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MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!



COLONEL'S COMMENTS



It is hard to believe that another three months have passed, and another edition of the FTA Newsletter has gone to press. I remain grateful to Nick Soranno, George Wren, and the entire Former Troopers Association staff for granting me the opportunity to offer some remarks in this publication with regards to what is happening within the Division.

The men and women of The Outfit continue to serve with a steadfast commitment to our core values of Honor, Duty and Fidelity and we have been able to share their passion in the first ever New Jersey State Police Citizens Academy Class which commenced in October and graduated on December 5, 2018. One of the primary goals of the Citizens Academy is to inform a group of enthusiastic citizens representing a cross-section of New Jersey, about the responsibilities, capabilities, operations, procedures and strengths of the New Jersey State Police. This first Citizens Academy class was taken behind the scenes and shown how we utilize the latest in technology, training, and modern policing concepts to prevent, investigate, and solve crime. Over the eight-week course which met one night a week, the attendees had the opportunity to meet our personnel, tour our facilities, and see many of the

tools and equipment we use in our daily operations. It was a phenomenal success resulting in 22 new "ambassadors" for the State Police that fostered an awareness and appreciation of the law enforcement function and specifically, the role of the New Jersey State Police on our highways and in our communities.

Our annual in-service training afforded me and the Command Staff the opportunity to speak to all of our enlisted members over the course of seven weeks throughout the fall. In our daily sessions at Sea Girt, we offered insight on various topics across the Division from body worn cameras, the promotional process, use of force policies and any topics the members of each class wanted to bring up. It was another opportunity for the Command Staff to connect with our members in a classroom setting and to address any issues or concerns they had in their respective assignments. And just as a side note, the question of our uniform came up in just about each session and the dialogue went generally like this: "Colonel, are you considering changing our uniform to get away from wearing the winter blouse?" and my response, "Never, next question!"

As the holidays are approaching quickly, so does the winter weather and our troopers and emergency management staff remain at the ready to guide us through this next winter season. Our daily coordination and collaboration with the Department of Transportation and the Board of Public Utilities serves as another source of tremendous pride for me as I witness the professionalism and commitment of our enlisted and civilian personnel as they approach their mission.

I wish you all a safe and peaceful holiday season and until we meet again, may God hold you all in the hollow of his hand! God Bless you all and stay safe out there!

Colonel Patrick J. Callahan #5243

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope all of you had a very Happy Thanksgiving spending time with family and friends. As I get older and travel around the state attending events and meetings, I appreciate and understand more now what it is to be part of the State Police family. We are extremely fortunate to be part of the history of this great organization.

On November 3, 2018, the Board of Directors hosted the FTA Fall General Meeting, which was attended by members that I have not seen in the past eleven years. It was promising to see them, along with some of our more recent retirees, in attendance and participating.

It was my honor to present this year's Former Trooper of the Year Award to Captain Edward H. Marinelli, #1334 with his family, friends, and fellow troopers present. I also want to personally thank the Marinelli family for their most generous donation to the Heritage Foundation.



At the meeting, we addressed significant issues that are of most concern to our members, along with the financial stability of this organization and our affiliate entities. Those issues include the COLA, pension stability, Medicare Health Care transition to Aetna, HR-218, dues, and membership. Those who were not at the meeting, can view a more descriptive explanation on those topics by Vice President George Wren in the Editor's comments of the newsletter.

I want to thank the board of directors and the members present at the meeting for their support in unanimously approving the raise in dues and the membership changes in our bylaws. With that, I welcome the parents and siblings of all New Jersey State Troopers who are now eligible to become associate members of the Former Troopers Association.

Since the September 2018 newsletter, I have personally met with Colonel Callahan, Senator Sweeney, and the hierarchy of all three active unions to discuss the major issues and concerns of all our troopers, active and retired. I assure you that these issues will remain a priority and I will not stop until I have exhausted all measures to have them addressed.

I direct your attention to the front page of this issue of the newsletter. As you can see, it not only recognizes the holidays, but represents the true spirit of unity of all the organizations committed to supporting and carrying on the traditions of the New Jersey State Police. If we continue to stand in unity, there is nothing that we cannot accomplish.

Lastly, Rhonda, I, and the entire Soranno family want to wish all of you a very happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Warmest Regards, Nick Soranno

FTA Spring Meeting Reminder

The FTA Spring General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019, 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 3, 2018, you missed taking part in the election of Association Officers and two very important issues regarding the continuation and expansion of our Association of Jersey Troopers. Effective January 1, 2019, for a two-year term in office was Lt. John 'Terry' Hennessy, #2109 (*Ret*) as our Treasurer. Also elected as Directors for three-year terms were: Major Joseph J. Craparotta, #1631 (*Ret*); Captain Ernest J. Volkmann, #2547 (*Ret*); Trooper I Dave Scureman, #2924 (*Ret*); and Trooper Robert R. Wilk, #3603 (*Ret*).

I'll begin explaining the first of two very important issues by asking the same question I posed to those in attendance at the General Meeting. "Who can remember the last time the FTA raised its Membership Dues?" As expected, no one could recall. I certainly couldn't, because the last time dues were raised I was still an active Jersey Trooper. However, I did have the benefit of researching just how long ago it really was. Well, it was thriteen years ago, January 1, 2005! That's when dues were raised \$10 per year, from \$25 to \$35. As you can certainly attest, the cost of living has certainly gone up, not to say that our COLA has followed suit, but I was a bit surprised to see that over that thirteen-year period the Consumer Price Index rose 29.11%, or an average of 2.70% per year. As such, if you take our \$35 per year dues and multiply it by 29.11% you achieve an increase of \$10.19 over that period of time. It's amazing that we've been able to keep the Association afloat with such a deficit. To explain it further, I conducted a three-year projected analysis of our dues income at our current \$35 per year rate for Regular Members and our current \$30 per year rate for Associate Members, and another analysis incorporating a \$10 per year rate increase. At the current dues rates per year, minus estimated costs, the Association would incur a loss of (\$47,750) by the end of the third year, 2021. However, that same three year period, minus the same estimated costs, calculated with an increased \$10 per year rate, revealed a profit of \$2,370. As such, a proposed \$10 increase to \$45 per year or \$125 per 3-years for Regular Members and a \$10 increase to \$40 per year or \$110 per 3-years for Associate Members was addressed and approved overwhelmingly by the members present, effective with the upcoming 2019 Membership Renewal. Be aware that the new dues rates were included in your renewal letters that were recently mailed out.

