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***Best wishes to all throughout this joyful holiday season,
and in celebration of the beginnings of a happy, healthy,
and prosperous New Year.***

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COLONEL'S COMMENTS



Greetings from Building #15 at Division Headquarters. As always, it is my hope that this edition of the FTA Newsletter finds you all healthy. It has been a busy few months for The Outfit and I will just outline a few noteworthy topics of interest from the past few months.

I would first like to congratulate the FTA on what could only be categorized as a tremendous and successful 60th Anniversary FTA picnic. It was great to see troopers, both retired and active, that were able to make it out. And although the food, music, venue and weather were perfect, it was the camaraderie and “war stories” that made the day so special and memorable. A special thanks to all FTA members who made the picnic a phenomenal event.

On October 30, 2019, we held an event at Sea Girt for Colonel Justin J. Dintino, #1152 on his 91st birthday. Colonel Dintino was gracious enough to donate a repository of 300 books and reports to our State Police library regarding the history and evolution of organized crime in New Jersey. The day began in Building #26 where 100 troopers were in attendance for in-service training and they had the opportunity to be addressed by Colonel Dintino and to hear him say how proud he is of the State Police and how much it meant to him to be a Jersey Trooper. It made the hair on my neck stand up to see Colonel Dintino in front of a classroom of 100 troopers and I was grateful the State Police family was able to share a part of his 91st birthday with him.

The committee for the 100th Anniversary of The Outfit has been created and has already met a few times to lay the groundwork for what this milestone will mean to the Division. We all realize that we have one chance to get this anniversary right and I have no doubt that we will. It is our goal to have an event each month during 2021 to highlight our 100 years of service to the citizens of New Jersey. The planning for a dinner in Atlantic City is underway as are other commemorative events and memorabilia to honor the past century of service. Although it may be only a coincidence, we will also host the Army Navy game in December of 2021 at MetLife Stadium where we hope to have a ceremony regarding our 100th Anniversary. We trust that Colonel Schwarzkopf's graduation from West Point in the Class of 1917 will assist us in celebrating our anniversary at this nationally recognized and historical college football game.

The background investigations for candidates for both the 160th and 161st classes are underway. It is anticipated that the 160th Class will start in February of 2020 and the 161st Class will start in August of 2020. In anticipation of two more classes in 2021, the Division is opening the online application process in February of 2020 so if you know anyone interested in becoming a Jersey Trooper, please direct them to www.NJTrooper.com for information regarding this upcoming selection process.

I continue to host what have come to be known as the “Colonel's Runs” where members from the Division and I go on a 2 mile run along the Delaware River and then return to my conference room for an open forum meeting to address our employees' concerns. Although all of the runs to date have been with enlisted members, at the end of November, I had 25 civilian employees from throughout the Division join me on this run. The camaraderie of the run was tremendous as was the conversation once we settled into the conference room and discussed their concerns about staffing, equipment, promotions, and steps we can take to improve the overall morale of our State Police family. I welcomed their candor and insight and trust that their recommendations and advocacy for their respective units will serve to improve the overall operation of the Division.

As always, the State Police has ramped up operations to address various missions from Thanksgiving through the New Year holiday. Whether that is securing our transportation sector or carrying out additional highway traffic safety details, the men and women of The Outfit will be working 24/7 to ensure the citizens of our state, as

well as those travelling through it, have a safe and peaceful holiday season. May all of you and your families have a blessed and healthy holiday season. I can assure you all that The Outfit will undoubtedly hit the ground running in 2020. Stay safe out there!

Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, #5243

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As the holiday season is upon us, I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving.

On September 21, 2019, the association celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a family picnic at Liberty Lakes in Bordentown, N.J. With the introduction of a new venue, it was a large success and a great time was had by all family members who participated in our first ever Tricky Tray and 50/50 Raffle. The response was so favorable, I am pleased to announce that we are returning to Liberty Lakes for next year's picnic. Who knows, along with music by the Cameos, maybe a Country Western Band!!!!!!

On November 2, 2019, the Board of Directors hosted the FTA Fall General Meeting. As I complete my second year as your President, I am humbled to say that the membership has elected me, along with the present Executive Board, to continue for another two-year term. Congratulations to Directors Ernie Volkmann, Terry Hennessy, and Ken Wondrak who were elected to a three-year term.

During the meeting, it was our honor and privilege to present this year's Former Trooper of the Year Award to Major John D. Hunt, #3709 with his family, friends, and fellow troopers present. Major Hunt's lifetime accomplishments made him a very worthy recipient of this prestigious award. Congratulations to Major Hunt and let's not forget Gunther.



As promised, we recently have introduced the new association's website. Besides being more modern, easy to navigate, and interactive with our subsidiaries, all registrations and dues are now being handled within the site. In the month of November, alone, we have processed nearly 150 initial and renewal applications. This could not have been accomplished without our Webmaster, Jim Vincent and his staff, and your Vice President, George Wren, and his committee.

These recent registrations include members, who are joining for the first time, that have been retired for years. Personally, I want to welcome all of you. I also want to thank Major Al Della Fave, who has joined the Executive Board as the FTA's Public Information Officer. I am attributing the increase of our membership to Al's management of the FTA's Facebook page, which in a very short period has exceeded over 2200 Likes. I also want to thank Bill Ames and Joe Paulillo for the recent endorsements received from the "The Outfit" and "The Jersey Trooper" Facebook pages.

I have received a commitment from Lt. Col. Mike Fedorko who will be joining the FTA Legislative Committee to focus on our interest in H.R. 218. Mike will be working with members of the FOP and PBA to coordinate efforts to raise the RPO age and other firearm issues.

I want to thank Colonel Callahan and his staff, the leadership of the STFA, NCO, and the SOA for their support and recognition of the FTA.

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 FALL MEETING REMINDER

The FTA Spring General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020, 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

As our 60th Anniversary Year winds down to a close I'd like to touch on a few things that have occurred since the September newsletter issue. As you know, the FTA Annual Picnic was held September 21, 2019, at the Liberty Lake Picnic Grounds in Bordentown. This change in venue was made to offer our Outfit of Jersey Troopers, Active and Retired, an opportunity to enjoy the many amenities that Liberty Lake affords. It's a Family Oriented facility and together with the STFA, NCO and SOA associations, we hope that next year's picnic on Saturday, June 20th, will see many more families in attendance. Mark your calendars!

