-@ftanjsp.org for assistance.

In closing, I’d like to address an article that appeared in the last issue of this publication titled, ***5 Things You Never Knew Your Cell Phone Could Do***. I received several calls on the information contained in this article and the fact that some or all of the reported applications didn’t work on their respective phones. True enough! While the article purported that the information was “For all the folks with cell phones,” that isn’t the case. While some features do work on certain types of cell phones, they are not universal to all cell phones, nor are they universal to locations worldwide. In fact, it’s very doubtful your cell phone will ever help you to open your locked car. An article published on www.snopes.com goes into greater detail on each of the 5 features listed in the article. My mistake was that even though I tried two of the features on my phone, and they worked, I should have looked into the entire package of information before I included the article in our newsletter. I apologize for any confusion or inconvenience that this article may have caused any member. For more information on the contents of this article visit: <http://www.snopes.com/inboxer/household/cellphones.asp>

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



FEATURED MEMBER(S)

RECORDED MEMORIES

From time to time information comes to light from one of our members, depicting events of many years ago. Usually buried deep in their memories, few knew of such occurrences, only realizing the here and now of their workplace association. But thanks to the Center of U.S. War Veterans' Oral History Project, located at the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey in Sea Girt, just such a record was found to have been collected on one of our senior members, and we offer you a glimpse of his memories in the hopes of better understanding a time many consider long gone by. This World War II Oral History Interview is being reprinted with permission of the Center of U.S. War Veteran's Oral History Project.

Oral History Interview - Harold Seidler

World War II Oral History Interview

Date: June 27, 2001

Veteran: Staff Sergeant Harold Seidler

USMC 12th Marine Air Wing

Interviewer: Carol Fowler

Summarizer: Walter Borkowski



Harold Seidler was born in Newark, New Jersey in 1921 and later moved to Passaic. After graduating from high school in 1939, he began his first full-time job, cleaning large ovens in a cookie factory, at a salary of \$10 a week. By December 7, 1941 he was making \$32.50 a week as a truck driver's helper for the same company.

Seidler recalled that “on December 7 everything changed. When they interrupted the [radio] broadcast and announced that the Japs had bombed Pearl Harbor, people were confused and surprised. We thought that the American and Japanese ambassadors were having a good dialogue about keeping the peace. Ever since the war began in Poland in 1939, there was debate on whether we should go to war in Europe to help Britain. After December 7, there was no more debate.”

In the months that followed Pearl Harbor, the federal government accelerated its military draft and, in February 1942, Seidler decided to “beat the draft” by joining the United States Marine Corps. He went to a Marine Corps recruiting office on Church Street in New York City to enlist. The lines were long but he waited his turn, signed up, then went home, celebrated, and quit his job. Within a few weeks he found himself on a crowded train heading for Parris Island, South Carolina for basic recruit training. He remembered that “the drill instructors knocked us down. They called us ‘shit birds’ and treated us like one. But they had a knack, in a matter of weeks, to turn you into members of an elite corps and combat ready.”

The Marine Corps emphasized individual rifle marksmanship, and Seidler qualified as a Sharpshooter during basic training, entitling him to receive three more dollars in pay a month. He was prepared, as were the other basic trainees, for desperate combat, and he remembered that “...one goal of all the Marines was to take your [Model 1903] Springfield rifle and go kill some...Jap.” Seidler was surprised, therefore, when he and some other trainees were selected to attend a service technical school rather than go to the Advanced Combat Training Course at New River, North Carolina.

Seidler went to Radio School in Jacksonville, Florida and did not receive orders to go overseas until April 1943, when he joined the Twelfth Marine Air Wing on Guadalcanal. After arriving on the island, he was assigned to a radio listening post monitoring air radio traffic up and down “The Slot” [A name applied to New Georgia Sound in the Solomon Islands, a body of water with significant warship traffic.] According to Seidler, “most days were dull,” but he recalled one incident when radar picked up a fleet of Japanese bombers heading toward

Guadalcanal. Every plane at Henderson Field was “scrambled” and sent aloft. American bombers flew off elsewhere to safety, but allied fighter planes manned by American, Australian and New Zealand pilots “took as much altitude as they could and surprised the Japanese pilots. We saw some terrific aerial dogfights that afternoon.” He remembered the day’s air battle as “a total victory.” According to Seidler, an Australian “coast watcher” reported counting ninety-five Japanese planes heading toward the island and only about five or six returning. “We lost three planes,” Seidler said. “Two pilots were picked up and the third was reported missing.”

Seidler recalled that the Marines on Guadalcanal were harassed nightly by one Japanese bomber, whose pilot was nicknamed “Washing Machine Charlie”, because of the drone of his engines. Charlie’s main purpose was harassment, and he would drop one or two bombs and leave. Air raid sirens would sound during Charlie’s attacks, but Seidler said the Marines “would just turn over and go back to sleep.”