It's important to note that the \$10 increase in dues was not achieved solely on the thriteen-year rise in the Consumer Price Index. If that were the case, we would be raising dues to stay in the red! The costs analysis took into consideration every area of expenses that the Association encounters on an annual basis. As such, in an effort to keep our dues increase to a minimum, various other costs were addressed. One key concern centered on expenses surrounding FTA sponsored social events. The cost to attend the Annual FTA Picnic has been \$25 per person (pp) since 2008 (10-years), the Troops 'A, B & C' Get-togethers have been \$20 pp since 2007 (11-years), and the Florida Winter Party has been \$30 pp since 2000 (18-years). While we realize that no one is eager to raise the price of the picnic, get-togethers, or the Florida Party, does anyone really think that the costs from 10, 11, or 18-years ago are still the same today. Well they're not, and the costs per person will reflect increased pricing for these sponsored social events. Those who are not Members in Good Standing will incur the full cost per person associated with the event. The Association will no longer sponsor individuals who refuse to maintain a Member in Good Standing status, after all that is why we belong to the FTA. While it may seem like the cost of everything is going up, not everything is on the rise. Several administrative steps are being instituted to lower costs, and in some instances eliminate them all together in the near future.

The second important issue that was brought to the floor was addressed by President Soranno and had to do with expanding our membership. Since the establishment of our esteemed Outfit of Jersey Troopers, Family has always been a big part of our existance. And while we all have preached at one time or another about the importance of our extended State Police Family, we really didn't examine what that Family really meant or included. Well, the passing of several Active Jersey Troopers in recent years has opened our eyes to the fact that not all Family Members

were taken into consideration for inclusion in our State Police Family Association. As such, a motion was made to include the "Parents and Siblings of any active Regular Member of the Association, and any active or deceased New Jersey State Trooper, upon proper application to the Secretary, may apply to become an Associate Member." The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous consent of the members present. Our appologies to any Family Member of a Jersey Trooper who may have felt slighted or left out of our State Police Family. Welcome Aboard!

President Soranno also addressed the recent notice that the State will be transitioning from Medicare Advantage plans through Horizon's NJ DIRECT10 or NJ DIRECT15 to Aetna Medicare Advantage. Again, this pertains only to Medicare Recipients, those 65-Years Old and Older! Nick attended a presentation given by Aetna representatives and obtained a copy of their slideshow presentation which he gave to the members in attendance. Additionally, SGT Michael P. Zanyor, #6158 from the STFA/NCO Associations, and who is on the Plan Design Committee for State Health Benefits gave additional information, as did Debbie Prettyman from the NJSP Payroll & Benefits Unit. Throughout a question and answer period they were able to explain the transition and ease concerns. All information obtained to date on this matter has been posted on our FTA Web Site Bulletin Board and on Debbie's Corner.

President Soranno also addressed the recent Memorandum that was released by the Attorney General's Office pertaining to the State's Retired Officers Permit requirements verses the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (HR-218). Several issues contained within the Memorandum appear to be wrong and superseed Federal Law. Members of the NJSP Firearms Unit are in the process of addressing these issues with the AG. Just prior to the newsletter going to press we received a copy of a correspondence addressed to Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal from the outside counsel representing some 28,000 federal law enforcement members, both active and retired, of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, challending New Jersey's guidance and requirements in the face of the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (HR-218). It's an interesting and informed read. I've posted it on the FTA web site Members Page for your review. We will keep you posted on any updated information.

A recent review of some older Association newsletters revealed a type of tradition that appears to have fallen by the wayside, the acknowledging of new Members. While we're not about publish personal addresses and telephone numbers which was the norm, we will start acknowledging new and reinstated members, starting with those who joined our Association during the calendar year 2018, they included:

Michael A. Ambrosio, #4940 – 112th Class Robert Aponte, #5025 – 113th Class Angelo J. Armagno, #5026 – 113th Class Manuel Blasco, #5029 – 113th Class Sean A. Boag, #6021 – 125th Class Karl J. Brobst, #5429 – 116A Class James M. Bryan, #4602 – 108th Class Kevin M. Cowan, #5041 – 113th Class Mark D. Dellavalle, $\#4041 - 102^{nd}$ Class Pamela L. Elliott, #4521 – 107th Class Gary T. Hackerd, #5453 – 116A Class Eric M. Heitmann, #5066 – 113th Class C. D. M. Holjes, #4703 – 109th Class Paul H. Huggins, #4452 – 106th Class John D. Kuchma, Jr., #4892 – 111th Class Lee P. Liddy, #4196 – 103rd Class Richard J. McKay, #5080 – 113th Class Robert A. Paruta, #5084 – 113th Class Glann E. Ross, #5092 – 113th Class Peter J. Salvadore, #3336 – 94th Class Kevin S. Smith, #3584 – 97th Class James S. South, #4238 – 103rd Class Patrick N. Walker, #3676 – 98th Class

John Widovic, #5019 – 112th Class Stephen L. Ritter, #5509 – Reinstatement Colin C. Frinzi, #5054 – 113th Class Brian T. Herr, #5457 – 116A Class Gene A. Noll, #4908 – 111th Class Steven J. Parisi, #4328 – 104th Class Louis G. Talijan, #4344 – 104th Class Heath A. Welsh, #5113 – 113th Class William G. Turner, Jr., #3674 Reinstatement Aryn Cullen, Life Widow of Sean E. Cullen, #7594 David M. Brady, #4854 – 111th Class Kenneth Dohanish, #2606 – 82nd Class Kevin F. Goldberg, #4623 – 108th Class Manuel Gordillo, #3392 – 95th Class Jeffrey W. McCarthy, #3650 – 98th Class Joseph G. Marshello, Jr., #5182 – 114th Class Kenneth Pilanski, #5086 – 113th Class Michael J. Yager, #5115 – 113th Class Kyle F. Kaskiw, #4706 Reinstatement Charles A. Fineran, Jr., #2560 Reinstatement Craig A. McEady, #3723 Reinstatement Frank C. Moore, #3799 Reinstatement Jeffrey R. Heimbach, #6454 – 137th Class

