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## A CHANGE OF COMMAND



On Tuesday, October 31, 2017, Colonel Patrick J. Callahan was sworn in by Governor Chris Christie as the 15th Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police. Colonel Callahan replaces Colonel Joseph R. Fuentes, who after serving some thirty-nine years as a Jersey Trooper, the last fourteen as Superintendent, announced his retirement earlier in the month.

Colonel Callahan enlisted in the State Police in April 1995 as a proud member of the 115th Class. He served as Recovery Bureau Chief in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy and worked with state and federal partners to develop and implement long-term recovery effort strategies. Colonel Callahan also served as the Commanding Officer of the Emergency Management Section and Assistant State Director of the Office of Emergency Management. He was the chairman of the Command and Control Subcommittee of the Emergency Management Section when New Jersey hosted Super Bowl XLVIII, working to develop and implement all operations undertaken by the Public Safety Compound.

Colonel Callahan most recently served as the Deputy Superintendent of Operations, supervising and directing the operational activities of the 1,800 enlisted members assigned to Field Operations as well as the operational duties and responsibilities of the Traffic and Public Safety Office, Victims Services Unit, Fatal Accident Investigation Unit, Highway Traffic Safety Unit, and the Criminal Investigations Offices within Field Operations.

Colonel Callahan earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Villanova University and a Master of Administrative Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Colonel Callahan is the son of retired State Police Major Mick Callahan, who served as Chief of Staff for Colonel Clinton L. Pagano, the 9th Superintendent of the State Police. Colonel Callahan resides in Warren County with his wife Linda, two sons and two daughters.

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



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## PRESIDENT’S CORNER

This is my last “President’s Corner” in that I am turning over this office to Nick Soranno on January 1, 2018. I thank you all for your support for the last 6 years while I was your President. God willing I will continue to write articles for this Newsletter in the future.

On November 1, 2017, COL Rick Fuentes resigned and retired as Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police after about 15 years as Superintendant. Congratulations COL Fuentes and good luck on your future endeavors. Soon after, Governor Christie swore in LTC Pat Callahan as the new Superintendent. Yes, who knew when young Tpr. Callahan worked for me when I was Troop “B” Commander. Good luck COL Callahan in running the State Police, the Governor could not have picked a more qualified man.

On November 7, 2017 the State electorate picked Phil Murphy to be our next Governor and he will take office in January of 2018. I met Governor Elect Murphy twice. Once at a police function in Edison NJ during the summer of 2016 and along with Nick Soranno, at Governor Elect Murphy’s office in Red Bank, NJ in February of 2017. Both times Mr. Murphy stated that he was concerned about the problems with the State pension system and he stated that it would be a major priority if he is elected Governor. Only time will tell. Governor Elect Murphy is a very liberal Democrat who has stated in TV adds that he wants New Jersey to be a “sanctuary State” and he also wants to legalize marijuana for recreational use. Though you might not agree with these two subjects, if Mr. Murphy fixes the pension problems for all public employees he is doing his job for us in the matter of pension reform.

While I was preparing this article, former Alabama State Supreme Court Justice Roy Moore was accused of improper sexual contact 40 years ago by a then 14 year old girl. This was when Mr. Moore was an Assistant District Attorney. It’s amazing that the girl now 54, makes this complaint now, since Mr. Moore is running for a US Senate seat in Alabama in a special election on December 12, 2017. (As I write this article, more women are coming forward with allegations from 40 years ago). Mr. Moore denies the charges and the statute of limitations is long gone, so as of now they are just unsubstantiated allegations. Whatever happened to innocent until proven guilty? As usual all the Democrats in the Congress and Senate want Mr. Moore to resign his bid for the US Senate. A large group of Republican US Senators also want Mr. Moore to drop out of the race, including US Senators Susan Collins (Maine), Cory Gardner (Colo), Steven Daines (Mont), Bill Cassidy (La), Ted Cruz (Tx), and of course, should be a Democrat, John McCain (Az). I would like to see what Senator McCain would say or do if someone accused him of improper sexual contact 40 years ago. It’s nice the way the Republicans stick together. You wonder why the Republican Party is falling apart. (As the “Swamp” continues to resist being emptied).

The Ray Moore incident reminds me of the case against present US Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. In 1991 Judge Thomas was nominated to the US Supreme Court by President George H. Bush. Then, Anita Hill who was his law clerk in 1981 accused him of sexual harassment or contact. Where was she in 1981 when this alleged allegation took place? Justice Thomas was confirmed by the US Senate and still sits on the US Supreme Court and is probably the most conservative member of the Court. Justice Thomas vehemently denied the charges by Anita Hill.

Another item I would like to mention is the definition of “political correctness”. There are more than one definition. The one I pick is “The elimination of common sense to please everyone so no one, especially a minority is offended. Institutionalized brainwashing is rated by “liberals” to advance socialism and eliminate cultural differences that, for

some reason may offend the very few.” My definition of a political correct individual is an individual picking up a “turd” from the clean end.

Again I want to thank you for your support over the last 6 years, I enjoyed all of it but it’s time to move on. General Douglas Macarthur also said, “Old solders never die, they just fade away.”

God bless President Trump and the good old USA; and God bless all of you.

Sal Maggio, President FTA

## FTA SPRING MEETING REMINDER

The FTA Spring General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018, 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

*On behalf of the Officers, Directors and Staff, I’d like to wish everyone all the happiness of the holiday season, and a healthy and prosperous New Year.*

For those of you who missed the FTA Fall General Membership Meeting on Saturday, November 4, 2017, you missed taking part in the election of new Association Officers. Effective January 1, 2018, for two-year terms in office were: Captain Nicholas C. Soranno, #3065 (*Ret*) who will take over as President; Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 (*Ret*) who will take over as Vice President, Lt. Raymond J. Chintall, #3234 (*Ret*) who will remain as Secretary, and Lt. John O. O’Keffe, #2121 (*Ret*) who will remain as Treasurer. Also elected as Directors for three-year terms were: Major Joseph A. Cannatella, #2852 (*Ret*), Captain Michael W. McLaughlin, #2118 (*Ret*), and Major Heidi S. Scripture, #3579 (*Ret*).

The Fall Meeting also served as the venue to present the 2017 FTA Former Trooper of the Year Award to Captain Joseph M. Paulillo, #2028 (*Ret*).