Seidler remembered that he and the other men in his unit listened to the “Tokyo Rose” propaganda broadcasts, because of the good American music she played. Authorized entertainment was provided by United Service Organization (USO) groups, including the Bob Hope Show, which he saw and enjoyed on Guadalcanal. He recalled seeing famed pilot Charles Lindbergh on Emilau Island, where Lindbergh gave pilots tips on how to obtain more mileage from their fuel tanks, which was much appreciated. [Lindbergh was not allowed to serve in the military by the Roosevelt administration due to his perceived Nazi sympathies, but flew some fifty combat missions in the Pacific Theater as a civilian consultant to aircraft manufacturers. His contributions in improving the training and tactics of US airmen were considerable.]

While on leave in Auckland New Zealand, Seidler met a Marine from his basic training class who had gone on to New River for advanced infantry training. “I could not recognize him,” he recalled. The First and Second Marine Divisions, including many of the men Seidler knew from basic training, fought at Guadalcanal, the Marianas Islands, Iwo Jima and other locations. “They were warriors,” he said. “Most were either killed or badly wounded.” By the last year of the war, he was one of the few still around. “I had a feeling of guilt. I can’t explain it,” he remembered.

Harold Seidler returned to the United States as a sergeant in October, 1944 and was assigned to Parris Island as a noncommissioned officer in charge of recreation and athletics. He was later transferred to the Marine air base at Cherry Point, North Carolina. The “scuttlebutt” at Cherry Point, he recalled, was that the invasion of Japan was imminent, but then the war ended with the Japanese surrender. “God bless the atomic bomb and God bless Harry S. Truman for having the guts to use it. He saved thousands of lives,” Seidler opined.

Seidler recalled the day he came home, when he met his mother and father at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in Newark, New Jersey. His parents were there not only to meet him, but also to pick up his sister, a woman Marine who was back in New Jersey on a liberty pass from her post in Washington, D.C. Instead of going directly home to Passaic, Seidler and his family visited his grandparents in their old neighborhood in the “Ironbound” section of Newark, where they celebrated all night with relatives, old friends and neighbors. They played the piano, sang songs, and drank beer. Seidler recalled that he had a difficult time explaining to three young cousins how he, although a Marine sharpshooter, had not killed any enemy soldiers.

Seidler gave the interviewer his overall impression of the war on the home front, and its impact on American popular culture. He displayed a “V-mail” reduced size letter, and spoke of war bond, scrap iron, and paper drives, ration stamp books for gasoline, sugar and coffee, air raid wardens and blackouts and “Rosie the Riveter.” He remembered how important and relevant the popular songs were to those who lived in that time and place and spoke of the USO Clubs that sprouted up across the world and the dances they held, the coffee they served and the other war time activities they provided. He also noted how well servicemen were treated during the war years, with people buying Marines, soldiers and sailors drinks in taverns, and offering them rides if they were walking or standing on a street corner.

Following his discharge on October 18, 1945, Seidler said he was a member of the “52/20 club” [A federal unemployment program created by the “Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, better known as the “GI Bill,” that paid discharged veterans \$20 a week for 52 weeks.] for three weeks until he took a job making \$22.00 dollars a week. In 1946 he joined the New Jersey State Police.

One of Trooper Seidler's first assignments was to investigate the suicide death of a World War I veteran who hanged himself from a tree at the Veterans' Hospital in Lyons, New Jersey. When, during the course of the investigation, the nurses discovered that Seidler was from Passaic, they brought him to meet a patient who was a World War II Marine veteran from Passaic. Harold could hardly recognize the man as the same person he knew at Passaic High School. There was, he remembered, "no recognition, no conversation, no nothing. He was like a zombie. There was no hope. He would die there." At the 50th reunion of his high school graduating class in 1939, Seidler saw a list of twenty-five classmates who were killed in WWII.

In 1959 Seidler was assigned by the State Police to help organize a Municipal Police Training academy at Sea Girt, New Jersey. "There was nothing there but a few buildings," he recalled. "We trucked everything in from Trenton." Seidler stayed on at Sea Girt as a training officer, rising to the rank of captain and commandant of the New Jersey State Police Training Academy until he retired from the state police in 1972. In the years after the war he married, had four children and thirteen grandchildren.

In summation, Harold Seidler remembered the World War II years in an overall positive light. "In spite of all the hardships and heartaches in those years, we were proud to be Americans -- all for one and one for all. I don't think that it was ever like that before and I don't think it will ever be like that again." As an example of the change, he pointed to the controversy over the Smithsonian Museum exhibit of the B-29 bomber Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. See: <http://www.nj.gov/military/museum/summaries/wwii/seidler.html>

Thank you Captain Harold G. Seidler, #862 (Ret) for your service to our country!

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Historical Highlights will return in the April 2016 issue!