James F. Heitzman, #4701 – 109th Class Chad D. King, #4890 – 111th Class Ronald G. Leach, Jr., #5291 – 115th Class Robert M. Tobey, #5224 – 114th Class Grzegorz S. Zagaja, #6832 – 143rd Class Steven A. Brook, #2645 Reinstatement Dave M. Hodges, #4179 Reinstatement Cynthia Baiton, daughter of Benito J. Mele, #1220 Deana McGauley, daughter of Francis P. Dubois, #3868 Joseph J. Prato, #5309 Active SP Associate John W. Bori, #4944 – 112th Class William B. Carione, Jr., #4025 – 102nd Class Brian Walsh, #3470 – 95th Class Robert A. Catullo, #3613 Reinstatement Anthony J. Mardarello, #3909 Reinstatement John L. Reader, III, #5002 Reinstatement Patrick Jeffrey, #2111 Reinstatement Thomas R. Alexander, #3750 – 100th Class

Anthony F. Ceravolo, #5036 – 113th Class John H. Fallick, Sr., #7476 – 153rd Class Ronald D. Kirby, #4633 – 108th Class Brian M. Lalonde, #6138 – 128th Class Frederick J. Wissing, #4418 – 105th Class Stanley J. Dutkus, Jr., #4613 – 108th Class Lawrence Feuer, #4691 – 109th Class J. Wayne Hancock, #5063 – 113th Class James Muir, Jr., #5189 – 114th Class Brian J. Reilly, #4100 – 102nd Class Len L. Strobel, Jr., #5406 – 116th Class Elizabeth McCormack, daughter of Anthony G. Cowell, #1319 Christopher J. Burgos, #4276 – 104th Class Robert A. Longo, #3904 – Highway Patrol Class John R. Eustace, #5264 – 115th Class James D. Harris, #4174 – 103rd Class Timothy W. Keenan, #3409 – 95th Class Alfred Lugo, #3789 – 100th Class

Welcome Aboard Everyone!

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:

On October 21, 2018, I had the privilege to represent my country under the USATF Federation at the IAAF/WMA Masters World Championship @ the Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon, Toronto Canada. I was fortunate to accomplish a Silver Medalist finish with a time of 3:50:48 in the (M-75-79) Division. As a bonus, a second Silver finisher medal was awarded by virtue of participation in the Scotia Bank Open Marathon. Participating were 28,000 runners, representing 70 countries.

Thank You USATF for the opportunity to represent as a member of TEAM USA. It was an honor. Finally, congratulations to my friend, and fellow age group competitor, Robert Hendrick, for his fine 1st place finish. "Florida Strong." And finally, thank you to all my supporters, USATF, and God Bless America.



TEAM USA Running Jersey



Silver Medal, Scotia Finisher, Silver Masters World Champion



Space Coast 1st Place Medal

Then, on November 25, 2018, John competed in the Space Coast Half Marathon in Coco Beach, FL. Chalk up another 1st Place Finish with a time of 1:45:22, a full 32:39 ahead of the second-place man in the 75-79 age group. The Space Coast Half Marathon is a well know annual race. This year's event drew 4,712 participants which were divided into two courses, a north course and a south course of equal distance. John ran the south course and placed 155th overall of the 4,712 runners. That's pretty amazing!

Congratulations John on two more fantastic finishes! Best of luck on April 15, 2019, at the Boston Marathon. We'll be rooting for you, every step of the way!

In closing, I'd like to send out a special thank you to Sergeant Edward T. Long, #6305, New Jersey State Police, Traffic & Public Safety Office at Division Headquarters for responding to my inquiry in the September 2018 newsletter to help identify the four unknown Troopers pictured in front of the old Tuckerton Barracks. Well according to Sergeant Long, the third Trooper from the left is his Grandfather, then Trooper Thomas F. Stuebing, #679. An August 15, 1928, graduate of the 27th Class, Trooper Stuebing's State Police career spanned almost twenty-seven years, when he retired from service at the rank of Captain on May 2, 1965. Anyone else know who the remaining three Troopers are?

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



FEATURED MEMBER(S)

CAPTAIN EDWARD H. MARINELLI, #1334 (RET) RECEIVES COVETED 2018 FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Captain Marinelli proudly displays his award, surrounded by Family, and flanked by LTC Geoffrey D. Noble, #5384; FTA President, Captain Nicholas C. Soranno, Jr., #3065 (Ret); and Vice President, Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 (Ret).

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers is proud to announce one of its outstanding retired Jersey Troopers, Captain Edward H. Marinelli, #1334 (Ret) as the 2018 Former Trooper of the Year! This award was presented at the Association's Fall General Meeting on November 3, 2018, before a packed house of Active and Retired Jersey Troopers, State Police Civilian Staff and Family attending the event at State Police Headquarters in West Trenton.

Captain Marinelli was chosen to receive this award in recognition of his 31-years of dedicated service with the New Jersey State Police, his military service with the United States Air Force during the Korean War, his 11-year community service with the Town of Hammonton, as Mayor (1988-89), Planning Board Member (2008-09), and as its Chairman (2011 to date). For his and his family's 29-year dedication to their community as owner/operator of Toni's Custard Stand, and to their lifelong active membership at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish, St. Joseph's Church.

Also, in special recognition after the death of his son, Edward, Jr., he organized and presided over the Edward H. Marinelli, Jr., Memorial Fund, where proceeds were used to build the entrance to the Greenmount Cemetery, an altar in The Holy Sepulcher Cemetery to hold special masses, a handicap ramp and staircase at the local VFW, and a much needed renovation to the Educational Conference Room at St. Agnes Hospital, dedicated in his son's memory.

And, in special recognition of his volunteer service to the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, as a 33-year Member in Good Standing, his 3-year service as a Director (1998-2000), his long-standing voluntary assistance at the annual FTA Picnic, and for his 33-year perennial organizing of the Troop 'A' Old-Timers Annual Get-together. A lifelong resident, Captain Marinelli and his wife Antoinette continue to make Hammonton their home, surrounded by family and friends. Captain Edward H. Marinelli, #1334, a truly altruistic individual who embodies the values of Honor, Duty, Fidelity! Congratulations Captain Marinelli!

PS: Visit https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/MarinelliArticle.pdf for an even greater perspective of Captain Marinelli's achievements via the Front-Page article written by Stephen Pistone, in The Hammonton Gazzette newspaper on November 21, 2018!

2018 has been a year of in-depth research into the history of our Association of Former Jersey Troopers. There have been highpoints and some low-points, but what's most important is that thanks to those records that have been saved over the years, and a few that have been donated, a better understanding of where our Association has been and where we are headed has been obtained. Don't get me wrong, there are still a lot of empty spaces where the contents of past records are unknown, but we are striving to fill in the blanks. Since the September issue of this newsletter, I've received donated records from one, that's right – one Association Member. As such, I am again asking if anyone possesses any past documentation from the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, or its affiliates, to please let our office know. We will gladly make arrangements to have them copied for inclusion in our historic records archive and return them to you. Any records, past Newsletters, Meeting Minutes, Letters, whatever will be greatly appreciated!