**Joe Paulillo receives the 2017 FTA Former Trooper of the Year Award from Sal Maggio and Nick Soranno.**





**John Ouweleen at the Berlin World Marathon Major**

I continue to keep in contact with our own 'Marathon Man,' and 2016 recipient of the FTA Former Trooper of the Year Award, Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (*Ret*), and here's his latest updates:

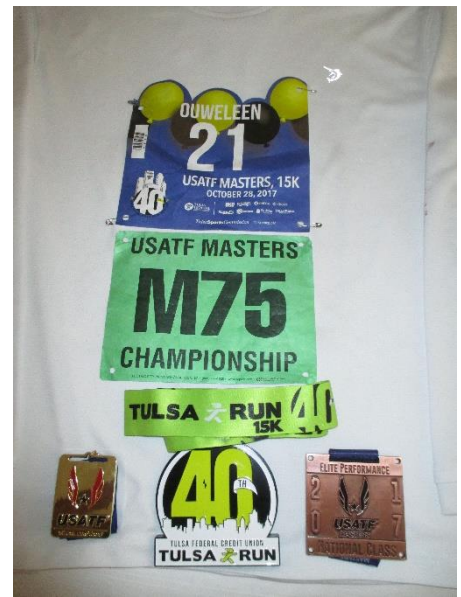
Had a satisfying race at the 2017 Berlin World Marathon Major last Sunday 9/24/17. It was especially rewarding, since it was my second attempt at this great race. My first offering, in 2014, ended in disappointment, when after establishing a substantial lead, I was involved in a collision at mile 24, that rendered me seriously injured, and resulted in a 3rd place finish. I had to go back, and this year it would be different. My strategy was the same!!! Go out strong, establish a lead, and hang in there for the entire distance. And, that is exactly what I did. Managing to place 1st in my age group. (75-79) with a finish time of 3:39:39. In addition, broadening the margin with the 2nd place competitor by 19 minutes and 12 seconds. REDEMPTION!!!!



**John Ouweleen at the Tulsa Masters**

I raced the USA Track and Field (USATF) Masters, National Championship 15k race in Tulsa Oklahoma (Tulsarun.com) on Saturday October 28, 2017. Pleased to report that I was successful to take first place in my age group with a 1:13:28, defeating my nearest competitor by 10 minutes. With my performance, I am recognized at the USATF Masters, 75-79 age group National Champion for the 2017-2018 year.

Along with the age group recognition, I also received a "New" USATF award for an elite performance, National Class time/pace.



**John's race bibs and medals**

I have included (*at right above*) a photo which was part of my Facebook post. It depicts my personalized runners bib #21, USATF Mandatory for championship races, back tag, for 75-79 age group, medals left to right, USATF age group and national championship medal, Tulsa Run 40th anniversary finishers medal, and finally the "New" USATF 2017 elite performance, Masters, National Class medal.

The achievement did come at a cost. I suffered an injury in the last mile and a quarter of the race. I pulled/strained the piriformis muscle in my left leg/hip. I was able to complete the race, however with a diminished time. No fear, I have four weeks until my record attempt on November 26th. Rest and recovery is the secret.

Four weeks later John reported on his long anticipated "World Record" Half Marathon attempt scheduled for Sunday, November 26th, at the Space Coast Classic. With regret, advised that he had been forced to abandon that effort due to the piriformis/hamstring muscle injury he sustained in the closing miles of the Tulsa Oklahoma race. Unfortunately,

the injury had not responded enough to precipitate a world record attempt. Therefore, John released his four pacesetters from their commitment, and settled to simply run the race for age group accountability. Saddened to be forced into making his decision, since much effort and time had gone into the preparation for this event, but alas, the injury is still apparent. Maybe at another time.

A week later, on November 27<sup>th</sup> I received another update on John's race. Well, he ran a race that he described as conservative and gun shy!!! "I felt that if I could run a 1:45:00 time, it would be adequate to win the age group. My actual finishing time was 1:47:36. I went out slow (Conservative) and never extended myself, (Gun shy) thereby preventing injury. If I was to reinjure, I might not finish. Bottom Line, was I took first in my age group, and successfully defended my 2016 race."

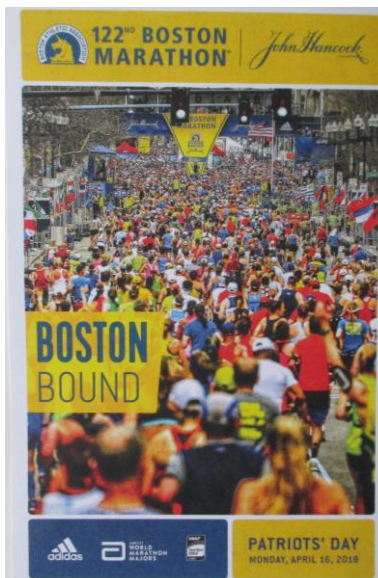
John added, "I received my Boston entry acceptance, and my long awaited "Berlin Gold" Medal, plus a bonus of free entry into the 2018 Berlin Marathon. All in all, a good weekend." Sounds like a pretty good weekend to me! Maintain the momentum John, we'll be rooting for you every step of the way!



John at Space Coast Classic Half Marathon



His Berlin-Marathon Gold Medal



122<sup>nd</sup> Boston Marathon Acceptance



In early September my wife Sandy and I enjoyed a long-anticipated vacation to Alaska. During our trip we had an opportunity to make a stop at a well-known establishment in Juneau, called the Red Dog Saloon. What a colorful place, relics everywhere, sawdust on the floor, right out of the gold mining days of many years past. Well, while sitting at the bar enjoying the rustic décor and folksy entertainment, I couldn't help but notice all the law enforcement and fire department patches pinned to the walls behind the bar. There were patches from all over the world, and yes, there were some patches from locales back home. But as we all know, once we start looking, the novelty of the décor becomes an intense search, where we are obsessed to find that elusive triangular patch that we all proudly wore throughout our careers. As you can imagine, I did finally focus in on the upper left corner our esteemed shoulder patched, peeking out from behind some sort of bullshit maroon flag. Thanks to our very receptive barmaid, the following picture documents the rest of the story. Surprisingly enough, when I asked the barmaid to pose for a picture, the couple seated next us excitedly proclaimed that they were from north Jersey, and had a relative stationed at Holmdel. What are the chances. I won't begin to ask who delivered that shoulder patch to the wilds of Alaska, but thanks for doing so. It was certainly a highlight of our trip that we won't soon forget!

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone!*





**Red Dog Saloon, Juneau, Alaska - September 4, 2017**

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

## FEATURED MEMBER(S)

**MARYLAND'S GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN APPOINTS RETIRED TROOPER TONY REED TO DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



**New Carrollton, Md. (March 15, 2017)** – Tony Reed was appointed Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development on March 15, 2017. After an exhaustive search for the right candidate, Reed was selected for his strong leadership, procurement and budget management skills, as well as his wealth of government experience at both the state and federal levels.

The Department of Housing and Community Development helps create affordable housing, homeownership, small business expansion, municipal infrastructure improvements and community revitalization.