BUSINESS UPDATES

N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

Since our last reporting, the Directors have met and welcomed Mr. David Goldberg aboard. His extensive experience and background in charitable organizations and benevolence offered several areas to focus our future endeavors. We are well on our way!

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



TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC.



While the new Logo Merchandise Store has actually been open since June 15th we took advantage of our Fall General Membership Meeting on November 7th to hold a 'Ribbon Cutting Ceremony' and officially usher in our new retail establishment. Even though the square footage of the new store remains similar to that of our former and temporary trailer location, the new layout offers customers a much more open and enjoyable shopping experience.



l-r: Lt. Ray Chintall, #3234 (Ret); Lt. George Wren, #3680 (Ret); Store Manager – Jackie Snyder; Major Jeffrey Mottley, #5300; Capt. Sal Maggio, #2177 (Ret); Tpr. I Dave Scureman, #2924 (Ret) & Capt. Nick Soranno, #3065 (Ret)

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

We're doing a great business in our new shop, and our Internet sales operation is taking off at a very respectable rate. Check us out on our web store at: <http://store.ftanjsp.org/>, or on the FTA Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Former-Troopers-Association-of-NJ-1382368762059216/>.

The new store and expanded Logo Merchandise operations have facilitated expanded responsibilities and additional personnel on a number of fronts. As many of you know, for the past three years Lt. Anthony “Tony” DiPaula, #4376 (Ret) served as the Manager of our Logo Merchandise Sales Operation. However, over the course of time that service expanded to include the supply of logo merchandise to be sold in our store. The recent diversification of our FTA operations has prohibited the continuation of Tony’s managerial service over our Logo Sales Operation to eliminate any perception of a conflict of interest. While Tony’s sales management service to the FTA was certainly a blessing, it just couldn’t continue. Fortunately, we do continue to work closely with Tony as a supply vendor through his logo merchandise apparel company, TKO Athletic, and as a per diem consultant. Many thanks go out to Tony for his service to the FTA, and we look forward to working closely with him in the future!

In light of this change, the FTA Logo Merchandise Committee has been tasked with the management of the sales operation, reporting to the FTA and True Blue and Gold, Inc., Boards of Directors. Our senior staffer, Jackie Snyder has been promoted to Store Manager, and is now responsible for the proper administration of all aspects of store operations, including our new employees: Kate Elgrim, Kathy Jerome and Barbara Brettell, all of which have joined our long time staffer, Rena Menzel to complete the additional tasks required to make your shopping endeavors an enjoyable experience. You’ll know who they are by the names on their staff shirts.

The Christmas rush has already begun and there are a number of new items available to fill your gift basket, including the newly minted brass ornament found on the front cover of this newsletter issue. It’s the first in a long series of annual State Police related ornaments that we should be offering for years to come. Delivery of the ornament is slated for December 12th, but don’t procrastinate too long, there are only 250 ornaments available.





I-r: Kathy Jerome, Barbara Brittell, Rena Menzel, Jackie Snyder & Kate Elgrim

Unfortunately, even after almost six months, we're still hearing that many active and retired Jersey Troopers and their families are still having trouble finding our new store. Please keep in mind that the store is now located in the front of the former Wilburtha Station. Just turn left before you reach the guard shack at the main entrance to Division Headquarters. I'll look into having a sign made up to better guide everyone.

FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

ABSECON BARRACKS TROOPERS REUNION



Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/Absecon2015.pdf>

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

SAVE THE DATES



THE 2015 STATE POLICE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The date for the annual State Police Holiday Open House has been scheduled for Saturday, December 19, 2015, at the State Police Museum and Learning Center, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. As always, **ALL** Enlisted, Retired, and Civilian Employees (past and present) and their families are 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. 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, jewelry and more. Don't forget to obtain your SP/FTA 2016 calendars, and don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase that special gift for that special active, retired, or "future" Jersey Trooper.

THE 2016 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY

The Florida Winter Party will be held on Tuesday, March 8th and Wednesday, March 9th, 2016 at the Crown Plaza Melbourne Oceanside, which is still a Holiday Inn facility.

Festivities will begin on Tuesday, March 8th with a cocktail party starting at 3:00 p.m. There will be an open bar until 6:00 p.m., followed by a buffet at 7:00 p.m. After the buffet there will be a D/J present for your dancing pleasure. The reunion will begin on Wednesday, March 9th. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. A sit-down luncheon will begin at 1:00 p.m.

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. **Use the Registration Form on page #34!** No tickets will be sold at the door. No tickets will be mailed. Your name will appear on a prepaid list at the door.

The hotel is currently taking reservations and will accept them at our rate from Saturday, March 5th through Friday March 11th, 2016. Please **DO NOT** call the toll free number. Call the direct number for the hotel at (321)777-4100. Be sure to identify yourself as being with the New Jersey State Police. Use the code "FNJ." Reservations can be made for a week or less with the same discount. The cut-off date for making room reservations will be FEBRUARY 9, 2016.