AN OVERSIGHT CORRECTED SIXTEEN YEARS LATER

An example of how important it is to obtain an accurate record of our history came about during the selection process of this Year's Former Trooper of the Year. While reviewing past documents it was learned that a past recipient of our prestigious award received in 2002 was presented with the ceremonial plaque that unfortunately did not recognize it as being the coveted 2002 Former Trooper of the Year. As such, the Board addressed this oversight and unanimously agreed to correct the sixteen-year-old shortcoming. Therefore, immediately following the presentation of this year's 2018 Former Trooper of the Year Award to Captain Edward H. Marinelli, #1334 (*Ret*), Major George T. Coyle, Sr., #1528 (*Ret*) was presented with a new plaque accurately depicting his 2002 receipt of the Former Trooper of the Year Award. Congratulations Major Coyle!



Major Coyle proudly displays his newly updated award, with his Wife Arlene, and flanked by LTC Geoffrey D. Noble, #5384; FTA President, Captain Nicholas C. Soranno, Jr., #3065 (Ret); and Vice President, Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 (Ret).

Pictures courtesy of our Association Secretary, Raymond Chintall.

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

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

IN 1967, WHO WAS THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE N.J.S.P?

Here are the facts: During the Newark Riots and due to the numerous numbers of arrests, a shortage of handcuffs became a problem. After the arrests there was another problem, trying to get the cuffs back to the Troopers' to whom they were originally issued.

In an attempt to solve this problem a manufacturer came up with a plan to alleviate this situation by manufacturing plastic cuffs.

One day during working hours at Division Headquarters a public announcement was made advising "All" available personnel to report to the gym. As we entered the gym there was a salesman behind a table with packages of plastic cuffs. After he gave a short presentation, he then asked for volunteers to come forward to test their effectiveness.

If I remember correctly, the first three men to volunteer were serious weigh-lifters who were proud of their massive arms. They were Werner Schlichting, Phil Berman and Dickie Horn.

The men were then cuffed and instructed to try to break themselves free. Straining and making all kinds of faces, no one succeeded, and the cuffs were then snipped off. More Troopers came forward and tried with the same results. I wasn't about to volunteer since I never lifted weights and had no muscle tone. While I was in the academy, I spent my free time swimming or playing volley or basketball.

At times it was a bit funny watching all the crazy faces some of the men made. Some looked like they were in a lot of pain, while others looked like they were having trouble with a bowel movement.

I then decided to give it a try. Since no one succeeded I felt like I couldn't embarrass myself, so I went up, had the cuffs put on, and got ready. I took a deep breath, flexed and broke the cuffs. The salesman quickly ran over and blamed the manufacturer for the faulty cuffs. They put on another pair and I broke them. The salesman then put on another one an I broke that as well. The salesman in bitter disappointment took his briefcase and walked out of the gym.

A week later, Division assigned me to report to Sea Girt every Monday morning to demonstrate the use of plastic cuffs to members of the Riot Control Class called, "Operation Combine."

The purpose of my demonstration was to alert all the police departments in attendance to be careful what they purchased because these cuffs were not acceptable.

Having read this personal accounting can you name this Former Jersey Trooper? His identity can be found elsewhere in this publication, but you'll have to look for it!

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



A GLIMPSE BACK INTO THE CRIME OF THE CENTURY!

From time to time photos and documents are offered, highlighting historical events of State Police history that give a glimpse of what happened and how it was actually reported. A special thanks to SFC Timothy M. O'Riordan, #3046 (*Ret*), who has offered to share a special lookback if you will of what appears to be a carbon copy right out of the typewriter on October 31, 1934, of the Special Report of Investigation, authored by then Trooper Dennis R. Dore, #522, of the Penns Neck Station, documenting the events surrounding the arrest of Bruno Richard Hauptmann.

SFC O'Riordan explained that this report was given to him by Bobby Dore, the son of Trooper Dennis Dore. According to Bobby Dore, his father received many commendations for arrests which SFC O'Riordan has copies. Dennis Dore eventually left the NJSP at the rank of Lieutenant after eleven-years of service. He then worked at the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. The following is a copy of the actual report by Trooper Dore!

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

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

SPECIAL REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

	SPECIAL REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
	STATION Penns Neck AJ TROOP DATE Oct 51,1954 19
	REPORT OF
	ACCOMPANIED BY Det. Sgt. Wallage J. S. P.
	SUBJECT: Activity on Hamptman case.
	1.
	On Sept.10,1934 Lt.Dunn phoned this station and advised that I was to get into civilian clothes and go with Det.Sgt.Wallace who would pick me up at this station.
	Later Dt.Sgt.Wallace stopped at this station and picked up Tpr.Gable who had reported to this station, and myself and proceeded to Wood- bridge and Milltown stations where we picked up Tpr.J.Matey and Det.Lambert- son.We then proceeded to Police hadtrs.at downtown N.Y.C.
	At that place was given instructions by Capt.Lamb to look for a man that had been passing Lindbergh money and a description of this man was given. I was detailed to watch the vicinity of 3rd Av. and 67th St. in company
	with Department of Justice Agent Sam Hardy. Stayed at this post with no success with Agent Hardy until Sept. 18th and was given instructions to report to the vicinity of Grand Concourse and
	Forcham Rd. and work with Det. Sgt. Wallace of this dept. and two N.Y.C. Detect- ives. Proceeded to above place and met Sgt. Wallace and Dets. Gronin and Wall- ace of the N.Y.C. Police.
	Stayed at this post until about 5.00 P.M. of the same date and Det.Sgt.Wallace was given instructions to report to 222nd St., in the Bronx with Dets.Gronin, Wallace and myself and to meet Lt.Keaton of this dept. and
	Lt.Finn of the N.Y.C.Police. Proceeded to above place and met Lt.Keaton and Det.Horn of this dept.Lt.Finn of the N.Y.C.Police and Dept.of Justice Agent Cist.Lt.Keaton
	explained that one of the Lindbergh bills had been passed in a gas station and the attendant wrote the number of car that man who had passed bill was
	driving. The motor wehicle Dept. showed it was Richard Hauptman of 1279 A.
	and Det. Wallace of the M.Y.C. Police. Proceeded with them to 222nd St. and parked near Hauptmans Home waiting for him to return as his car was not in the garage. Waited there until about 2.00 A.M. and was instructed by Lt. Keaton
	to go to a hotel and get some sleep and return in the morning about 0.00 As
	Hauptmans was house for his car to leave about 9.00 A.E. his car which was a
	ed the car and stopped same at the first opportunity.Det.Sgt.Wallace,Det. Wallace and myself was in the car and both jumped out and had Hauptman pull to the curb.Lt.Keaton,Det.Horn and the N.Y.C.men and Federal Agents who
-1	were also following the car searched the man and the car and then started back to his (Hauptmans home). See page #2
	Signature
	Officer's Signature

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

SPECIAL REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

STATION Penns Neck NJ TROOP "C" DATE Oct. 31, 1934 19

REPORT OF Tor. D. Dore \$522

ACCOMPANIED BY Det. Sgt. Wallace, N. J. S. P.