Also in mid-September after a long search, President Soranno found a professional among our members whose experience and expertise in public information will take our "social organization" of retirees to mediums that until now were beyond our reach. I've been writing True Blue & Gold since December 2009, and this is my 31st published issue. I've enjoy doing the newsletter over the past ten-years, but with the extra responsibilities I've incurred along the way I've noticed my time for the newsletter is becoming less and less with each issue. The requirements of handling public information are of a specific nature. The job requires someone who can be focused on reaching out to our membership, our entire State Police Family "The Outfit," and even to the general public and furnishing information in a timely manner, and sometimes if possible, in real time.

I've know Major Al Della Fave, #4040 (*Ret*) for many years. Al was a big help when I was researching and writing my book, Jersey Troopers II: The Next Thirty-Five Years, and we've remained good friends. Al's work in the NJSP Public Information Office was the catalyst to opening many doors for the State Police and getting the word out to the general public on everything positive and even from time-to-time, the negative experiences of our Jersey Troopers and the New Jersey State Police. As such, I couldn't have been happier when President Soranno announced his discussions with Al, and his gracious acceptance to the newly appointed position of Public Information Officer of our Association.

Ten-years ago when I took over as Editor of the Association newsletter from Captain Franklin J. "Jack" Caldwell, #1629 (*Ret*), I had my reservations if I was up to the challenge. During our Board Meeting on October 3rd, President Soranno introduced Al to the Board and asked him to address the Directors present. It didn't take long for everyone to know just how knowledgeable and experienced Al is and how his expertise is going to open lines of communications not previously considered. During his overview of various social media platforms I really took it to heart when he explained how Facebook "was for old guys." For years I shyed away from Facebook, and now I've learned that me, the junior member of the Board had let Facebook pass me by. As much as I hate to admit it, I've finally joined the "old guys social media."

It's been two-months since Al came aboard and he's done an Outstanding job! He's all over the place; Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, our new Web Site, and come April 2020, he'll be joining me as Co-Chairman of the Communications Subcommittee and as Co-Editor of True Blue & Gold. It's just like Jack Caldwell told me ten-years ago after my first newsletter was published, "we've got the right man for the job!"

On October 31st the NJSP Sea Girt Academy hosted a ceremony celebrating the the donation of the Col. Justin J. Dintino Repository of Organized Crime Literature. The ceremony was marked by various dignitaries praising the accomplishments of Colonel Dintino and his fight against organized crime. The repository consists of some 300 books, journals, papers and reports, authored and/or collected surrounding Colonel Dintino's vast knowledge

of organized crime. Following the donation celebration, those in attendance gathered to also wish the Colonel a Happy 91st Birthday. *Read on in the Featured Member(s) Section regarding Colonel Dintino's donation.*

Across the state in West Trenton, another Jersey Trooper was celebrating a milestone of his own. Captain Daniel J. Jordan, #1405 (*Ret*) was celebrating his 90th Birthday with family and friends, including Captain David R. Aaron, #1623 (*Ret*) and his lovely wife Marie. On behalf of the entire Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, I'd like to wish both Colonel Dintino and Captain Jordan a belated Happy Birthday, and we look forward to celebrating your birthday again for many years to come!

During the November 2nd, Fall General Meeting I had the esteemed honor and privilege to introduce and present the 2019 Former Trooper of the Year Award to Major John D. Hunt, #3709 (*Ret*). I've known John since 1982 when we were young Troopers posted at Port Norris. It didn't take long to see that John had the intelligence, dedication, drive and the character to not only go far in the New Jersey State Police, but in life. I watched John excel through his career as a Jersey Trooper to become a respected leader that I was proud to support and acknowledge. John's respect and jovial personality to everyone he comes in contact is easily measured thanks to his devout Christian faith and sincere love of his family. In retirement, we often go in a different direction in employment, moving to a different locale, or we just lose touch. It was great seeing John, Donna and their Family at the 159th State Police Graduation Ceremony in early July, where John took part in the son-in-law's graduation, Trooper Victor A. Anaya, #8267.

I'd like to also recognize John's Coach, Captain Carl V. Scrivani, #3339 (*Ret*) who attended meeting in support of John's award. I also had the privilege and honor of working with Carl at Port Norris, and I can attest that he was an excellent Road Trooper and a great mentor to not only John, but to everyone he came in contact. And I can tell you, being posted at Port Norris was definitely a learning experience. John certainly got a terrific start thanks to Carl Scrivani. Thank you Carl.

Lastly, I'd like to recognize Major Annemarie DeAngelo, #3479 (*Ret*). Annemarie submitted an outstanding letter nominating John for the Former Trooper of the Year Award. Thanks to that letter, it was great to learn how John has continued in his life's path, and how just like throughout his State Police career, John is still impacting everyone he comes in contact, in such a positive and meaningful way. Thank you Annemarie for sharing that with us, and thank you John for all that you do. *Read on in the Featured Member(s) Section to find out just why John Hunt is the 2019 Former Trooper of the Year. Congratulations Major Hunt, and Thank You for your Service!*

As previously posted, our new FTA Web Site has been rolled out and is now available for your review and use at www.ftanjsp.org. The new site is formatted for both desktop and iPad/phone displays. So far we've received high praise from many members, and some indicating they've had problems signing in. The biggest problem seems to be the blue captcha box at the bottom containing five skewed numbers. This is a security feature that is required for signing in and certain approvals. If you are having trouble identifying the numbers simply click on the "click [here](#) to refresh." Please keep in mind that this is a completely new site and we acknowledge there are a few glitches that are being worked out and a couple processes that are being amended. Our ultimate goal is to make this site as simple and user friendly as possible and as efficient and effective as possible for our administrative functions. Having been involved in this project since its inception, I can wholeheartedly say that our Webmaster, Jim Vincent has done a fantastic job. He and his development and design team have given our Association a site that affords members larger and better displays formatted for both desktop and iPad/smartphones, easy navigation, interactive application, renewals, and event registrations. If you haven't visited the new web site I strongly suggest you take the time and enjoy the experience. As always, if you incur any problems please don't hesitate to contact Patti at our office or our Webmaster, Jim Vincent. They will be glad to help you out!

In continuance of earlier traditions, below is acknowledgement of our new and reinstated members who joined our Association during the calendar year 2019. Welcome Aboard Everyone!