Room Rates are as follows:

\$119.00 Standard Non-Oceanfront View	\$139.00 Standard Partial View
\$184.00 Oceanfront w/Balcony	\$214.00 Oceanfront Suite

Directions are:

Coming North on I-95 to Exit #71; take Route #192 East to Atlantic Avenue (Route #A1A), make a left and travel 3 miles to the Crown Plaza Inn on the right.

Coming South on I-95 to Exit 72; take Route 518 East to Atlantic Avenue (Route # A1A), make a right and travel 4 miles to the Crown Plaza Inn on the left.

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

TROOP "A" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER



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

As always, Good Ole' Captain Ed Marinelli, #1334 (*Ret*) will host the occasion. At only \$20.00 per person in good standing, every Jersey Trooper who started their career reporting to Hammonton Headquarters should be attending. **Use the Registration Form on page #34!**

STATE POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE



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

MILITARY NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ALL VETS SHOULD KNOW

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

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

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

HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC INFORMATION

FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR

Nominations for the 2016 Former New Jersey State Trooper of the Year Award will be accepted January 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016. All nominations should be forwarded to the FTA office in West Trenton, N.J., by the August 31st deadline. Candidates will only be considered from members who are in good standing with the Former Troopers Association.

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

The selection will be made by the Board of Directors in September 2016. The presentation of the award will be made to the successful recipient at the 2016 FTA Fall General Membership Meeting on November 5, 2016.

FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION NAME TAGS AVAILABLE

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

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

VISITATION PROGRAM

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

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

A VISIT W/LT JAMES E. 'JESS' SAVADGE, #1228



I-r: Lt. Jack Herbert, #2530 (Ret); Tpr. David Calpini, #7095, Troop 'C' Tac Pac; Lt. Bill Wade, #3347 (Ret); Lt. Jess Savadge, #1228 (Ret); Capt. Ernie Volkmann, #2547 (Ret); and Lt. Carl Savadge, #4832 (Ret)

On Monday, November 23, 2015, four former Jersey Troopers – Capt. Ernest J. Volkmann, #2547, Lt. John J. Herbert, #2530, Lt. William Wade, #3347, and Jess's son, Lt. Carl Savadge, #4832, joined by Trooper David Calpini, #7095, Troop 'C' Tac Pac, paid a visit to Lt. James E. "Jess" Savadge, #1228 at his daughter's home in Lawrence Township, New Jersey. Lt. Savadge's daughter Nancy was on hand and was a consummate hostess. Jess, Carl and Nancy were very appreciative of all who took part in the visit.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Two recent birthday celebrations were held over lunch to acknowledge the longevity of our senior members.

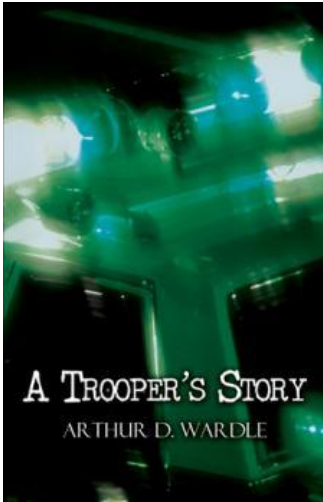


l-r: Retirees - Capt. Mike McLaughlin, #2118; Lt. George Wren, #3680; Armond Harms; Capt. John H. Harms, #1066; Capt. Joseph J. Guzzardo, #2107; and Tpr. Charles E. Korostynski, #1997 gathered in Brigantine to celebrate Captain Harms 87th Birthday



l-r: Retirees - Capt. Mike McLaughlin, #2118 (Ret); Tpr. Charlie Korostynski, #1997, Colonel Justin J. Dintino, #1152; Lt. Fred Martens, #2215 and Lt. George Wren, #3680 gathered in Blackwood to celebrate Col. Dintino's 87th Birthday





A TROOPER'S STORY HITS THE BOOKSHELVES

Detective Arthur D. Wardle, #2134 (*Ret*) has authored a new informative book. *A Trooper's Story* reflects an accurate, unembellished, and truthful account of one trooper's experiences occurring at each duty station where he was assigned to work. It includes a firsthand account of rioting in Newark, N.J. during the summer of 1967, description of a high speed chase, underwater recovery endeavors, and descriptive accounts of eight years spent working undercover in narcotics. Emphasized is the camaraderie among troopers living in barracks, and the respect had for earlier generations of troopers who set a high standard of excellence, which needed to be emulated for continuance of a valued tradition of excellence and professionalism. Check it out at www.Amazon.com or www.barnesandnoble.com.

EXPRESS COURIER FRAUD

Very Clever Credit Card Scam! Be forewarned, just in case.