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SUBJECT: Activity on Hauptman case.

1. While searching Hauptman a wallet was taken from his back pants pocket and a \$20.00 bill was taken from the wallet which one of the federal men ekecked in the book which contained the mumbers of the Lindbergh and the bill was one of the ransom money.

While the rest of the men waited the arrival of Inspector Lyons of the N.Y.C.Police was detailed by Lt.Keaton to accompany Det.Cronin to Hauptmans Home and hold anyone leaving the house.Proceeded there and waited as instruct ed until the arrival of the above men who then searched the house.Agter searching the house they left and I was detailed with Det.Cronin to wait in the house and to hold anyone that came in and to watch Mrs.Hauptman who was in the house.Stayed there until relieved by Det.Sgt.Haussling of this department and one of the N.Y.C.detectives and then reported with Det.Cronin to police hdgtrs.downtown.Hauptmans car had been left at the house and we drove down in that and left same at the Greenwich St.station.

Stayed at the Greenwick St. station until Sept. 21st and then reported to the Bronx County Courthouse with the rest of the men on this detail and was relieved by Capt. Lamb and told to report back to station on Sept. 23rd

Reported back to this station on Sept. 23rd.

Signature Tpr. D. Dore#522
Officer's Signature

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BUSINESS UPDATES

N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

The Foundation Trustee Directors continue on with the charitable benevolences to be offered in several areas of our future endeavors. In association with the FTA, the Heritage Foundation continues our pursuit towards obtaining approvals for the installation of a columbarium in the Memorial Garden as well as several other charitable projects. Keep in mind, until the Foundation receives those approvals it will not begin raising funds for its construction. As soon as those approvals are obtained you will begin seeing funding drives and events to help secure donations to facilitate construction of that projects and our other benevolences. Remember, the Heritage Foundation is the 'Non Profit,' charitable arm of our Association, and that all donations are tax deductible.



TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC.



Our Logo Merchandise Store continues to do a great business, and our Internet sales operation is expanding nicely. Jackie Snyder's been busy ordering a new line of winter stock and holiday merchandise to satisfy your Christmas shopping needs. The rest is up to you! Don't miss out on this year's NJSP Mounted Trooper Ornament and the 2019 Calendar! 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. Store hours will be extended for the holiday season to include: Monday thru Friday, December 3rd through December 21st, 10:00am to 2:00pm, Saturday, December 15th, 9:30am to 3:00pm for the Division Holiday Party, and December 24th, 10:00am to Noon!



FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

OVER THE HILL GANG - ABSECON STATION REUNION 2019



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

SAVE THE DATES



THE 2018 STATE POLICE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



The annual State Police Holiday Open House is scheduled for Saturday, December 15, 2018, at the State Police Museum and Learning Center, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. As always, <u>ALL</u> 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 2019 calendars. Don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase that special gift for that special active, retired, or "future" Jersey Trooper.

THE 2019 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY



The Florida Winter Party will be held on Tuesday, March 12th and Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 at the Crown Plaza Melbourne Oceanside, which is still a Holiday Inn facility.

Festivities will begin on Tuesday, March 12th 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 buffet dinner. After dinner there will be a D/J present for your dancing pleasure.

The reunion will begin on Wednesday, March 13th, 2019. 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 \$42.50 per day per person in good standing. Thus, \$170 per couple for two days. The cost for former troopers not in good standing is \$63.75 per day per person or \$255 per couple for two days. Payment must be made through the FTA Office (609-882-2000, ext. 2220). **Use the Registration Form on page #38!** 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 9th to Friday, March 15, 2019. 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, 2019.**

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 questions, 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 25, 2019, 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. Every Jersey Trooper who started their career reporting to Hammonton Headquarters should be attending. The cost now is \$22.00 per person in good standing 'early registration.' The price for Non-FTA retiree attendance is \$33.00 per person. Use the Registration Form on page #38!

STATE POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE



The Annual State Police Memorial Service is scheduled to take place at 11:00 a.m., May 1, 2019, 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



RAY MILLER – NEW JERSEY AMERICAN LEGION STATE COMMANDER / 2018 – 2019

The FTA would like to congratulate Ray Miller, #2538 on his election as Commander of the New Jersey Department of The American Legion for 2018 and 2019. In his position as Commander, Ray represents over 42,000 members of The American Legion in New Jersey. The American Legion will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2019 and was originally formed to assist veterans of World War I. It is also dedicated to sponsoring many other charitable causes relating to veterans.

Ray is a United States Air Force veteran and a long-time member of The American Legion. He has held many offices at the local and state level and served as the Commander of the George P. Vanderveer Post 129 in Toms River, N.J. for two years. Post 129 is the largest Post in the State of New Jersey with over 1,800 members. In addition, Ray served as the Ocean County Commander for two years and as a member of the Department Executive Committee for two years. Ray, along with Stan Adams, #1316 and Bill Vowell, #2763 also hosts periodic luncheons for active and retired Troopers at the Toms River American Legion Post. Congratulations Commander Miller!

Submitted by: Captain Ernest J. Volkmann, #2547 (Ret)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ALL VETS SHOULD KNOW

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

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

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

HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC INFORMATION

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY



All those who participated in this Flag Raising! visit: https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/FlagRaising.pdf



Douglas Sabol, flanked by Major Linden, Captain Bumbera and Trooper Gusrang

On October 13, 2018 at 0900 hrs., a United States of America Flag was raised at the "Operation Safe Haven" facility located at 1664 Delsea Drive, Franklinville, NJ. Operation Safe Haven was formally the home of the Village Dock Campground and is now being developed to house homeless disabled veterans who are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and addiction related illnesses. Operation Safe Haven is led by Pastor Donnie Davis of Amazing Grace Ministries.