As Deputy Secretary, Reed will help to oversee an agency that provides financing programs to first time home buyers and multifamily housing developers for the creation or preservation of affordable rental housing units for low to moderate income Marylanders. The Small Business Lending Department offers flexible financing to new and expanding small business and nonprofit organizations whose efforts help improve and revitalize existing commercial districts and town centers. The Neighborhood Revitalization Department works with local governments, nonprofit organizations, community groups, and businesses to revitalize cities, towns and neighborhoods and improve the quality of life across Maryland. Reed will Chair the Revenue Bond Advisory Board and the Housing Finance review committee.

Trooper Tony Reed (Ret) began his career with the New Jersey State Police on August 27, 1987. Trooper Reed worked at the Flemington and Sussex Barrack in Troop B and then transferred to the New Jersey Turnpike Troop D Barrack.

Reed received his Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a Master’s Degree of Public Administration from New York University. A native of Brooklyn, New York, he currently resides in Maryland.

***Congratulations Tony on your appointment!***

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

## **LATE SOLDIER, STATE TROOPER, HONORED WITH STREET RENAMING**

By: Celeste E. Whittaker,  
Courier Post - Sept. 14, 2017

WILLINGBORO - Vera Kelley is proud that the street her son grew up on now bears his name.

U.S. Army Major Dwayne Kelley grew up on Hinsdale Lane in Willingboro, attended the old John F. Kennedy High School and fell in love with protecting and serving others.

On Sept. 2, his old street was dedicated in honor of Kelley, who was killed serving his nation in Operation Iraqi Freedom on June 24, 2008.

The street was renamed Major D. Kelley Way in his honor adding to the numerous awards and accolades he received for his service over the years.

**At right: Vera Kelley (center) holds a street sign, which bears the name of her late son, Army Major Dwayne Kelley, killed on a tour of duty in Iraq in 2008. The street he grew up on in Willingboro, Hinsdale Lane, was renamed in his honor. His wife Manita Seabrooks-Kelley (right), and daughter Mushirah Kelley (left) stand nearby as well as members of the New Jersey State Police and military officials.**



*(Photo: New Jersey State Police)*





(Photo: New Jersey State Police)

His mother still lives on the street where she raised the eventual detective sergeant first class and 20-year veteran with the New Jersey State Police, was honored in that way.

“That was an honor, that was my son,” said Vera Kelley, who has two other children. “It did make me feel very good. My son did a lot of good things by living here.” Members of the New Jersey State Police, U.S. Army, Willingboro Police Department, Prince Hall Masons, Prince Hall Shriners, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity (Dwayne Kelley was a member), and Kelley’s family and friends were on hand for the dedication ceremony.

At the time of his death, Kelley, 48, was a U.S. Army Reserve civil affairs soldier assigned to the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion. He was killed in a bombing of a government building in Sadr City, Iraq, while he was on his second tour of duty.

Vera Kelley said she was touched when they passed around a street sign at the ceremony and she saw it for the first time.

“I forget to look up at the sign when I get to the top of the hill on the street,” she said. “He was what they said he was, really and truly one of the good guys. I did not find any fault in him at all.”

Her son entered the Army in February of 1978 after graduating from high school, serving three years as a light wheel vehicle mechanic. He completed his studies at Rutgers University from 1982 to 1985, earning a bachelor’s degree. In May of 1985, Kelley graduated from the ROTC program, earning his commission as a U.S. Army Reserve second lieutenant in the Ordinance branch. His military career blossomed from there.

While the married father lived in Essex County at the time of his death, his ties to South Jersey were still strong and many remember him fondly.

Debbie Evert grew up in the Hawthorne Park section of Willingboro like Kelley and lived on a nearby street. She was friends with his younger brother Mike and said Dwayne “was the big brother of the neighborhood. He made sure every kid was nice to one another and looked out for all of us. If you had a problem, you could go to Dwayne. We were so proud of him.”

Kelley joined the state police in 1988. In July of 2007 he was transferred to the position of Bureau Administrative Officer for the Counter Terrorism Bureau and was promoted to detective sergeant first class in January of 2008.

Kelley was honored with full military honors at Odd Fellow’s Cemetery in Beverly after his funeral service, Courier-Post archives say. His family was presented with the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his military service and the Distinguished Service Award from the state police.

“As an investigator in the New Jersey State Police Counter Terrorism Bureau DSFC Dwayne Kelly’s service and sacrifice to the state and nation was unique in that he served overseas and on the home front combating the same threat,” said Col. Rick Fuentes, superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, in a statement.

“This street naming is a reminder to us all of his service and his sacrifice and our duty to carry on his mission.”

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## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

*Over the years as the holidays approached, I've made attempts to find and include positive historical events that highlight our Jersey Troopers. This year, I've decided to include a passage or two from my book Jersey Troopers II to acknowledge heroic actions of our Jersey Troopers that occurred over this our holiday season.*

### DUTY CALLS

#### CHAPTER 102, LAWS OF 1921:

**(6) "IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE POLICE, SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF THIS STATE, AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, TO ARRANGE FOR THE EXAMINATION AND ENLISTMENT OF APPLICANTS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY PRELIMINARY AND SUBSEQUENT INSTRUCTION TO THE TROOPERS IN THEIR DUTIES AS POLICE OFFICERS OF THE STATE, AND TO MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE DISCIPLINE AND CONTROL OF THE STATE POLICE,"**

In response to Article (6) Colonel Schwarzkopf explained in part, in his 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Report:

**TRAINING OF THE MEN IN THEIR DUTIES AS POLICE OFFICERS OF THE STATE: - THE TRAINING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE NATURALLY DIVIDED ITSELF INTO THREE DISTINCT PERIODS. THOSE MIGHT BE HEADED AS THE ELEMENTARY PERIOD, THE POWERS PERIOD AND THE RESPONSIBILITY PERIOD...**

**THUS THEY ARRIVED AT THE THIRD STAGE AND PROBABLY THE MOST SERIOUS AND IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR TRAINING – THE RESPONSIBILITY PERIOD. IN THIS PERIOD, IT WAS ENDEAVORED TO IMPRESS UPON EACH INDIVIDUAL HIS GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES, HIS OBLIGATIONS; HIS DUTIES AND THE PROPER USE OF THOSE POWERS THAT HE HAD BEEN TAUGHT AND MADE PROFICIENT IN DURING THE SECOND PERIOD. THIS TIME WAS DEVOTED TO A SERIES OF LECTURES BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WHOSE LAWS WE ARE TO ENFORCE, TO LECTURES AND PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS BY AN OFFICER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE, BY TALKS AND INTERPRETATIONS OF VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TRAINING WORK, AND BY THE TERMINATION AND REVIEW OF THE VARIOUS SUBJECTS THAT HAD BEEN TAUGHT. A FINAL EXAMINATION OF OVER TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY QUESTIONS WAS GIVEN EVERY MAN BEFORE HE WAS DECLARED GRADUATED FROM THE TRAINING SCHOOL.**

**THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TRAINING PERIOD A SPECIAL COURSE WAS TAUGHT AND APPLIED, WHICH HAD AS ITS PURPOSE THE ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT AND ELEVATION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL. IT WAS DESIGNED TO ESTABLISH HIGHER ESTIMATES OF DUTY, HONOR, FIDELITY, MORALITY, SOBRIETY, COURTESY AND THOSE OTHER QUALITIES THAT A GENTLEMAN HOLDS SACRED. THE MEN WERE TRAINED IN SELF SACRIFICE, OBSERVING**

**HONOR FOR HONOR'S SAKE AND THE REALIZATION THAT THE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF DUTY WELL PERFORMED IS ITS OWN REWARD. ORGANIZATION SPIRIT, CO-OPERATION IN ITS EVERY PHASE, LOVE AND CONSIDERATION FOR HIS FELLOW MEN, THE DESIRE TO RENDER ASSISTANCE AND THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVICE WERE DWELT UPON AT LENGTH AND EXPLAINED AND IT WAS ENDEAVORED TO IMPRESS UPON THE MEN THAT THE SPIRIT OF DOING THINGS BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO DO THEM AND NOT ONLY BECAUSE THEY WERE TOLD TO DO THEM, WAS THE SPIRIT THAT WOULD BRING PERSONAL SUCCESS AND GLORY TO THE STATE POLICE. IN THIS MANNER WAS IT ENDEAVORED TO TRAIN THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE.**

The training regimen devised by Colonel Schwarzkopf instilled in the men the character expected as a member of the Department. In the beginning, the State Police was more than a paramilitary organization. In essence, it was another branch of the military, one difficult to enter and even harder to stay in. Time-off consisted of only three days per month. For those that stayed the course their character was expected at all times, in all situations, on duty or off!

Countless acts of heroic professionalism have been exhibited by Jersey Troopers during the past thirty-five years, including many while out of uniform. Most go unreported and unacknowledged, yet each represents the honor engrained into the 'Outfit' by Colonel Schwarzkopf, and the performance expected of those 'Gentlemen of the New Jersey State Police.'

After a long New Year's Eve night shift, Detective Sergeant First Class Michael Parmenter, #3733 of the Major Crimes Unit was headed home just as daylight was cresting the horizon on January 1, 2004. Standing alongside a vehicle on the southbound shoulder of Interstate #295, was a motorist flagging down the oncoming unmarked troopcar. Ahead in the center lane where Interstate #295 crosses over US Route #1 was an overturned, silver Honda Civic.

Activating his emergency lights and positioning the troopcar to protect the overturned vehicle from oncoming traffic, Detective Sergeant Parmenter reported the accident and requested assistance via his troopcar radio. Approaching the overturned vehicle, he found two unconscious occupants, hanging upside down in their seatbelts.

Able to open the driver's door and awaken the driver, Detective Sergeant Parmenter released his seatbelt and assisted him from the vehicle. Moments later responding troopers arrived on the scene and the suspected intoxicated driver was turned over.

Returning to the overturned vehicle, Detective Sergeant Parmenter entered same and checked on the remaining female passenger. Hanging upside down, her neck contorted, blood pooling around her forehead that rested on the road surface. Her eyes were jumping, her breathing shallow, and her arm was pinned beneath the crushed roof of the car. It was evident she was in distress and had to be removed from the vehicle as soon as possible.

Two emergency responders arrived along with Detective I William R. Scull, #4920 of the Major Crimes Unit. Together with Detective Scull, an off-duty female police officer, and the second emergency responder, Detective Sergeant Parmenter manually lifted the passenger side of the vehicle as Tracey Lynn Chenoweth's arm was freed and she was pulled from the vehicle. Raced to Helene Fuld Medical Center by the West Windsor Township First Aid Squad, Miss Chenoweth underwent extensive surgery and made a full recovery.

Stories abound throughout the New Jersey State Police, from Colonel to Trooper. Some are humorous, others intense. Most are successful – but not all. They each are however a reminder of the perils, generosity, and sacrifices freely given by Jersey Troopers.

There are also extraordinary stories that stand-out far from the norm of the duties of being a law enforcement officer. They are stories of selfless acts by Jersey Troopers who freely gave of themselves in the hopes of saving others. One such story deserves special recognition.

Sergeant Paul J. Butrico, #4142 became a bone marrow donor after being “matched” through the Bone Marrow Donor Registry. Sergeant Butrico entered the hospital on December 11, 2002, and donated his bone marrow containing blood stem cells to an unknown recipient who suffered from Fanconi Anemia.

For one year neither the donor nor recipient were permitted to know the identity of the other. Finally, on December 28, 2003, Sergeant Butrico met the recipient of his anonymous donation, sixteen-year-old Amanda Gleason – the daughter of Philadelphia Police Detective Patrick Gleason.

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## BUSINESS UPDATES

### N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

The Foundation Directors continue on with the charitable benevolences to be offered in several areas of our future endeavors. We are well on our way!

In association with the FTA, the Heritage Foundation continues our pursuit towards the installation of a columbarium to the Memorial Garden as well as several other charitable projects. As such, you will begin seeing funding drives and events to help secure donations to facilitate our benevolences. Remember, the Heritage Foundation is the ‘Non Profit,’ charitable arm of our Association, and that all donations are now tax deductible.



### TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC.



Our Logo Merchandise Store continues to do a great business, and our Internet sales operation is expanding weekly. Jackie Snyder’s been busy ordering a new line of winter stock holiday merchandise to satisfy your Christmas shopping needs. Visit our store in the front of the old Wilburtha Station, or check us out on our Ecom store via the FTA website link at [www.ftanjsp.org](http://www.ftanjsp.org).





## FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

### OVER THE HILL GANG – ABSECON STATION REUNION 2017



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

Visit: <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/Absecon2017.pdf>

## SAVE THE DATES



### THE 2017 STATE POLICE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



The annual State Police Holiday Open House is scheduled for Saturday, December 16, 2017, at the State Police Museum and Learning Center, 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. 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 2018 calendars. Don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase that special gift for that special active, retired, or "future" Jersey Trooper.

## **THE 2018 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY**



The Florida Winter Party will be held on Tuesday, March 6th and Wednesday, March 7th, 2018 at the Crown Plaza Melbourne Oceanside, which is still a Holiday Inn facility.

Festivities will begin on Tuesday, March 6th with a cocktail party starting at 3:00 PM. There will be an open bar until 5:30 PM, followed at 7:00 PM by a dinner buffet. After dinner there will be a D/J present for your dancing pleasure.