Porfirio M. Ayala, #4848 – 11th Class
Daniel Gyger, #5272 – 115th Class
John Townsend, #4930 – 111th Class
Daniel Balance, #2998 – Reinstatement
Maureen Burke, daughter of William Burke, #1083

Charles Mapp, stepson of Ronald Farabella, #3877
Robert Ferreri, son of Samuel Ferreri, #1027 –
Reinstatement
William DiGiuseppe, #3237 – 93B Class
Richard Loufik, #3119 – 92nd Class

Richard Pokorny, #5087 – 113 Class
 Ronald Rivera, #4915 – 111th Class
 John O'Rourke, #4093 – Reinstatement
 Vance Mattis, #4814 – Reinstatement
 Maria Graczyk, mother of Adam Graczyk, #6101
 Mary Scripture, mother of Heidi Scripture, #3579
 Kenneth V. Argiro, #3608 – 98th Class
 Jeffrey Fitzhenry, #5267 – 115th Class
 Robert R. Cowden, #4608 – 108th Class
 Gary Nemeckay, #3328 – 94th Class
 John J. Gavaghan, #3193 – Reinstatement
 Donald Casale, #3364 – 95th Class
 Joseph Caliguari, #4950 – 112th Class
 Pamala Mele, daughter of Benito Mele, #1220
 Dawn Stahl, daughter of Benito Mele, #1220
 Cynthia Barton, daughter of Benito Mele, #1220
 Ronald Hampton, #5162 – 114th Class
 Edward J. Moore, #2349 – 76th Class
 Nicholas Cagnole, #4949 – 112th Class
 Richard Rosell, #3665 – 98th Class
 Thomas Cavallo, #5130 – 114th Class
 Anthony Coleman, #5247 – 115th Class
 James P. Kanz, #3112 – Reinstatement
 Richard Aschenbach, #4265 – Reinstatement
 Colleen O'Connor, daughter of
 Charles O'Connor, #1340 – Reinstatement
 Brandon J. Martin, #8204 – 158th Class
 Edward H. Lennon, Jr., #3117 – 92nd Class
 Neil Brosnan, #4768 – 110th Class
 Spenser Hildebrand, #5165 – 114th Class
 Christopher Wagner, #5226 – 114th Class
 Michael Lindlau, #5374 – 116th Class
 Edward P. Brick, #4364 – 105th Class
 Michele A. Adlassnig, #5119 – 114th Class
 Daniel Dalrymple, #5138 – 114th Class

Christopher English, #5144 – 114th Class
 Ricardo Pina, #3566 – 97th Class
 Vincent J. Soviero, #2630 – 82nd Class
 Gary D. Sandes, Sr., #4830 – 110th Class
 Stacey Armstrong, granddaughter of
 Robert Fleming, #1061
 Brett Schmidlin, #4107 – 102nd Class
 Robert Montgomery, #4656 – 108th Class
 Edward Kitts, Jr., #5171 – 114th Class
 Ronald DePasquale, #3179 – 93A Class
 Robert Sunda, #5220 – 114th Class
 William Zielinski, #3161 – 92nd Class
 Dennis Buoye, #5128 – 114th Class
 Charles Bianco, II, #3609 – Reinstatement
 Nicole Horn, granddaughter of
 Charles Cooper, #3859
 Thomas R. Gilbert, #3635 – Reinstatement
 Mathew W. Goranson, #5160 – 114th Class
 Thomas J. Macauley, #4075 – Reinstatement
 Fred P. Gasior, #3388 – Reinstatement
 Edward J. Chrystal, Jr., #4954 -112th Class
 John R. Ioia, #5368 – 116th Class
 William J. Herman, #4883 – 11th Class
 Ricardo A. Ocetnik, #3131 – 92nd Class
 Earl M. Potter, #5503 – 116A Class
 Roberto Guerrero, #5898 – 121st Class
 Stanley B. Field, #5148 – 114th Class
 Thomas Mihalkovitz, #4086 – 102nd Class
 David P. Kenna, #3543 – 97th Class
 Frank R. Crisologo, #4031 – 102nd Class
 James M. Duke, #3378 -95th Class
 Venancio J. Rivera, #4916 – 11th Class
 Thomas N. Cannavo, Jr., #3003 – 91st Class
 Keith C. Nelson, #4820 – 110th Class
 Thomas Dubiaha, #4787 – 110th Class

As you well know, 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 the latest updates from John:

On October 14th John began competing in the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, Utah, Track and Field events; achieving a 1st Place finish in the 1500 Meter Race with a time of 6:36.21. The following day he competed in the 800 Meter Race and again attained a 1st Place finish with a time of 3:16.49, and the next day he won 2nd Place in the 400 Meter Race, at 1:28.25, a mere 15 seconds behind the 1st Place Finisher. Three Track & Field Races in three days. Not too bad for a "Marathon Runner." [See picture of John at the Huntsman World Senior Games →](#)

After running the Boston Marathon for 12 years and consistently winning or placing in his age group, John received another complimentary entry into next year's race in early September. Promptly completing his online registration, John was in for 2020. Booking a hotel room and making flight reservations, John was set for #13, or was he?



A week later John received another invitation, this time from Abbott World Majors WANDA, asking him to verify his world and national standings. He completed the request and sent it in. Days later John received an email from Abbot inviting him to compete in the inaugural Abbott WMM Wanda Age Group World Championship race. Invitations to this race were sent out based solely on rankings. The race would be held as part of the 2020 Virgin Money London Marathon. London was the week after Boston.

John took his dilemma to his peers on a Facebook group consisting of Marathon Major runners. He received 171 responses. Most told him to run both, others advised he should drop Boston and run in London. After thinking long and hard, John decided he most wanted to compete against the best in his age group, meaning he would turn his back on Boston. So, John will be heading across the pond and race against the 9 other ranked 75-79 male marathon on April 26, 2020. This should be the highest level of competition John will have faced at a World Major. He's 79 years old, the elder against the younger men in his age bracket. No doubt, this is sure to be an exciting race!

Mark your calendars, along with everyone at the Space Coast Runners, every Jersey Trooper will be cheering for Johnny O when he's in London! He may even hear us all the way across the pond! We'll be rooting for you John, every step of the way!

The 100th Year Anniversary will be commencing in just over one-year. This will be a fantastic time for the New Jersey State Police and every Jersey Trooper Active or Retired. If you have any pictures or documents that you would like to share for the 100 Year Anniversary Book please email a copy of same to 100years@ftanjsp.org!