This scam is actually very clever. Just when you thought you'd heard it all. Be very careful of people bearing gifts. The following is a reported recounting of an incident that explains just how this scam is perpetrated:

Wednesday a week ago, I had a phone call from someone saying that he was from some outfit called "Express Couriers" (the name could be any courier company). He asked if I was going to be home because there was a package for me that required a signature. The caller said that the delivery would arrive at my home in roughly an hour. Sure enough, about an hour later, a uniformed delivery man turned up with a beautiful basket of flowers and a bottle of wine. I was very surprised since there was no special occasion or holiday, and I certainly didn't expect anything like it. Intrigued, I inquired as to who the sender was.

The courier replied, "I don't know, I'm only delivering the package." Apparently, a card was being sent separately (the card has never arrived!). There was also a consignment note with the gift.

He then went on to explain that because the gift contained alcohol, there was a \$3.50 "delivery/verification charge," providing proof that he had actually delivered the package to an adult (of legal drinking age), and that it had not just been left on a doorstep where it could be stolen or taken by anyone, especially a minor.

This sounded logical and I offered to pay him cash. He then said that the delivery company required payment to be by credit or debit card only, so that everything was properly accounted for, and this would help in keeping a legal record of the transaction. He added couriers don't carry cash to avoid loss or likely be targets for robbery.

My husband, who by this time was standing beside me, pulled out his credit card, and 'John,' the "delivery man," asked him to swipe the card on a small mobile card machine with a small screen and keypad. Frank, my husband, was asked to enter his PIN number and a receipt was printed out. He was given a copy of the transaction. The guy said everything was in order, and wished us good day.

To our horrible surprise, between Thursday and the following Monday, \$4,000 had been charged/withdrawn from our credit/debit account at various ATM machines.

Apparently the "mobile credit card machine," which the deliveryman carried now had all the info necessary to create a "dummy" card with all our card details including the PIN number.

Upon finding out about the illegal transactions on our card, we immediately notified the bank which issued us a new card, and our credit/debit account was closed.

We also personally went to the police, where it was confirmed that it is definitely a scam because several households had been similarly hit.

WARNING: Be wary of accepting any "surprise gift or package," which you neither expected nor personally ordered, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a condition of receiving the gift or package. Also, never accept anything if you do not personally know the sender, or there is no proper identification of who the sender is. Above all, the only time you should give out any personal credit/debit card information is when you yourself initiated the purchase or transaction!

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

BESSIE'S CORNER

It was so great to see so many at the General Membership meeting in November. With the winter holidays right around the corner, tis' the season to spend time with family and friends, surrounded by those we love, sharing warm memories and making new ones. Wishing you and your families all a very happy and healthy holiday season. Be happy, be healthy and stay safe!

Your Questions Answered:

OBAMACARE and what it means to you.

With all the talk lately regarding Obamacare, many retirees have been inquiring as to how Obamacare affects their State Health Benefits. Let's start with what is Obamacare.

The following information was obtained from the following website: <http://obamacarefacts.com/obamacare-facts/>

What is ObamaCare?

The official name for "[ObamaCare](#)" is the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (PPACA), or Affordable Care Act (ACA) for short.

- The ACA was signed into law to reform the health care industry by President Barack Obama on March 23, 2010 and [upheld by the Supreme Court](#) on June 28, 2012.
- ObamaCare's goal is to give more Americans access to affordable, quality health insurance and to reduce the [growth in U.S. health care spending](#).
- The Affordable Care Act expands the affordability, quality, and availability of private and public health insurance through [consumer protections](#), [regulations](#), [subsidies](#), [taxes](#), [insurance exchanges](#), and other reforms.

What Obamacare doesn't do?

- ObamaCare does not replace Private Insurance, [Medicare](#), or [Medicaid](#).
- ObamaCare doesn't regulate your health care; it regulates health insurance along with some of the worst practices of the For-profit Healthcare Industry.

ObamaCare offers a number of [new benefits, rights, and protections](#):

Letting [young adults](#) stay on their parents' plan until 26

Stopping insurance companies from [denying you coverage or charging you more based on health status](#)



Stopping insurance companies from dropping you when you are sick or if you make an honest mistake on your application
Preventing gender discrimination
Stopping insurance companies from imposing unjustified rate hikes
Doing away with life-time and annual dollar limits
Giving you the right to a rapid appeal of insurance company decisions
Expanding coverage to tens of millions by subsidizing health insurance costs through the Health Insurance Marketplaces (HealthCare.Gov and the state-run Marketplaces)
Expanding Medicaid to millions in states that chose to expand the program
Providing tax breaks to small businesses for offering health insurance to their employees
Requiring large businesses to insure employees
Requiring all insurers to cover people with pre-existing conditions
Making CHIP easier for kids to get
Improving Medicare for seniors
Ensuring all plans cover minimum benefits like limits on cost sharing and ten essential benefits including free preventive care, OB-GYN services with no referrals, free birth control, and coverage for emergency room visits out-of-network.