The reunion will begin on Wednesday, March 7th, 2018. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 AM to 10 00 AM, followed by a sit-down luncheon that begins at 1:00 PM.

The cost is \$30 per day per person in good standing. Thus, \$120 per couple for two days. The cost for former troopers not in good standing is \$50 per day per person or \$200 per couple for two days. Payment must be made through the FTA Office (609-882-2000 ex 2220). **Use the Registration Form on page #34!** No tickets will be sold at the door or mailed to you. Your name will appear on a prepaid list at the door.

The Crown Plaza is currently taking reservations and will accept them at our rate from Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, March 10, 2018. Do not call the Toll-Free number. The direct number for the Hotel is 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. The cut-off date for making room reservations is **FEBRUARY 24, 2018.**

Room Rates are as follows:

\$129.00 Standard Non-view	\$149.00 Standard Partial View
\$199.00 Oceanfront w/Balcony	\$214.00 Oceanfront Suite

### Directions:

Travelling North on I-95; proceed to Exit 71 (Route 192E). Go East to Atlantic Ave (Rte. A1A). Turn Left and travel 3 miles to the Crown Plaza Inn on the right.

Travelling South on I-95; proceed to Exit 72 (Route 518E). Go East to Atlantic Ave. (Route A1A). Turn 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 26, 2018, 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 1, 2018, 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.)*

#### **NEW EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS**

You may recall from previous newsletters, under a new State law enacted in 2016, veterans may qualify for an exemption of up to \$3,000 on their New Jersey tax return for income earned in 2017. This exemption, part of a bill passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Christie last October, is in addition to other exemptions or deductions for which veterans may qualify. The exemption is available for all veterans who received honorable discharges or who were released under honorable circumstances from active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, a reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of New Jersey in a federal active duty status. Veterans may claim the exemption when they file their Tax Year 2017 returns. For more information, contact the [New Jersey Division of Taxation](#).

### **HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC INFORMATION**

#### **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 wellbeing of retired members and to lift the spirits of those who may be seriously ill, homebound, or in need of some old fashion camaraderie by their fellow Jersey Troopers. Visits are scheduled utilizing both active duty uniformed personnel and representatives from the 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.



## **COLLEGE DESTINATIONS**

Posted November 16, 2017 at 06:03 AM |

**Kyle Craig | For lehighvalleylive.com**



*Lauren with her parents at the off-to-college event!*

Phillipsburg High School recognized the college destinations of five of its standout student-athletes on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Included in this group to Division I and II locations was:

**Lauren Viscione**

**Sport:** Field hockey

**Destination:** Mercy College

**League:** East Coast Conference

**Classification:** Division II

**Why Mercy:** “It was how much the team got along together and the coaches, and how much it felt like a family. They were really kind to me and told me the truth up front. I respect them and I’m really excited to go.”

**What her time playing for Phillipsburg taught her:** “It’s showed me that I need to keep myself level-headed, that I shouldn’t give up and I need to keep going, because I can go to the next level and become a better player.”

Lauren is the granddaughter of SFC Stanley J. “Joe” Budzinski, #2322 (Ret).

## **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)*

## **FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR**

Nominations for the 2018 Former New Jersey State Trooper of the Year Award will be accepted January 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018. All nominations should be forwarded to the FTA office in West Trenton, N.J., by the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Candidates will only be considered from members who are in good standing with the Former Troopers Association.

The primary criteria being considered for the award will be the candidate’s contributions of volunteer time or service to the FTA. In addition to a candidate’s contributions of volunteer time or service to the FTA, 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 2018. The presentation of the award will be made to the successful recipient at the 2018 FTA Fall General Membership Meeting on November 3, 2018.

## BESSIE'S CORNER

Hello all, here we are almost at the end of another year. Before you know it, many of us will be gathering in Melbourne for another great get together!

Please keep in mind that those members who were automatically rolled into one of the Medicare Advantage Plans only have until December 31, 2017 to change back to traditional Medicare as your primary and NJ Direct as your secondary. You must do this by completing an enrollment form and submitting to Pensions and Benefits by December 31, 2017.

For those who do wish to switch back, please keep in mind that if you were previously enrolled in NJ Direct 10, you can no longer go back to NJ Direct 10, you must be enrolled in Medicare and NJ Direct 15/25. What does that mean to you? Instead of a \$10 co-pay, you would then have a \$15 co-pay for doctor's visits, and a \$25 co-pay for specialists.

Click here for the form to change back to traditional Medicare and NJ Direct 15/25:

<http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/epbam/exhibits/pdf/hr0946.pdf>

### OPTUMRx

I have received many calls and emails regarding the above prescription plan that will become the pharmacy care services manager for the State of New Jersey, effective January 1, 2018.

Many folks have received information in the mail and some have already received their new cards. This change affects both Medicare and non-Medicare enrolled retirees. I urge all of you to read over the materials that have been sent to you recently. Please take note of the contact information prior to January 1, 2018, as this contact information is different that the contact information for after January 1, 2018.

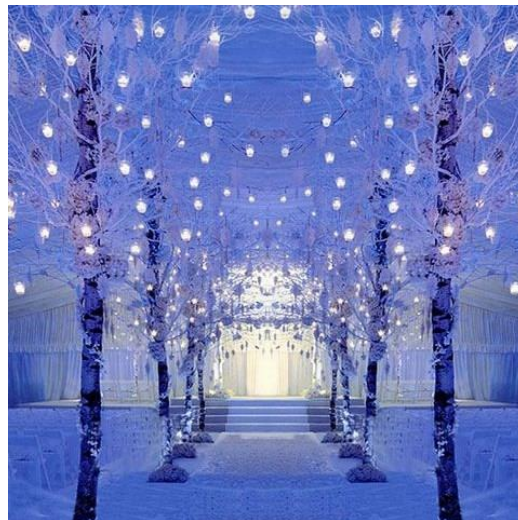
For those who have already received new cards, please, do not present to your pharmacy until after January 1, 2018. Express Scripts will remain in effect until December 31, 2017. Some of you may have already received notice that aa certain name brand medication you take on a regular basis will not be covered, but if a generic brand is available, that one may be. You will be able to check online ON or AFTER your enrollment date to see what medications will not be covered.

Mail order will still be available. If you have remaining refills on your current home delivery medications, they will be transferred over to OPTUMRx, if no refills are remaining, or it is an old prescription, your doctor will need to write a new script for OPTUMRx. It is advised to make sur you have at least a 30 day supply on hand of medications you use on a daily/regular basis during the transition period.

Much of the information and forms will be available online, but only ON or AFTER January 1, 2018. If you have computer access, I strongly recommend you set up your OPTUMRx account online. As of today, there is no information regarding a handbook for OPTUMRx on the Pensions and Benefits website. Something may be Posted later in the month. You can check here: <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/health-benefits.shtml>.