On behalf of the Association Executive Officers, Directors and Staff, I'd like to pass on our sincere thanks for your dedicated support in our ongoing endeavors towards achieving the very best for each and every Member. As another year winds down and the brisk chilly winds usher in the upcoming Holiday Season, we sincerely wish everyone a Happiest Hanukkah, Merriest Christmas, and a very Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!

FEATURED MEMBER(S)

***COL. JUSTIN J. DINTINO DONATES
REPOSITORY OF ORGANIZED CRIME LITERATURE***



On October 30, 2019, Colonel Justin J. Dintino, #1152 (*Ret.*), in celebration of his 91st birthday, participated in the donation of the “*Col. Justin J. Dintino Repository of Organized Crime Literature*” to the New Jersey State Police, during a ceremony attended by many active and retired Jersey Troopers, dignitaries, family and friends. While dense clouds and periods of light rain engulfed the Sea Girt Academy grounds, guest speakers including Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, #5243; NJ Governor, James J. Florio; former NJ Attorney General, James R. Zazzalli; and former NJ Director of Criminal Justice, Edwin H. Stier addressed a packed house inside the classroom building. All reiterated how Colonel Dintino was the right person at the right time to lead the NJSP. His tenacity to thwart organized crime, institute community policing, and protect the civil rights of all citizens were paramount to the Outfit during his leadership.

Appointed to the President’s Commission on Organized Crime by President Ronald Reagan, (1990-1994), Colonel Dintino was a pioneer in the “war against organized crime,” both in New Jersey and throughout the country. He served as the general chairman of the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit for six-years, instituted a four-year college degree for those aspiring to enlist in the New Jersey State Police, introduced civilian intelligence analysts into the intelligence process, and demanded a data-driven investigative approach to the containment of organized crime. In retirement, Colonel Dintino served as a Commissioner on the State Commission of Investigations. He is the co-author of a classic text, “Police Intelligence in Crime Control”

(1983) and numerous articles in professional journals. In all, some 300 books, articles and reports were donated to the NJSP Museum and Learning Center.

The donation of this extensive repository of literature represents Colonel Dintino's contribution to current and future organized crime investigators, researchers, and the public who seek to appreciate and understand the insidious effects of organized crime on the body politic.

Of particular interest, Director Stier gave a thorough overview of Colonel Dintino's background and accomplishments. At our request, he has granted the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers permission to reprint his comments as delivered. (Visit <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/StierComments.pdf>) to read Director Stier's comments.

MAJOR JOHN D. HUNT, #3709 (RET) RECEIVES COVETED 2019 FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Major Hunt proudly displays his award, surrounded by his Family.

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers is proud to announce one of our outstanding retired Jersey Troopers, Major John D. Hunt, #3709 (Ret) as the 2019 Former Trooper of the Year! This award was presented at the Association's Fall General Meeting on November 2, 2019, 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.

Major Hunt was chosen to receive this award in recognition of his 27-1/2 years of dedicated service with the New Jersey State Police and his faithful support of the Former Troopers Association. As a 'Member in Good Standing' of the FTA since his retirement in 2009, John has continued to support the core values of our Outfit of Jersey Troopers while also being an active member of a number of organizations that also faithfully serve the community. He has served as a United States Naval Academy – Blue and Gold Officer; a Boys Scouts of America – Committee Member; an American Legion – Jersey Boys State Staff Member; a St. Agnes Parish – Committee Member; a 3rd Degree of the Knights of Columbus; and as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector at Our Lady of Hope Parish, just to mention a few.

Since retiring, John has maintained his National Incident Command credentials while achieving additional certifications, including: Certified Healthcare Emergency Coordinator, Active Shooter Instructor Certification, and Critical Incident Stress Management Certification. John uses his prior New Jersey State Police training as well as his more recent certifications to better prepare civilians in preparing for, responding to, or recovering from significant events. In particular, John has provided Active Shooter training across the country to a number of healthcare and other organizations. John focuses his active shooter training for schools and churches and provides all of his training at no cost to these facilities and associated organizations, such as the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) attendees, given to high school juniors.

One of the most impressive organizations that John is a member is the Crisis Response Canines (CRC) organization. As Co-founder of this non-profit organization, CRC provides comfort and emotional support to individuals and communities. John has trained three Rottweilers which have been certified as Therapy Dogs through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs organizations. John has achieved the highest therapy designation with the American Kennel Club (AKC). John's canine "Gunther" has achieved over fifteen obedience titles and the AKC – Therapy Dog Distinguished Title.

Since John and Gunther were certified in 2013, John has actively participated in visiting hospitals, churches, colleges, high schools, youth homes, behavioral health centers, senior living centers and many other similar facilities. In addition, John visits with those associated with our military. John's daughter Diana, is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserves, and his son Sean, is a Captain in the United States Marine Corps. John considers it extremely important that the members of CRC interact with those who serve in our military, whenever called upon. John in particular participates with Wounded Warrior events, Military Veteran programs, and most important to John, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (T.A.P.S.). T.A.P.S. offers compassionate care to those grieving the loss of a loved one who died while serving in our Armed Forces. Each Memorial Day Weekend, John and Gunther travel to Washington, D.C., to interact with several thousand military family members attending the survivors' program.

One of the most profound impacts that John and Gunther have had with individuals has been their numerous visits and interactions with Atlantic City Police Officer, Josh Vadell. Officer Vadell was shot in the head in the line of duty in September 2016. Gunther visited Josh's wife Laura for several weeks as her husband went through numerous surgeries. As Josh gained consciousness, Gunther would visit Josh and provide comfort and smiles to the Officer, his family and friends. Josh and Laura addressed the Atlanticare Trauma Symposium in May 2017 and spoke of how Gunther was instrumental in helping with his recovery. One of the most remarkable compliments that could be paid to Gunther was that as Officer Vardell progressed with his recovery, he and his wife decided to adopt a puppy of their own. They chose a Rottweiler due to the positive impact Gunther had provided to Officer Vadell and a number of other police officers who had benefitted from Gunther's interactions. Since that time, John has undertaken interacting with police, fire and EMS personnel. Knowing that suicide is a leading cause of death among police and firemen, John joins established organizations and critical incident stress debriefings to aid these individuals with addressing a traumatic event. John has also joined organizations who provide a similar process for assisting military families and military personnel with coping with grief after traumatic events of a military loss.