What does Obamacare mean to your current health benefits?

Obamacare does not replace private health care insurance. For retirees enrolled in the State Health Benefits Plan and/or Medicare, Obamacare has no effect on your current health plan. It was put into effect to insure every American has access to affordable health care. Under the NJ State Police Retirement System, you receive your retiree health benefits at no cost to you or your spouse until the retiree passes.

Surviving spouses who pay/will have to pay, full cost for health care coverage, can explore less expensive health care plans, but please keep in mind; you generally get what you pay for. The State Health Benefits Programs offer EXTREMELY good health care coverage and that is why monthly premiums tend to run high. The coverage is some of the best and out of pocket expenses are low. If you are looking for a more affordable plan, please be sure to read over the plan **IN DETAIL**. Pay attention to services covered, any deductibles you must meet, and any and all out of pocket costs. Be sure to have any plan you may be interested in explained in detail, ask many questions and what the final cost/costs to the surviving spouse will be.

Feel free to reach out to me with any additional questions or concerns you may have. I can always be reached by email at: bjones@ftanjsp.org or by phone at: 609-649-3221. I cannot always answer the phone right away, so please leave me a message and I will return your call as soon as I can. Pensions and Benefits can be reached at 609-292-7524.

I'm looking forward to catching up with many of you at the Winter Getaway in March in Melbourne and hope to see many of you there. Happy Holidays to All and a Bright and Cheery 2016! See you then.

Sincerely,
Bessie



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Former New Jersey State Troopers Association will be awarding scholarships for the upcoming school year ending in June 2016. Only those students that are seniors and are graduating from High School in June 2016 need apply. Also the student must be a child, grandchild, step child, or a step grandchild of a member in good standing of the FTA.

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

Applications are available on our web site under “forms,” and at our office. Completed applications must be received at the address at the end of the application no later than April 20th of the year the student is a senior in high school. **Scholarship winners will be selected at the May 7th General Membership Meeting.**

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

ASSOCIATION OF FORMER NEW JERSEY STATE TROOPERS EDUCATIONAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Education Fund, Inc., has been committed to provide educational scholarship opportunities and interest free educational loans to eligible State Police family members for several decades. The scholarship program will continue to offer scholarships to any child or grandchild of a New Jersey State Trooper (Active or Retired), who is living or deceased as set-forth in its By-laws. The program consists of (3) annual scholarships being awarded, each in the amount of \$1,250.00. The Scholarship is open to any student presently attending a college and maintaining a GPA of at least 2.5, and to any high school senior with an equivalent grade who plans to enroll in a state accredited college or university, anywhere in the USA. Selections are based on a lottery drawing, which shall include all applications submitted that meet the stated criteria.

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

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

All applications must be mailed to the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Educational Fund, Attention: Daniel Morocco, Jr., Secretary, 291 Westcott Blvd., Pennington, New Jersey 08534. Applications for the 2016 drawing are do prior to April 30, 2016. Applications for scholarship and “interest free” loans can be found on the FTA website.



COMICS & CONSIDERATIONS



POLICE RETRAINING? OBAMA, HOLDER, DEBLASIO, SHARPTON NEED TO THINK AGAIN

Posted by: cliffviewpilot
Posted date: December 30, 2014

A RETIRED STATE POLICE SGT WRITES:

An open letter to President Obama, Attorney General Eric Holder, Mayor Bill deBlasio and Rev. Al Sharpton in regards to “Retraining Law Officers”:

Dear Sirs,

Contrary to what you gentlemen might believe, my “training” to become a Law Enforcement Officer started long before the police academy. It started long before I even thought of becoming a police officer.

You see, gentlemen, my “training” started shortly after I was born and it started right in my own home.

My parents, my family, my relatives, my siblings, my friends’ parents, my neighbors, my church, my school, my teachers, my athletic coaches all played a part in my “training.”

From a very early age I was “training” to be respectful, compassionate, understanding, strong, determined, courageous, faithful and, above all, responsible for my own actions.

What I learned in the academy is that every recruit/cadet had about the same “training” that I had. We all arrived with the same morals and the same goals. We all wanted to Protect & Serve. What didn’t matter was skin color, gender, ethnicity or religion.

Throughout the academy, the previously mentioned attributes were discussed at length, but “training” also included how to deal with people who did not have the same level of “training” that we had come to understand as normal behavior.

Unfortunately our society has created a gap in “training” for the less fortunate and the self-entitled. Politicians have promised CHANGE time and again only to keep dumping mounds of cash on the situation and never addressing the real issue.

The less fortunate do not need handouts — they need jobs. They need to feel a sense of purpose and self-satisfaction from accomplishments. Their lack of self worth becomes an excuse for accepting criminal behavior as a way of life. If I can't earn what I want, I might as well take what I can get. If I'm not accepted by society, maybe I can be accepted by a gang.