The flag was raised on a recycled flagpole, previously located at the long time (now closed) New Jersey State Police, Troop "A" Hammonton Headquarters on US 30 in Mullica Township, Atlantic County, NJ. The Troop "A"

facility was closed in 1996 after the new Troop "A" Headquarters was built in nearby Buena Vista Township. This entire endeavor is the result of a Boy Scouts of America-Eagle Scout Service Project that was created by Douglas Sabol of the Daretown, Troop 60 Boy Scouts located in Elmer, NJ. After learning about Operation Safe Haven, Douglas discovered the facility did not have a flagpole and believed the veterans deserved to have one at the facility honoring their service to our country. Douglas received permission from both the NJ Attorney General's Office and the New Jersey State Police to remove the flagpole from its original location to be utilized at the Operation Safe Haven facility. With the help of fellow scouts and adult volunteers, the flagpole was relocated to the Operation Safe Have location. The entire project spanned over a five-month period and was completed on September 18, 2018. Douglas Sabol is the son of Major George R. Sabol, #4335 (*Ret*)! Additional FTA and NJSP members who took part in the ceremony included: Colonel Carl A. Williams, Jr., #1872 (*Ret*); LTC Louis P. Klock, #4459 (*Ret*); Major Kirk C. McLaughlin, #4469 (*Ret*); Troop 'A' Commander, Major Robert Linden, #5293; Captain Richard A. Bumbera, #5336; and Trooper Sean M. Gusrang, #8004.

Local sponsors who assisted Douglas with his project include: Joseph Fazzio, Inc., Glassboro, NJ; Home Depot of Mantua, NJ; Eric Krise Electrical Contractor, Elmer, NJ; and Steven Foster Trucking, Pilesgrove, NJ.

Special congratulations to Major Sabol, his son Douglas and all the Boy Scouts, volunteers, and sponsors who helped reawaken the prominent, former Troop 'A' flag pole, to once again fly the proud colors of the United States of America at such an important facility, in honor of those veterans who have and continue to sacrifice so much in their service of our country. Pics courtesy George Sabol.

PIG PEN BARBEQUE TEAM WIN PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The FTA Annual Picnic held on August 17, 2018 was a great success and as those of you who attended know, a new supplier of Pulled Pork provided this delicious menu item. The supplier was none other than Rich Militano #2673 and his Pig Pen Barbeque Team. Rich and his team have been competing on the highly competitive professional BBQ circuit for fourteen years. The team competes in approximately fourteen to fifteen events during the year. On August 25, 2018, one week after the FTA Picnic, Rich and his team traveled to New Holland, Pa. for the Pennsylvania State BBQ Championship Competition. There were seventy-two teams in attendance and Pig Pen BBQ was crowned the Pennsylvania State Champion in the Pulled Pork category. The other members of the team were John Petracca #2501 and four friends, Ted Czhor, Scott Monsey, Ken Romilios



John Petracca #2501 (far left) & Rich Militano #2673 (center) and the Pig Pen Barbecue Team celebrate their PA Title!

and Will Shelton. The Pig Pen BBQ team has previously won State Championships in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

In 2010, the team was chosen to compete in the Jack Daniels World Invitational Barbeque Championship in Lynchburg, Tennessee. This is an international competition limited to 120 of the world's best teams and is considered to be one of the premier events on the circuit. Rich and the team were very proud to have placed sixty-fifth out of the 120 world wide competitors in their first international competition.

Congratulations to Rich and his team for their success in the Pennsylvania State Championship and good luck in future competitions. The FTA looks forward to a continued relationship with Rich and his Team in the coming years at our Annual Picnic.

The FTA also would like to thank Wayne Shelton #3061, who has decided to hang up his barbeque apron, after many years of supplying Pulled Pork to our members at the Picnic.

Submitted by: Captain Ernest J. Volkmann, #2547 (Ret)



Pictured is Officer Ellisha Peatros, Metro Division, Camden County Police, posing with a young Trick or Treater on Halloween evening. Looks like she may have a potential recruit in the making. Ellisha is the Granddaughter of Captain Joseph Curry, #1701 (*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)



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.

FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The FTA Board of Directors will be seeking nominations from our members for the 2019 Former Trooper of the Year. Careful consideration must be given in this selection process. The following guidelines should be considered in, but not limited to, the selection of the person who best represents the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers:

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

4. Has the candidate best represented the traditions of the New Jersey State Police and the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers?

Presentation of the award will be made at a location determined by the Board of Directors for the convenience of all involved.

If you have someone that you would like to nominate, send all information via a Letter of Nomination to the: FTA, PO Box 7852, West Trenton, NJ 08628, no later than August 31, 2019. Your nomination will be given careful consideration. Final determination will be made by the Association's Board of Directors.

BESSIE'S CORNER

Well, the colder weather has arrived and soon we will be welcoming in 2019! I've been enjoying my job with JetBlue and all the locales with layovers I've been too. Who knows, maybe I'll run into some of you!

I've received quite a few calls and emails regarding the roll over into the Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan for those retirees of Medicare age that are currently enrolled in **NJ DIRECT 10 and Traditional Medicare.** By now, those affected will have received information in the mail. This change does



NOT affect those enrolled in either the NJ Direct 15 and Traditional Medicare or in a Medicare Advantage Plan.

I have been told that the Aetna Advantage plan has the same co-pays and the same coverage as Traditional Medicare and NJ Direct 10. I have advised folks to reach out to their doctors to ensure they will accept this new plan. For those who have doctors that will not accept the Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan, I recommend enrolling in the NJ Direct 15 and Traditional Medicare Plans. You need to complete and submit a change form ASAP, as the coverage will be effective January 1, 2019. Please see below.

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: https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/forms/hr0944.pdf

Additional Medicare Premium Payments Information:

Medicare premium payments are due quarterly to Social Security, and are reimbursed MONTHLY in your pension check. If you are subject to additional Medicare premium payments due to a second job or above the limits in annual salary, you are entitled to reimbursement of those additional premium payments from Pensions and Benefits. Please click here for information on the reimbursement process: https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/pension-retirees.shtml

The due dates for 2018 additional premium payments will be posted in January of 2019. The process remains the same, the only thing that changes is the date for final submittal of the prior year.