Although all of this information is quite impressive, John's deployments to locations across the country impacted by active shooter events is far more important. John and Gunther are the only CRC Team to have deployed to 6 mass shooting crisis sites: Pulse Orlando, FL; Las Vegas, NV; South Sutherland, TX; Parkland, FL; Pittsburgh, PA; and most recently to Virginia Beach, VA. John, Gunther and his CRC team have also deployed to such events as

the Paramus, NJ tragic school bus accident, where John, Gunther and the team interacted with members of East Brook Middle School who heartbreakingly lost a student and a teacher to the accident.

In all, John and Gunther average approximately 500 hours of service a year. They have been the recipients of the Presidential Service Award over the past 3-years. In addition to the Presidential Service Awards, John was a recipient of the 2018 New Jersey State Governor's – Jefferson Award for Public Service, acknowledged as the top award winner in the Emergency Services Category. John and Gunther have also been recognized with the American Rottweiler Club – Anvil T.R.U.E. Award and the Colonial Rottweiler – SEGER Medallion. John and Gunther are acknowledged as the top handler and Rottweiler in the country for their donation of time and abilities in enhancing and improving the lives of others.

John currently serves as the Corporate Director of Security and Emergency Management at Atlanticare Hospital. John & Gunther are constantly working to help people not only in the State of New Jersey, but throughout the country. A lifelong resident of south Jersey, John and his wife Donna make Blackwood their home, surrounded by family and friends. Major John D. Hunt, #3709, (Ret), a man truly devoted to helping those in need, certainly a man who embodies the values of Honor, Duty and Fidelity! Congratulations Major Hunt!

Visit <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/Huntpics.pdf> to view additional pictures.

LT. JAMES J. (JIM) DOOLEY, #2439 (RET)

Lieutenant Jim Dooley #2439 is a member of the 78th Class and graduated from the NJ State Police Academy on June 27, 1969. His career spanned over twenty-nine years and he retired as the Assistant Bureau Chief of the Narcotics and Organized Crime Bureau in December 1998. Upon graduating from the Academy, Jim started his career in Troop "A" working at the Berlin, Turnersville and Tuckerton Barracks. Then he was transferred to Troop "C" where he worked at the Colts Neck Barracks. From Troop "C", Jim went to Troop "E" and served at Holmdel, Bass River and Pleasant Plains Stations. In 1976 he was transferred back to Troop "C" Hightstown Barracks where he made Station Detective in 1980. In 1981 he was transferred to the Organized Crime Bureau. He was promoted to Detective Sergeant in 1986 and Detective Sergeant First Class in 1990. In 1992 he was transferred to the ABC Bureau and then as the Supervisor of the Auto Unit North in 1993. In 1995 he was made Supervisor of the Missing



Jim and Judy Dooley

Persons Unit and promoted to Lieutenant. In 1996 he became Supervisor of the Auto Unit and shortly thereafter was transferred to the Narcotics and Organized Crime Bureau as the Assistant Bureau Chief.

Born in Fort Benning, Georgia on November 20, 1943, Jim moved to Hoboken, NJ with his mother. His father served in the US Army and was deployed to North Africa and Europe during World War II for two years. After his father returned from the war, his family lived in Hoboken until Jim was 12 years old and then moved to Rumson, NJ. He attended Holy Cross School, and graduated from Red Bank Catholic High School. He attended the University of Dallas prior to taking jobs as a laborer, dock builder, ironworker, stagehand, telephone lineman weighmaster and office manager until he entered the Academy in 1969. During his State Police career, he graduated from Brookdale Community College in 1982 and attended Rutgers University taking courses in Labor Relations and the Public Sector.

Jim loyally served the STFA as Sergeant at Arms and Second Vice President from 1978 to 1986. Then he served the STNCOA as Vice President for Resolutions from 1989

until 1995. His service to enlisted members continued when he served as the SOA Grievance Chairman from 1995 to 1998. As a loyal member of the Former Troopers Association, Jim frequently submits informative articles for publication in the True Blue and Gold Newsletter. For the past few years, Jim has worked as a part time private investigator for retired Lieutenant Keith Bevaqui.

Jim enlisted in the Army Reserves in 1965 and was discharged in 1971. He reenlisted in the New Jersey Army National Guard in 1978, graduated from the US Army Sergeants Major Academy in 2001 and was discharged as a Sergeant Major in 2003. After the terrorist attacks in 2001, Jim was assigned as the NCOIC of the airports in New Jersey for the National Guard coordinating various assignments with the New Jersey State Police and Federal Agencies.

Jim married the love of his life, Judy Amato in 1967. They lived in Lakewood, Brick Township, Toms River, Lincroft and Monmouth Beach. Jim and Judy had a daughter, Trish in 1970 and a son, Jimmy in 1979. Jimmy passed away in 2017. Trish and her husband, Bob Budsock blessed them with a granddaughter, Christina in 2002. Jim and Judy are currently living in The Villages, Florida for the winter months, returning to their Monmouth Beach residence during warmer months. While wintering in Florida Jim teams up with SFC Peter J. Welsh, Sr., #2549 (Ret) to enjoy some rounds of golf.

Submitted by: Major Joseph A. Cannatella, #2852 (Ret)

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

A GATHERING OF INSTRUCTORS



On September 12, 2019, a gathering of retired and active New Jersey State Police Academy Instructors was held at the New Jersey State Police Training Academy in Sea Girt, NJ. Academy Commandant, Captain Phillip J. Buck, #5984 was on hand and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Fifty-five retired and former academy instructors met with members of the current academy staff, signaling the first time that a meeting of the group was ever held. Captain Buck called the moment a historical event saying, “it was an honor to be in the presence with a group of former state police academy instructors that have contributed much to the New Jersey State Police Academy training program. The thought of being with the group that covered a span of several decades returning back to the Academy for a reunion was not only a privilege but was an awesome experience.” He thanked the retired members for their years of dedication while serving as instructors and referred to them as being ‘pioneers,’ helping to build the foundation in setting the highest state police training standards that are carried on even today by his own staff of instructors.

Academy Administration Officer, SFC Justine A. Poser, #5910 assisted Captain Buck in the planning and coordination of the event. A schedule of activities began with the arrival of the former instructors who were greeted



by members of the current academy staff in the parking lot. The former instructors were guided to the main classroom, Building #26, a location known by all the former instructors where they registered for the day's event.