For more information regarding the various health plans, dental plans and 2018 rates for retirees, please click here:

Information regarding 2018 rates for those who pay full cost: <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/hb-oe-py2018/state-retired-full.pdf>



Information regarding 2018 health plan designs: <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/hb-oe-py2018/hr-0898-0817.pdf>

2018 Dental Rates: <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/hb-oe-py2018/retiree-dental.pdf>



A LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT is available to eligible retirees through the State of NJ. This life insurance benefit is provided through Prudential and the benefit is equal to 50% of the last year of salary. This benefit is payable to your listed beneficiary. Not sure who you listed as that beneficiary so long ago? If you have a MBOS account, you can see who you have listed as beneficiary, and if it needs to be changed, you can do it right online. If you do not have an MBOS account, you can download a change form from Pensions website here:

<http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/epbam/exhibits/pdf/eb0215.pdf>

If you do not have computer access, you will need to contact Pensions and Benefits at 609-292-7524 and have them send you a form to change.

Information regarding death benefits can be found here:

<http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/pdf/factsheets/fact40.pdf>

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

<http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/epbam/exhibits/pdf/life-sprs.pdf>

Any time you have any questions or would like additional information, feel free to reach out to me via email or telephone. My email is [bjones@ftanjsp.org](mailto:bjones@ftanjsp.org) or telephone me at 609-649-3221. If you know of a member who doesn't have computer access, please have them reach out to me.

For the latest information check out Bessie's Corner at:

<https://www.ftanjsp.org/protected/bessie/wordpress/>

I want to wish everyone a wonderful, joyous, happy and healthy holiday season and warm and wonderful 2018. Thank you all for giving me the pleasure to be of service. Feel free to reach out at any time with any questions, or if you want to just say "hi!"

Happy Holidays!  
Bessie

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

### FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Former Troopers Association and the NJ Former Troopers Heritage Foundation are pleased to announce after further consideration, the administration of the FTA Scholarship Program will remain with the FTA. While the Heritage Foundation was ready and willing to accept the administrative responsibilities of the FTA Scholarship Program it was realized that the additional requirements related to being a charitable organization brought with it constraints not previously realized. As such, the scholarship program will remain with the Former Troopers Association.

The scholarship program is particularly important as it directly benefits the continuing education of FTA Members descendants. Upcoming scholarships will be for the school year ending in June 2018. Only those students that are seniors and are graduating from High School in June 2018 need apply. Applicants must be a child, grandchild, step-child, or step-grandchild of a Member in Good Standing of the Former Troopers Association.



Scholarship awards can be used for the study of any curriculum while attending a state accredited college or university, throughout the USA. The award will be paid directly to the student. Current scholarships consist of a \$1,000 award to the outstanding applicant, in honor of our former FTA Benefits Consultant Debra Chesko; additionally, up to twenty-four, \$500 scholarships will be awarded to students whose GPAs and extracurricular activities are exceptional, with the remainder of the scholarships awarded by a random drawing.

Applications will be available at [www.ftanjsp.org](http://www.ftanjsp.org). Completed applications must be received no later than April 15, 2018. **Scholarship winners will be selected at the May 4<sup>th</sup> Former Troopers Association Spring General Membership Meeting.**

If you have any questions, please call a committee member: Ernest Volkmann – Chairman @ (732) 254-5322, Sal Maggio @ (908) 850-5021, Ken Wondrack @ (732) 223-5259, George Coyle @ (732) 254-6646, or George Wren @ (609) 425-6390.

## **ASSOCIATION OF FORMER NEW JERSEY STATE TROOPERS** **EDUCATIONAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Association of the Former New Jersey State Troopers Educational Fund, Inc. has been committed to provide educational scholarship opportunities and interest free loans to eligible State Police family members for several decades. The scholarship program will continue to offer scholarships to any child or grandchild of a New Jersey State Trooper (Active/Retired), who is living or deceased as set-forth in its By-Laws. The program consists of (3) annual scholarships being awarded, each in the amount of \$1,500.00. 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 benefitting from the drawing will receive a formal notification by the Treasurer of the Fund along with a check payable to the applicant. If for any reason the applicant should change their mind about pursuing or continuing a college education, the money shall be returned to the Fund.

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

All applications must be mailed to the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Education Fund, Attention: Robert Kilmurray, Secretary, 1741 Daniel Court, Wall, New Jersey 07719. Applications for the 2018 drawing are do prior to April 30, 2018. Applications for scholarship and “interest-free” loans can be found on the FTA website.



***Happy Hanukkah!***

## COMICS & CONSIDERATIONS

***#Irony: The Judges who said we don't need to stand up for the National Anthem expect us to stand up when they enter the room.***

*Submitted by: Lt. James J. Dooley, Jr., #2439 (Ret)*

*Thought you might enjoy this...*

*Subject: Drug problem*

*Howdy,*

*The other day I was in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and someone asked me a rhetorical question: 'Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?' I replied that I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the Pastor, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.*

*I was drug to the kitchen or bathroom sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in the yard and flower beds. I was drug to the homes of neighbors to help mow the yard, or repair the clothesline; and if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, my dad would have drug me back to the woodshed.*

*Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin, and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.*

*God bless the parents who drug us.*

*Submitted by: SFC Tim M. O'Riordan, #3046 (Ret)*

### **A NEW CHRISTMAS POEM**

*TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS,  
HE LIVED ALL ALONE,  
IN A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE MADE OF  
PLASTER AND STONE.*

*I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY  
WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE,  
AND TO SEE JUST WHO  
IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.*

*I LOOKED ALL ABOUT,  
A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE,  
NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS,  
NOT EVEN A TREE.*

*NO STOCKING BY MANTLE,  
JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND,  
ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES  
OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.*

*WITH MEDALS AND BADGES,  
AWARDS OF ALL KINDS,  
A SOBER THOUGHT  
CAME THROUGH MY MIND.*

*FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT,  
IT WAS DARK AND DREARY,  
I FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER,  
ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.*

*THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING,  
SILENT, ALONE,  
CURLLED UP ON THE FLOOR  
IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.*

*THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE,  
THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER,  
NOT HOW I PICTURED  
A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.*

*WAS THIS THE HERO  
OF WHOM I'D JUST READ?  
CURLLED UP ON A PONCHO,  
THE FLOOR FOR A BED?*

*I REALIZED THE FAMILIES  
THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT,  
OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS  
WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.*

*SOON ROUND THE WORLD,  
THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY,  
AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE  
A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.*

*THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM  
EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR,  
BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS,  
LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.*