HEALTH PLAN INFORMATION:

Please click here on a side by side comparison chart for the various health plans for 2019: https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/hb/oe2018/hr0898.pdf

Information regarding the various dental plans:

https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/factsheets/fact73.pdf

Summary of Benefits & Coverage for Health Plans for 2019:

https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/hb-sbc-state-retired-19.shtml

Social Security Information:

https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-Medicare-and-You.pdf

Information regarding 2019 rates for those who pay full cost:

https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/hb/oe2018/state-retired-including-rx.pdf

2019 Dental Rates: https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/hb/oe2018/retiree-dental.pdf

Change in Life Event/Change of Coverage:

Any time there is a life changing event (marriage (new spouse/dependents), divorce, death of spouse, adoption, or change in medical or dental coverage), a change form must be completed and submitted to Pension and Benefits.

During your appointment regarding your upcoming retirement and the completion of paperwork, etc., if for some reason, you want to DECLINE a particular health benefit, usually dental, as this is a cost to the retiree, I recommend checking the "WAIVER" box and NOT "Decline." Why you may ask? In the event something changes, (cheaper insurance no longer available or no dental insurance selected), by checking the WAIVER box, this will allow you to re-enroll if the situation arises. Once you check the "Decline" box, you will no longer have the option of re-enrolling at a later time.

I always recommend Waiver instead of decline, it is of no cost to you and if something does change and you need this benefit later on, it will be available to you.

A <u>LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT</u> 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? You can access that information through your MBOS account, and if it needs to be changed, you can do it right online. If you do not have an MBOS account. You can download a change form from Pensions website here: https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/forms/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:

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

For more information regarding this benefit and the Certificate of Group Life Insurance, click here: https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/forms/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 <u>bjones@ftanjsp.org</u> 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.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful, joyous, happy and healthy holiday season and warm and wonderful 2019. 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

ASSOCIATION OF FORMER NEW JERSEY STATE TROOPERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, Inc., is pleased to announce that it will be awarding scholarships for the upcoming school year ending in June 2019. Only those students that are seniors and are graduating from High School in June 2019 need apply. Student applicants must be the child, grandchild, step-child, or step-grandchild of a member in good standing of the FTA.

This scholarship program is particularly important as it directly benefits the continuing education of FTA Members' descendants. 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 Grade Point Averages and extracurricular activities are exceptional, with the remainder of the scholarships awarded by a random drawing.

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 will be available in early January 2019 on our FTA "Members Only" web site under "Forms." Completed applications must be received no later than April 15, 2019. Scholarship winners will be selected at the May 4th Spring General Meeting.

If you have any questions, please call a committee member: Ernest Volkmann – Chairman @ (732) 254-5322, Ken Wondrack @ 732-223-5259, Michael McLaughlin @ (609) 820-3040, Dave Scureman @ (201) 323-6795, or Heidi Scripture @ (973) 590-6896.

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 2019 drawing are do prior to April 30, 2019. Applications for scholarship and "interest-free" loans can be found on the FTA website.



Happy Hanukkah!

COMICS & CONSIDERATIONS

One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas Day. Don't clean it up too quickly. ~ Andy Rooney

When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things—not the great occasions—give off the greatest glow of happiness.

~ Bob Hope

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AUTO SHIELDS

THE FORMER NEW JERSEY STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION, INC., in association with TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC., has authorized the sale and display of the pictured Auto Shield. Each shield bears a registration number assigned to the buyer. Proceeds benefit the many charities undertaken by the FTA organizations.

To purchase a shield, simply contact **TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC.,** @ (609) 882-2000 X:3067. Each shield now costs \$149.63 (shipping, handling, and sales tax included).

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

Dear Former Troopers Association,

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the FTA 2018 Scholarship Award. The award gives me an opportunity to earn skills that will further my education and will allow me to contribute to public safety in my future. Thank you personally for your generosity once again, thank you for the vote of confidence. I am committed to my education and to public safety, and one step closer to becoming an enforcer of the law, thanks to your continued generosity and the FTA Scholarship award.

Sincerely, Arielle Aigotti Granddaughter – James J. Morrison, #2675 To Whom It May Concern,

Enclosed, kindly find a check in the amount of \$150.00 I memory of Joseph Rogalski. Joe was a valuable member of our organization while serving as a Lieutenant in what was then the Cargo Theft Unit stationed in Edison, New Jersey. Although Joe retired in 1999, he stayed in contact with many of our members, several of whom now work in the private sector after retiring from Law Enforcement.

As information, the Eastern Region Transportation Security Council (ERTSC) is a private association comprised of members of the transportation security community, the insurance industry. Loss prevention and security agencies, retailers and law enforcement. Our association meets regularly to share critical intelligence on criminal enterprises targeting these entities, including asset protection, counterfeiting, and technological advancement to protect assets.

Major Ronald Hampton is an active participant in our group, and we support the current Interstate Major Theft North and South Units in a variety of ways.

We hope this contribution in Joe's memory reflects our commitment to the Former Troopers program.

Respectfully, Kurt A. Duesterdick Chairman 2018

N.J. Former Troopers Association,

Thank you for all your kind words, assistance and memorials. Andy was part of a great organization that continues to assist Retired Troopers and their families!! Such a noble cause you all have undertook and continue to bring comfort and assistance to families with such compassion and support.

Thank You, The Chavez Family

September 29, 2018

Former Troopers Association,

Thank you very much for the beautiful plaque of remembrance of Andy! It is stunning. We are so thrilled to receive it and will place it in a space of honor in our home.

Your thoughtfulness and kindness will never be forgotten!

The Chavez Family

September 2018

Former Troopers Association,

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the beautiful tile and formal pictures of our beloved husband and dad from his years in the State Police. We truly appreciate your thoughts, kindness, and prayers at this most difficult time.

With Love and Gratitude, The Catalano Family Former Troopers Association,

On behalf of the New Jersey State Police Survivors of the Triangle, C.O.P.S. Chapter we wish to express our appreciation for your support of the 14th Annual Survivors Cup Golf Tournament.

The success of this event would not have been possible without your valued sponsorship.

Thank you again and we hope you share our good feeling in knowing that your contribution helped to provide needed support for our families of NJ State Troopers who died in the line of duty.

Michelle Carroll President

Former Troopers Association,

Thank you so much for your support at this trying time. The service was beautiful. Everyone has commented on how nice everything was. The plaque is so nice. We will treasure it for many years.

The Zarrelli Family

November 24, 2018

George J. Wren, Ret. Lt.,

Thank you ever so much for your kind words regarding the passing of my husband, Andrew Chavez. Also, it was wonderful to see The Life Membership Card again. Andy would always be on the look out for the new card, and now I can continue receiving my card! Thank you all sooo very much!!! Capt. Michael McLaughlin was so wonderful and thoughtful giving us all the info we needed and spent time speaking with my son, Andrew and my daughter, Tracy and I.....meant a lot to us.