Captain Buck recognized the 'senior' member of the former instructors in attendance, presenting Lt. Ralph Meade,

#1335 (Ret) with a photograph of him taken just prior to his retirement from the New Jersey State Police.



Captain Buck also recognized Captain Joe Paulillo, #2028 (Ret), who also served as the Executive Officer at the Fort Dix Academy with a personalized license plate for his hard work and dedication in organizing the event.

After registration, Administration Branch Commander, LTC Scott M. Ebner, #5346 commented to the group on how he was grateful to be part of the historical moment for the Academy and the New Jersey State Police. Following LTC Ebner's comments, a group photograph was taken in front of the dormitory building for posterity.

The group was also given an overview of the current recruitment and selection process by members of the Recruiting Unit, followed by an overview of the training program by the Class Coordinator, Trooper I John Lyons, IV, #7126, of the 159th State Police Class that included an in-depth video, documenting the training of that recently graduated class of recruits. It was an impressive display, outlining the entire training schedule from start to finish and depicting the various types of training activities that recruits witnessed while in training. No doubt, that spirit and tradition, continues for everyone to become a Jersey Trooper.

The gathering offered former and current instructors a unique moment in the history of our State Police Academy. The camaraderie witnessed by the group can be a rewarding experience. An instructor is like having to be a drill sergeant in the military, an educator or teacher in a classroom, even a parent all wrapped-up in one. However, more importantly is what is learned when being an instructor. One must be prepared to inspire in order to motivate, be able to express one's knowledge and demonstrate leadership, traits necessary in mentoring and developing a state police recruit into becoming a Jersey Trooper.

At the end of the day there was no doubt in anyone's mind. The recruitment and selection of recruits is an intensive process that continues today, maintaining the tradition that the final phase in the selection process of recruits, is the training that continues to be the finest in the nation.

Submitted by: Captain Joseph M. Paulillo, #2028 (Ret)

BUSINESS UPDATES

N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

The Heritage Foundation is proud to announce that 50/50 CASH Raffle and Penny Auction that was held during the FTA Annual Picnic on September 21st at Liberty Lake were very well received and a successful addition to our fund-raising endeavors. All 1,000 Raffle Tickets were sold by members of the FTA Board and others who volunteered to help out. Winning tickets drawn included: \$500 winners Joseph Craparotta of Hightstown, NJ; Marc Berson of Summit, NJ; and Andrew Pellegrino of Shamong, NJ. The \$1,000 winner was Gus DePietro of Woodbury Heights, NJ; and



the \$2,500 winner was Joseph Ruggeri of Hammonton, NJ. Finally, the Grand Prize \$5,000 Winner was Miss. Katie Agnew of Haddonfield, NJ, a Senior in college at East Carolina University.

As the 50/50 CASH Raffle ticket sales were underway, Trustee Director Bob Delaney graciously offered to donate a sports bag containing various sporting and military apparel, as well as some very notable, personal memorabilia to be auctioned off to aid in our fundraising activities. That very important initial donation by Bob served as the catalyst of a “Penny Auction” that grew to a host of prizes, all donated by businesses, private interests, and wives of FTA Board Members and Foundation Trustees, the largest of which was a seven-day Cruise for Two aboard the Celebrity Cruise Lines cruise of the winner’s choice, departing from any U.S. Port. That prize was secured by Trustee Director, David Goldberg thanks to his personal connection with GEM Casino Travel. That coveted prize was ultimately won by Jane Wondrack! A special thanks to everyone who helped out and participated. Be aware, we’ll be holding more raffles and fund-raisers in the near future.

TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC.



Our Logo Merchandise Store continues to do a fine business, and our Internet sales operation is shipping out merchandise daily. Our staff is currently restocking our inventory and filling store shelves in preparation for the upcoming Christmas rush, which is now in full swing, so shop early to get that special gift. The 2020 NJSP – FTA Calendars are already out and available at the Gift Shop, so don’t forget to get yours before the supply runs out. Remember the calendars are only sold in our store and are not available online. As always, 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.

FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

OVER THE HILL GANG – ABSECON STATION REUNION 2019



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

FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PICNIC



The FTA Annual Picnic was held on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at the Liberty Lake Picnic Grounds, Bordentown, NJ. The weather was great with seasonal temperatures in the low 80s, affording attendees a nice opportunity to enjoy our annual picnic, just ask any of the almost 400 retired and active duty Jersey Troopers, associates, and family members who attended. All in all, a great time was had by everyone!

A special thanks once again goes out to our four Mounted Troopers, whose presence always catches the eye of children young and old, and a warm heart to everyone who cherishes our State Police history. We would also like to thank Colonel Patrick Callahan, #5243 and the Division Staff Officers for attending, the Aviation Bureau for flying in to join us with the festivities and display one of our State Police choppers, and as always, the Pipes and Drums of the Blue and Gold, who gave another outstanding rendition, lending the skirl of the pipes and beat of the drums to the occasion. Congrats goes out to those members from the 101st, the 94th & 95th, the 77th, 78th & 79th, the 55th, and the 36th Classes who utilized the picnic to celebrate their 35th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 70th year anniversaries respectively. Congratulations everyone! This was a great opportunity to come on out, enjoy the celebration, partake in some good food and drink, and even show off your moves to the music of The Cameos, or just enjoy the day.

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



50 Years and Counting!

For more pics visit: <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/FTAPicnic2019.pdf>

SAVE THE DATES



THE 2019 STATE POLICE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



The annual State Police Holiday Open House is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2019, 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 2020 calendars. Don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase that special gift for that special active, retired, or "future" Jersey Trooper.

THE 2020 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY



The Florida Winter Party will be held on Tuesday, March 10th and Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 at the Crown Plaza Melbourne Oceanside, which is still a Holiday Inn facility.