Teach a man to fish.

Welfare was not intended to raise 4-5 generations. It was meant to assist those who've fallen on hard times. With the lack of jobs and no promise of a future, crime becomes an acceptable behavior.

Police officers are the Thin Blue Line between a civilized society and total anarchy. The police did not create this problem. The police did not make the laws. The police did not create criminals.

You four gentlemen have made numerous statements blaming the police and their "training." We need to think about your words in recent speeches and statements.

Less than 1% of all police officers are involved in any misconduct (and this does not mean criminal misconduct), yet you gentlemen have made more than your share of statements inferring that the police are the MAIN PROBLEM.

When you four gentlemen make statements that ALL police need "RETRAINING," you do exactly what you accuse the police of doing.

Mr. President and Mr. DeBlasio, there are SOME politicians who are corrupt. Does this mean that YOU are corrupt? Mr. Holder, SOME lawyers are criminals and drug addicts. Does this mean YOU are a drug dealer or abuser? Rev. Sharpton, some men hide behind God to molest children — are YOU a pedophile?

Yet all four of you have lumped ALL policemen and policewomen as racists in need of "training." What's even worse is that you four have done this after two recent events and before ALL THE FACTS were known.

Both instances, while tragic, had zero evidence of any racist behavior on the part of law enforcement. Yet all four of you believe ALL police need "training."

The four of you have failed at your mission. It started by making inflammatory remarks against police prior to hearing the evidence. It continued by all four of you failing to denounce criminal behavior at so-called "peaceful protest."

And you have failed by not standing behind the law of the land when you decided that two grand juries were wrong — the same laws that helped you all get the positions you hold today.

The four of you might need some "training." You might need to be reminded that your jobs are to bring us all together on the RIGHT side of the law.

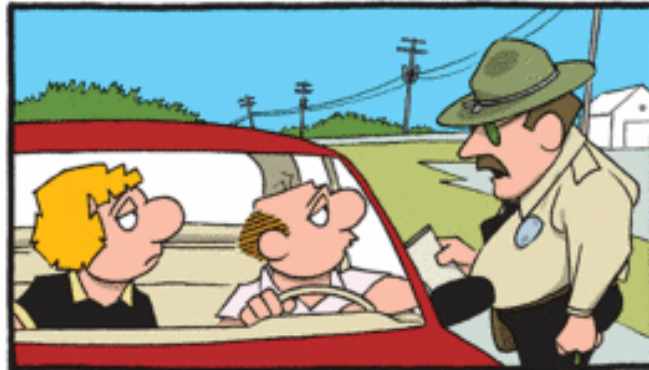
This will only be accomplished when gentlemen such as yourselves stop blaming the police and start teaching men to fish rather than giving them a fish.

AUTHOR: Retired New Jersey State Police Sgt. Kenneth Gross

While Sergeant Gross' statements are now almost a year old, they resonate just as important today!

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER



"MAY I SEE YOUR LICENSE, REGISTRATION AND INSURANCE"
"WASN'T A MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTION."

OLDER BRAINS:

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe. Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so, too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full. Researchers say this slowing down process is not the same as cognitive decline. The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information over time. The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more. Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem. It is nature's way of making older people do more exercise. I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names. So, please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends, too.

Submitted by: Gail Carrigan

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.

~ Roy L. Smith

Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store.

~ Dr. Seuss

God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it.

~ Pope Francis

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To purchase a plaque, simply contact the FTA Office @ (609) 882-2000 X:2220. Each plaque costs \$125.00, plus \$4.00 to cover shipping and handling.

STATE POLICE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION PAVER PROJECT

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

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



LETTERS TO THE FTA

September 14, 2015

Dear Former Troopers Assoc.,

Lieutenant George Wrenyou did an absolutely fabulous job designing proofreading the whole 9 yards on this newsletter. I am so proud to have my father Lieutenant Phil Berman honored in such a way. You have a great team over there and I am proud to be a member of the FTA.

*All the best,
Ellen Berman*

September 21, 2015

Dear Mr. Maggio and members of the FTA,

Thank you for the lovely floral arrangement, the troopers who were present at the viewing, and escort to the cemetery. The memorial plaque will always be a beautiful reminder of his many years as a state trooper. The FTA is a first class organization and we know Al "Gunny" was proud to be part of it.

Catherine Hujdich & Family

October 1, 2015

Dear Members of NJ Former Troopers Assoc.,

We so appreciate your support and expression of sympathy. Thank you also for arranging the SP Escort the day of the funeral as well as the presence at the funeral parlor. We will treasure the plaque w/Bill's photo, badge# and class.

Bill was very proud of his association with the NJSP, and would have been surprised and thrilled at the presence and support shared with his family in his honor.