It was always a honor to be associated with the NJSP brotherhood, as Andy would say.....he would refer to the organization as thee elite and was sooo proud to be part of the NJSP!

Thank you again. We hope to request a "paver" in remembrance of Andy next year....we will be in touch again.

Sincerely, Martha Chavez

Dear FTA Members,

I would like to thank the Editor of True Blue & Gold for including my article in the Historical Highlights section of this publication. I was in fact that Trooper, who back in 1967 broke three sets of plastic handcuffs during that presentation in the Division Headquarters Gymnasium, and I continued to do so during repeated presentations requisite to 'Operation Combine' training at the Sea Girt Academy. A proud member of the 46th Class, I retired after thirty-two years of State Police Service on June 1st, 1986, at the rank of Lieutenant. I currently reside in Manasquan, N.J. with my loving wife Barbara.

I am, Respectfully, Lt. Ralph E. Meade, #1335 (Ret)



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LT ANDREW CHAVEZ, SR., #2011



SGT CHARLES R. **CATALANO, #1879**



CHAVEZ, ANDREW SR., #2011, passed away on Tuesday, 11 September 2018. He enlisted in the State Police on 13 September 1965 as a member of the 68th State Police Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 June 1984. He proudly served in the United States Navy at the rank of Aviation 2nd Class. He was a trained Polygraphist for the State Police and utilized this expertise in positions held after his retirement. He is survived by his wife Martha, a son Lt. Andrew Chavez, Jr., #5131 (NJSP), and a daughter Tracey Chavez who is employed for the New Jersey State Police at the R.I.O.C.

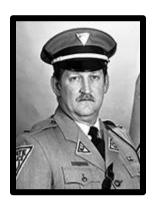
CATALANO, CHARLES R., #1879, passed away on Wednesday, 12 September 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 25 May 1964 as a member of the 64th State Police Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 June1984. He was recognized by the Association as the 2010 Former Trooper of the Year. He proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1959 to 1963. After retirement he served as Chief of Detectives in Sussex County. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Mae, and six children - Kathleen, Charles, Stacey, Coleen, Mary and Brian.

LT CHARLES N. ZARRELLI, #3955



ZARRELLI, CHARLES N., #3955, passed away on Wednesday, 19 September 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 21 January 1984 as a member of the Highway Patrol Class and retired at the of rank Lieutenant on 1 September 1998. After his retirement he worked for the New Jersey State Department of Health and Human Services as a statewide **EMT** Training Coordinator. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Linda, his Chuck son and daughter Lorraine and one grandson.

LT WILLIAM H. SANDERS, SR., #1908



State Police on 2 March 1964 as a member of the 79th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 7 December 1993. He proudly served in the United States Army, National Guard. He was predeceased by his wife Veronica in 2004 and is survived by his son Charles and granddaughter Holly.

LT JOHN J. MAZIEKIEN, #889



SANDERS, WILLIAM Н., #1908, passed away on Sunday, 23 September 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 25 May 1964 as a member of the 64th State Police Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 June 1989. He proudly served in the United States Air Force. He was predeceased by his wife of 56 years Nancy. He is survived by his six children Bill, John, Dawn, Day, Joshua and Joel, twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild.

SGT NORBERT R. MALUCHNIK, #3908



MALUCHNIK. **NORBERT R.,** #3908, passed away on Tuesday, 9 October 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 21 January 1984 as a member of the Highway Patrol Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant in 1996. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife Joan, two sons Dennis Kevin, and and four grandchildren.

MAZIEKIEN, JOHN J., #889,

passed away on Thursday, 11 October 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 September 1947 as a member of the 33rd Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 April 1979. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during WWII and took part in the invasion and liberation of Iwo Jima. During his time after the war in addition to his service in the New Jersey State Police he was very active in various Veterans associations, serving in the leadership roles. He was predeceased by his wife of 54 vears Marie Inez. He is survived by children: John 3rd, Lee, Joseph, Marie Inez, Lou-Ann, and Mary Ellen, and grandchildren.

LT CHARLES J. SZUKIS, #1866



SZUKIS, CHARLES J., #1866, passed away on 1 October 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey

LT RICHARD DECKER, #1058



DECKER, RICHARD, #1058. passed away at the age of 92 on Saturday, 13 October 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 16 November 1951 as a member of the 40th State Police Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 December 1977. He proudly served in the United States Army, First Calvary, Fifth Regiment during WWII. He is predeceased by his son Richard. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Colleen, a daughter Lisa Bachman, three granddaughters, and three great granddaughters.

TROOPER CHARLES E. KOROSTYNSKI, #1997



KOROSTYNSKI, CHARLES **E.,** #1997, passed away on Sunday, 14 October 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 7 June 1965 as a member of the 67th State Police Class and resigned on 15 January 1971. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He served as an Agent in the NJ Division of Gaming Enforcement and then started his own private detective agency. He was predeceased by his wife Angela and is survived by his son Charles. and two granddaughters.

SFC MARVIN S. BOBB, #1237



BOBB, MARVIN S., #1237. passed away on Thursday, 4 October 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 11 December 1953 as a member of the 44th State Police Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 May 1976. He proudly served in the United States Navy and served during WWII and the Korean War. He was predeceased by his wife Jeanne and daughter Norma. He is survived by his children: Richard, Nancy, Elaine and sonin-law Kelly, 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

TROOPER I JOSEPH O. ERB, #4049



ERB, JOSEPH O., #4049, passed away on Thursday, 8 November 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 13 June 1985 as a member of the 102nd State Police Class and retired on 1 June 1998 due to injuries sustained from and accident while patrolling the Garden State Parkway. He is survived by his wife of 37 years Donna, his children Joseph, Stacie, Julie, Michael, and Brittany.

SFC JOHN F. MURPHY, #3729



MURPHY, JOHN F., #3729, passed away on Sunday, 18 November 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 2 July 1982 as a member of the 99th State Police Class and retired on 1 March 2011 at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 March 2011. He was predeceased by his wife Patricia Ann and is survived by his loving children: Joseph, Sean, Mary Katherine, Colleen Rose and Meghan Ann.

FTA FAMILY & FRIENDS

Stanley T. Jankowski, respected Brother of LTC Richard Jankowski, #1750 (*Ret*) passed away on October 9, 2018.

Esther Slota, cherished Mother of Lt. John D. Slota, #2513 (*Ret*) passed away on November 15, 2018.



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