Festivities will begin on Tuesday, March 10th, 4 – 11 p.m., with a reception cocktail party and dinner. There will be an open bar, followed by a buffet dinner and a DJ for your dancing pleasure. A reunion brunch & meeting will follow on Wednesday, March 12th, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The cost is \$42.50 per day, per person in good standing. Thus, \$170 per couple for the two-day event. The cost for former troopers not in good standing with the FTA is \$63.75 per day, per person or \$255 per couple for two days. **Registration for this event must be made via the new FTA Web Site.** No tickets will be sold at the door or mailed to you. Your name will appear on a prepaid list at the door. **To complete your registration, go to <https://www.ftanjsp.org/events/> and use form [Florida 2020 RF](#) in the Events Section *after December 14th to register.* Any questions or problems call the FTA Office. *PS: We are putting together a 5-day, group cruise to the Bahamas (3/13 – 3/18) as an 'after party' aboard the Norwegian Sky. Anyone interested please call the FTA Office!***

The Crown Plaza is currently taking reservations and will accept them at our rate from Saturday, March 9th to Friday, March 15, 2020. **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, 2020.**

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 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 30, 2020, at the Frog Rock Golf & Country Club, 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 price for FTA Members in Good Standing is \$22.00 per person. The price for Non-FTA retiree attendance is \$33.00 per person. **To register, go to <https://www.ftanjsp.org/events/> and use form [Troop A 2020 RF](#) in the Events Section *after December 14th*. Any questions or problems call the FTA Office. **Those choosing to pay at the door will incur a \$5.00 surcharge.****

STATE POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE



The Annual State Police Memorial Service is scheduled to take place at 11:00 a.m., May 1, 2020, 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!

HAPPY HANUKKAH



HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC. INFO.

VISIT WITH TROOPER I THOMAS ISKRZYCKI, #2068 (RET)



l-r Ken Wondrack, Tom Iskrzycki, Ernie Volkman, Chris Burgos, Joe Cannatella & Rick Loccke



Tom, Tom Jr. and Lindsey Iskrzycki

On November 21, 2019, three members of the FTA Board of Directors traveled to the Maplewood at Stoney Hill Care Center in Bethel, Ct. to visit former STFA President Tom Iskrzycki #2068. Directors Ken Wondrak, Ernie Volkman and Joe Cannatella were accompanied by former STFA President Chris Burgos #4276 and Rich Loccke, current STNCOA and SOA Attorney. Tom was found to be alert, in good spirits and enjoyed the visit. He is mobile and maneuvers with the aid of a walker.

We all know how much Tom has done for the members of the NJ State Police and every Trooper owes him a debt of gratitude. His dedication to securing the very best benefits and salary for the rank and file is well known. Tom was the longest serving STFA President and also served as Chairman of the National Troopers Coalition. During the visit many stories from Tom's STFA and NTC days were told. He was also presented with FTA 60th Anniversary Coins along with several FTA and STFA shirts and hats.

Also in attendance were Tom Jr. and his wife Lindsey who provided refreshments. They were very appreciative of our visit and looked forward to the next one.

Toward the end of the visit Tom became anxious and we followed him into the common room where many residents, mostly female, greeted him warmly. After a few minutes Tom, in his usual form, became the center of attention as he got up and danced with a member of the staff. He gave us a thumbs up as we departed the facility.

On behalf of the entire membership of the FTA we wish Tom the very best and pray that he continues to improve on his journey at Maplewood.

Submitted by Capt. Ernest J. Volkman, #2547 (Ret.)

VISIT WITH TROOPER I ERNEST C. BLASÉ, #1993 (RET)



l-r Mike McLaughlin, Joe Curry and Bill Trump with Ernie

In late September, retirees Lt. John A. Savage, #2033; SFC Richard L. Keller, #2207; Lt. Thomas Lanute, #2618; SFC Peter R. Ballurio, #2902; Capt. Carl V. Scrivani, #3339; and Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 paid a scheduled visit to Trooper I Ernest C. Blasé, #1993, at his home in Quinton, NJ. Two weeks later, retirees Capt. Joseph A. Curry, Jr., #1701; Capt. Michael W. McLaughlin, #2118; and Tpr. I William T. Trump, #2516 followed up with a second scheduled visit to our long-time comrade and south Jersey monthly dinner companion.

Ernie had incurred complications from a medical procedure that resulted in a serious infection to his leg that ultimately led to a series of three partial amputations over a three-month period. Members maintained close contact with Ernie's lovely wife Joann to keep abreast of his progress. It was great to see Ernie and very uplifting to see just how well he's doing, especially in light of everything that he's been through. There no doubt he's a Jersey Trooper through and through. Now that Ernie's getting stronger you can be sure that we'll be keeping tabs on him and when he's able, we'll make sure he's back at our monthly dinners.

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

VISITATION PROGRAM

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

BESSIE'S CORNER

Where has the time gone? Here we are, the cooler weather has moved in, Thanksgiving dinners with family and friends. The next thing, winter holiday season and BAM, we will be welcoming 2020!!!

After receiving a few phone calls regarding switching plans for **Medicare eligible retirees**, please note the changes for 2020

For those who do wish to switch plans, please keep in mind that if you were previously enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, your choices to switch to a different plan are the following:

Medicare Eligible Retirees may choose NJ DIRECT1525, NJ DIRECT2030, any Horizon HMO plan, or one of the following Medicare Advantage Plans:

- [Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO ESA 10](#)
- [Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO ESA 15](#)
- [Aetna Medicare Advantage HMO](#)
- [Aetna Medicare Advantage HMO 1525](#)



If you do intend to switch plans, please make sure that you are completing the correct form. Here is the link for the form to change plans for **MEDICARE ELIGIBLE RETIREES**:
<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/forms/hr0944.pdf>

The form for **NON-MEDICARE eligible retirees**:
<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/forms/hr0943.pdf>

The difference with the NJ Direct Plans are the co-pays, as well as the monthly premium for surviving spouses of retiree. Here is the link for the rates for 2020 rates. These rates are for those surviving spouses who must make monthly premium payments to keep their current medical coverage.
<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/hb/oe2020/state-retired-includingRX.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.

The due dates for 2019 additional premium payments will be posted sometime in January or February of 2020. 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 2020, as well as information regarding dental plans and the various enrollment/change forms. Again, please ensure you are completing the correct form. <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/hb-retired-shbp.shtml>

Social Security Information: <https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-Medicare-and-You.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. I can't express enough how important it is to ensure your beneficiary information for life insurance and pension are current and up to date.

Information for Upcoming Retirement:

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 **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? 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 form 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 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.

I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season filled with love and a joyous and wonderful 2020. 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

FTA 2020 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers in conjunction with the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce the awarding of up to twenty-five scholarships requisite to the Association's 2020 Scholarship Program. Only those students that are seniors and will be graduating from High School in June 2020 are eligible to apply. Student applicants must be the child, grandchild, stepchild, or step-grandchild of a member in good standing of the FTA. These awards 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.