With much gratitude,
Cathy Dey & Family

October 15, 2015

Dear Sir or Madam:

We thank you so much for your donation of \$250 to support Andrea Lomas who participated in the 11th Annual COPS WALK held near Harper's Ferry, WV, along the C & D Canal on October 10 and 11, 2015.

The broad base of support for COPS WALK from the private sector and law enforcement community will help us continue to fulfill our mission of "rebuilding shattered lives" of surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. C.O.P.S.' healing programs and emotional support will be readily available to our surviving families; and, as always, we do not charge survivors for our hands-on programs.

They have already paid a high enough price.

COPS WALK is a physical challenge and an emotional event for the walkers because they walk 25 miles in 2 days in memory of their fallen officer.

Contributions to Concerns of Police Survivors are tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Our EIN number is 52-1354370.

On behalf of over 33,000 survivors that comprise the membership of Concerns of Police Survivors, our sincere thanks for your support.

Dianne Bernhard
Executive Director

November 17, 2015

Dear FTA,

Thank you so very much for the kindness, support and friendship you expressed to me and my family after the sudden loss of my husband, Lt. Robert A. Wilson, #2813. Bob was a wonderful husband, father, grand-father, coach and friend. He meant so much too so many. He will be missed always.

The memorial plaque and photos you sent are very appreciated and will always be treasured. They were a wonderful surprise.

I also want to thank you for the gift of a lifetime membership. The FTA is a great organization. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the "Outfit."

With gratitude and fondness,
Shirley Wilson & Family

Dear Former Troopers Association,

My name is Brandon Hartlage and I was awarded the scholarship in the year of 2015. I am very thankful to have been selected to receive this scholarship and it was helpful when it came time to purchase books. Even used textbooks are not cheap now a days and this scholarship money covered the costs for all my text books this semester. The career path that I want to pursue is being in the New Jersey State Police and criminal justice is my major. I am enrolled in lots of policing classes and absolutely love it. Thank you again.

Brandon Hartlage

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MAJOR JOHN P. MCGANN, #1218



MCGANN, JOHN P., #1218, passed away on 29 October 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 August 1953 as a member of the 43rd Class and retired at the rank of Major on 1 July 1982. He proudly served in the United States Merchant Marine Service during WW II and the United States Army of occupation after WW II. He was predeceased by his wife Kathryn and a son Brian. He is survived by three sons Terence, Timothy and Brendan, two grandsons Sean

and Brian one granddaughter Caitlyn.

Christina Cavaliere, Joanne Sieger and Michelle Tallick.

LT ANDREW CAVALIERE, #2233



CAVALIERE, ANDREW, #2233, passed away on 30 October 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 15 December 1967 as a member of the 74th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 August 1998. He was predeceased by a daughter, Karen Bilecki. He is survived by his wife of 31 years Ruthmary, three daughters

SFC CHESTER R. RAKOWSKI, #1045



RAKOWSKI, CHESTER R., #1045, passed away on 11 October 2015 in Florida. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 6 July 1951 and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 December 1982. He was predeceased by his wife Helen.

**LT. EDWARD J.
MANZI, #2303**



MANZI, EDWARD J., #2303, passed away on 19 October 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 17 May 1968 as a member of the 75th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 September 1998. He proudly served in the United States Air Force during the Viet Nam War. He is survived by his wife of 33 years Debbie, two daughters Stacey and Stephanie, and one son Gary.

**MAJOR JOHN E.
WAMBOLD, #1470**



WAMBOLD, JOHN E., #1470, passed away on 20 September 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 9 August 1955 as a member of the 49th Class and retired at the rank of Major on 1 June 1986. He proudly served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War from 1951 until 1955. He was predeceased by his wife Margaret in 2013. He is survived by three sons Edward, David and Jeffrey, and one daughter Gail. He is survived by four brothers, Captain James Wambold, #942 (*Ret*), Donald, Paul, Richard, and a sister Joan Marie Swope, twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren

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CONSTANCE F. KOBYLINSKI, Wife of SGT Stanley Kobylinski, #1977 (*Ret*), passed away on September 8, 2015.

MARILYN SINWICH, Widow of Lt. Raymond Sinwich, #1551, passed away on September 13, 2015.

ROSEMARIE EBERT, Wife of Lt. A. Donald Ebert, #1531 (*Ret*), passed away on October 2, 2015.

MARY KASSEY, Mother of Lt. Michael B. Kassey, #2113 (*Ret*), and Grandmother of Det. I Michael W. Kassey, #6197, passed away on October 5, 2015.

THOMAS B. KINZER, III, Grandson of Major Thomas B. Kinzer, #1849 (*Ret*), passed away on October 13, 2015.

ISABEL DRUMMOND, Mother of DSFC Allen Drummond, #2823 (*Ret*), passed away on October 23, 2015.

STEPHEN STERNIK, Father of Lt. Stephen R. Sternik, #4240 (*Ret*), passed away on October 25, 2015.



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