*I COULDN'T HELP WONDER  
HOW MANY LAY ALONE,  
ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE  
IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.*

*THE VERY THOUGHT  
BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE,  
I DROPPED TO MY KNEES  
AND STARTED TO CRY.*

*THE SOLDIER AWAKENED  
AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE,  
"SANTA DON'T CRY,  
THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE;*

*I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM,  
I DON'T ASK FOR MORE,  
MY LIFE IS MY GOD,  
MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS."*

*THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER  
AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP,  
I COULDN'T CONTROL IT,  
I CONTINUED TO WEEP.*

*I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS,  
SO SILENT AND STILL  
AND WE BOTH SHIVERED  
FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.*

*I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE  
ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT,  
THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR  
SO WILLING TO FIGHT.*

*THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER,  
WITH A VOICE SOFT AND PURE,  
WHISPERED, "CARRY ON SANTA,  
IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS SECURE."*

*ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH,  
AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT.  
"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND,  
AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT."*

This poem was written by an anonymous Marine.  
The following is his request. I think it is reasonable...

Please pass this on to as many people as you can? Christmas will be coming soon, and some credit is due to our U.S. service men and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe.

Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us. Please, do your small part to plant this small seed.

May God Bless You and Have a Great Day!!

*Submitted By: Lt. Herbert F. Orth, #1723*

***MERRY CHRISTMAS***



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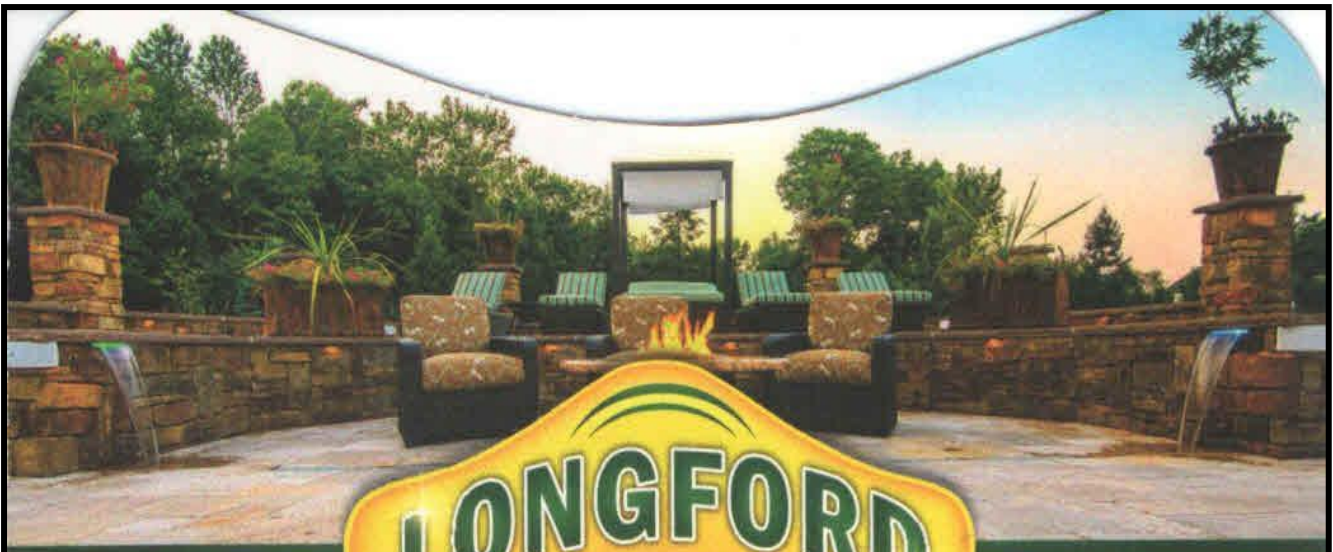
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## STATE POLICE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION PAVER PROJECT

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](mailto:adelegolf@gmail.com), or see the order form on our website.



## LETTERS TO THE FTA

August 31, 2017

Dear President Maggio and Former Troopers Association Members,

*Thank you for the wonderful NJSP presence and support since my husband's passing.*

*My husband, John J. McGrath (961) joined the NJ State Police in 1950. John was honored to serve as an active Trooper and as a member and Past-President of the Former Troopers Association. John instilled a deep respect for law enforcement among our six children and 13 grandchildren. We all shared his NJSP pride!*

*My family and I were genuinely comforted by the NJSP attendance at John's wake, uplifted by the beautiful bagpiper accompaniment at his funeral and burial, and awestricken by the masterful escort for his funeral procession. The NJSP gave John a stellar send-off. Thank you for the terrific tribute!*



*Thank you for the lovely plaque commemorating John's NJ State Police career. We treasure it. Thank you for extending me an FTA Life Membership. I look forward to staying in touch through the True Blue and Gold newsletter.*

*Most especially, thank you for the NJSP and FTA camaraderie and friendship that enhanced John's life for nearly seven decades.*

*May God bless all members of the NJSP and FTA.*

*Sincerely,  
Grace McGrath and Family*

*October 19, 2017*

*Dear NJFTA,*

*On behalf of the members of the Frenchtown-Milford VFW Post 7857, we would like to extend our sympathies on the passing of Col. Clinton Pagano. Col. Pagano was a long time member of our Post as well as a valued member of the Milford-Holland community. His leadership and dedication to state and community was and remains a valued commodity to his legacy. Please accept our donation of \$100.00 to the scholarship fund of his choosing.*

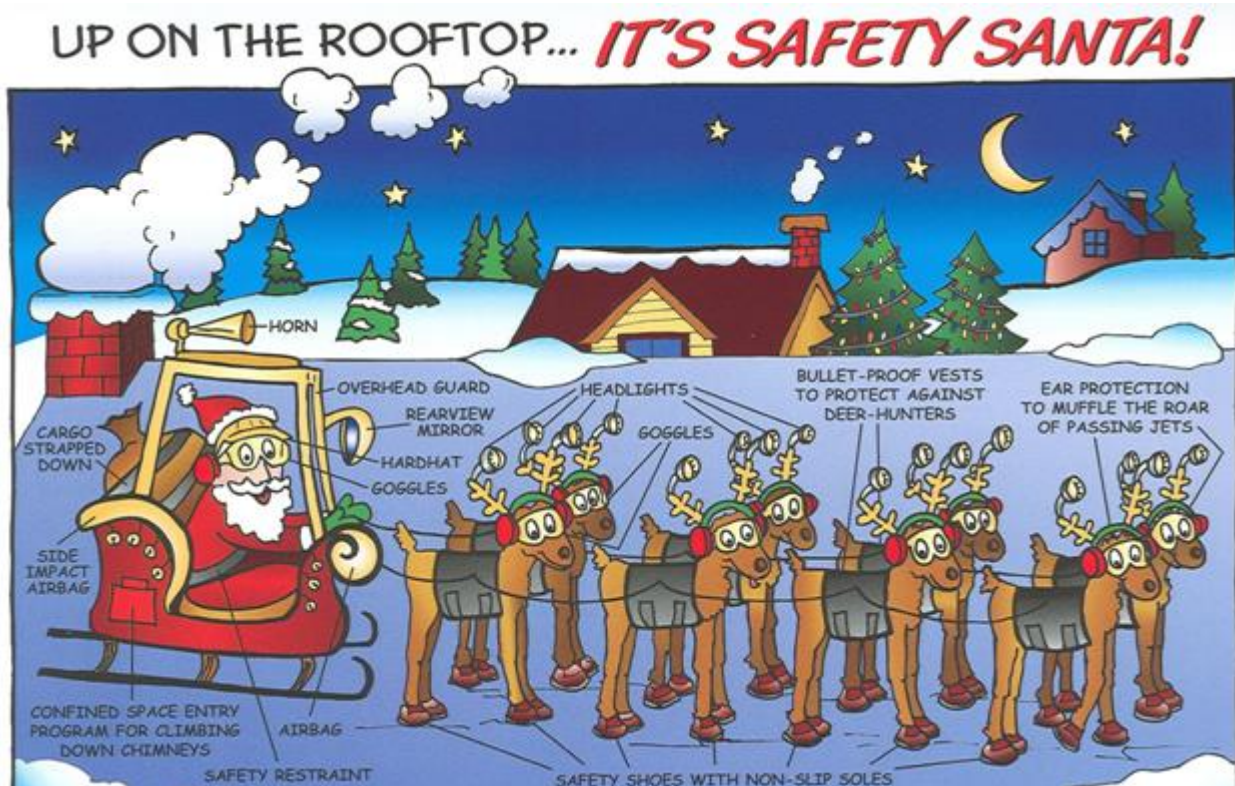
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William Testa, on behalf of our membership*



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**LIEUTENANT RALPH  
L. RASER # 1225**



**RASER, RALPH L., #1225**, passed away on 3 September 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 August 1953 as a member of the 43<sup>rd</sup> State Police Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 September 1985. He proudly served in the United States Army Air Force and was a WW II veteran. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Betty, two daughters Donna and Karin, a son Ralph Jr., six grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

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**TROOPER ALBERT  
D. GRAY, #1533**



**GRAY, ALBERT D., #1533**, passed away on 11 September 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 15 July 1957 as a member of the 52<sup>nd</sup> State Police Class along with his twin brother Ronald E. Gray # 1534. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1953 to 1956. He then served in the Marine Corps Reserves where he attained the rank of Captain. He served in various law enforcement related positions, Director of Newark Juvenile Detention Center, Superintendent Trenton Prison, Commissioner Westchester County Department of Corrections, Deputy Commissioner New York City Department of Corrections and Substance Abuse Counselor South River School District. He is predeceased by his twin brother Ronald E. Gray, #1534. He is survived by his wife Alma, two sons Jason and Cliff, brothers Glenn and Tom.

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**CAPTAIN HAROLD G.  
SEIDLER, #862**



**SEIDLER, HAROLD G., #862**, passed away on 2 October 2017 at the age of 96. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 May 1946, a member of the post WW II, 32<sup>nd</sup> State Police Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 November 1972. After his retirement he served as Security Manager for E.R Squibb & Sons from 1972 to 1986. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during WW II. He served as the Commandant of the New Jersey State Police Academy in Sea Girt, training state police recruits and municipal police. He is predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Joyce. He is survived by his four children, daughters Janet and Barbara, sons Harold and Thomas and 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

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**SFC WALTER M.  
ZUKOWSKY, #2271**



**ZUKOWSKY, WALTER M., #2271**, passed away on 7 October 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 15 December 1967 as a member of the 74<sup>th</sup> State Police Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 May 1998. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Viet Nam War. He is survived by his wife Carol Ann, his son Michael, seven grandchildren, two step-daughters.

October 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 16 November 1951 as a member of the 40<sup>th</sup> State Police Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 September 1985. He proudly served in the United States Navy during WW II. He was predeceased by his wife Dorothy who passed away in 2014. He is survived by two daughters Karen and Karol.

**SFC HENRY J.  
BUDNIAK, #1428**



**BUDNIAK, HENRY J., #1428**, passed away on Friday, 20 October 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 August 1955 as a member of the 49<sup>th</sup> State Police Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 February 1981. He proudly served in the United States Army as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division during the Korean War. He is pre-deceased by his wife, Peggy. He is survived by his daughter Karen Budniak.

**DSFC LELAND C.  
SHARP, JR., #1550**



**SHARP, LELAND C., JR., #1550**, passed away on 5 October 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 15 July 1957 as a member of the 52<sup>nd</sup> State Police Class and retired at the rank of Detective Sergeant First Class on 1 March 1985. He proudly served in the United States Navy. He is survived by his wife Helen, three sons Craig, Mike, Todd, a daughter Valerie, four grandchildren and one great granddaughter. He is predeceased by his son Eric.

**LIEUTENANT  
SAMUEL COCHRANE,  
#1057**



**COCHRANE, SAMUEL #1057**, passed away on 7

**TROOPER MICHAEL  
C. KODAN, JR., #1644**



**KODAN, MICHAEL C., JR., #1644**, passed away on 12



November 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 August 1960 as a member of the 56<sup>th</sup> State Police Class and retired on 23 April 1971. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1953 until 1956 at the rank of Sergeant. He attended the Valley Forge Military Academy prior to enlisting in the New Jersey State Police. he is survived by his wife of 40 years, Nancy Joan, a son Michael, two daughters Lori Knoll, Lisa Kodan and two step-daughters Cindy and Pamela, five grandchildren Stephen, Aaron, Nancee, Rebecca and Albert.

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## **SFC GERALD T. HUGHES, #1822**



**HUGHES, GERALD T., #1822**, passed away on 17 November 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 30 September 1963 and retired on 1 October 1988 at the rank of SFC. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Ruth, two sons Gerald and Thomas, two daughters Anne Marie and Kathleen, 13 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, two

brothers Gabriel and James and a sister Clare.

### **FTA FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**Sandra DeVane**, beloved Wife of Lt. Edward R. DeVane, #2373 (*Ret.*), passed away on September 21, 2017.

**Judith Jillson**, cherished Mother of Lt. David B. Jillson, #3539 (*Ret.*), passed away on September 21, 2017.

**James Husband, Jr.**, respected Father of Lt. Kim P. Husband, #3018 (*Ret.*), and Grandfather of Detective I Kevin C. Husband, #6506, passed away on October 11, 2017.

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