This scholarship program is particularly important as it directly benefits the continuing education of FTA Members' descendants. 2020 Scholarships will consist of a \$1,000 award to the outstanding applicant in honor of our former FTA Benefits Consultant, Debra Chesko. This year we will also introduce an annual \$1,000 Trooper William L. Carroll, Jr., #3296 award in memory of all our fallen comrades, thanks to the very gracious \$10,000 educational donation made to our Heritage Foundation by Bill's widow and Heritage Foundation Trustee, Michelle Carroll. Additionally, up to twenty-two, \$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.

Applications will become available in early January 2020 on our FTA “Members Only” web site under “Forms.” Completed applications must be received no later than April 15, 2020. **Scholarship winners will be announced at the May 2nd 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, or Dave Scureman @ (201) 323-6795.

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 (5) 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 2020 drawing are do prior to April 30, 2020. Applications for scholarship and “interest-free” loans can be found on the FTA website.

COMICS & CONSIDERATIONS

“On Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Christ with prayer, feasting, and great merriment. But most of all, we experience it in our hearts. For more than just a day, Christmas is a state of mind. It is found throughout the year whenever faith overcomes doubt, hope conquers despair, and love triumphs over hate. It is present when men of any creed bring love and understanding to the hearts of their fellow man...”

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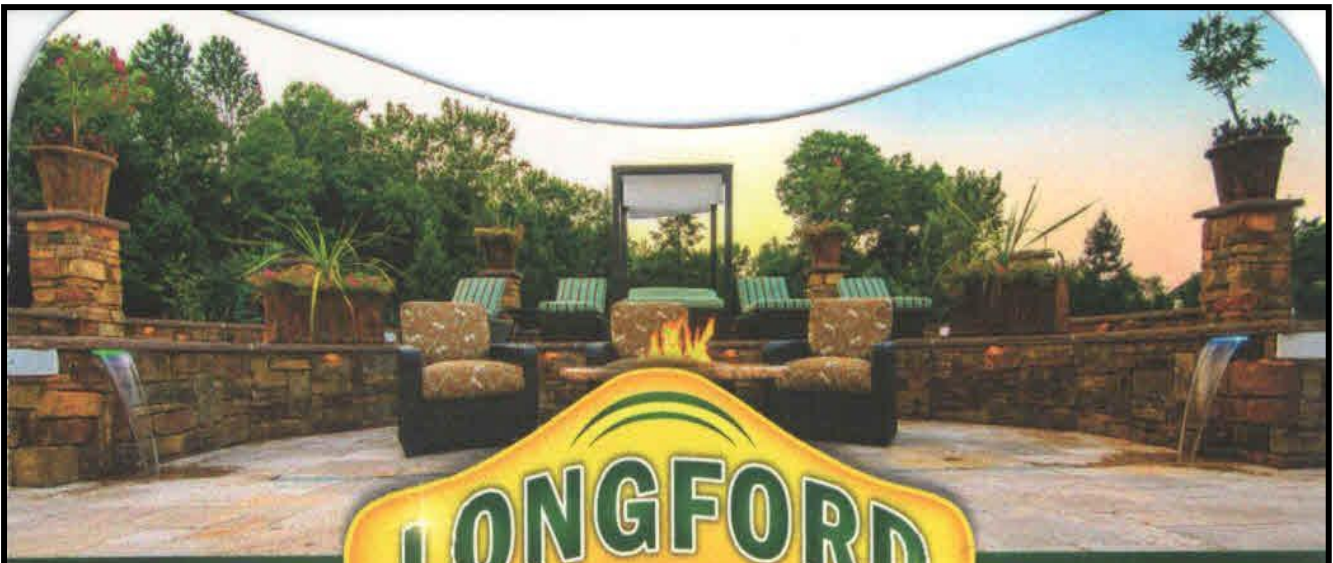
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October 25, 2019

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Thanks,
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SFC ELLIOT F. BOYCE, #2848



BOYCE, ELLIOT F., #2848, passed away on Tuesday, 7 August 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 22 June 1973 as a member of the 88th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 June

1997. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Viet Nam War. He was predeceased by his wife Shirley M. Boyce. He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Elliot S. and Jewelene Boyce, two grandsons Shayla and Savannah Boyce, two sisters Jacqueline Decuir and Thelma Henry, and a sister-in-law Laurel LaCabe.

TROOPER ALBERT W. WALDRON, II #3675



WALDRON, ALBERT W., II, #3675, passed away on Wednesday, 28 August 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 11 February 1982 as a member of the 98th Class

and retired at the rank of Trooper on 1 January 2006. He was predeceased by his parents, Captain Albert W. Waldron, Sr., #1384 and Barbara, and a Daughter, Jianna. He is survived by his wife Lashay, children Alexander, Cara, Katie, Deven, Dareen, Raen, Deion, Amaree, Alanna, Catalay and sisters Una Katz and Officer Dawn Leslie, Virginia State Police.

SFC CARL J. KALWAITIS, #1035



He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 24 July 1970 as a member of the 82nd Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 September 1996. He proudly served in the United States Coast Guard. He was predeceased by his wife of 41-years, Virginia. He is survived by his daughter Lisa and his son Officer Ronald F. Broomall, Bridgeton City PD, three grandchildren Matthew, Arden, Alita, and his sister Margaret Anna Johnson, and several nieces and nephews.

SGT BRONSON E. DEPUE, #2196



KALWAITIS, CARL J., #1035, passed away on Saturday, 7 September 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 6 June 1951 as a member of the 39th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 July 1980. He proudly served in the United States Army Air Corps during WWII. He is survived by his wife Doris, his daughters Caria and Karen, and four grandchildren.

CAPTAIN RICHARD E. TESAURO, #3342



DEPUE, BRONSON E., #2196, passed away on Thursday, 5 September 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 25 August 1967 and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 July 1988. He proudly served in the United States Air Force. He was predeceased by his son, Bronson, Jr., and sisters Joyce Wermann and Nancy Paulus and a brother Kenneth DuPue. He is survived by his wife Elaine, a son Frederick and grandchildren Frederick DePue, Jr., Kristen and Jackie DePue and Madeline Sullivan and a great-grandson Henry Sullivan.

SGT RONALD T. BROOMALL, #2602



TESAURO, RICHARD E., #3342, passed away on 12 October 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 6 December 1979 as a member of the 94th Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 November 2006. He is survived by his wife of 40-years Susan Tesauro, three daughters Jeanna, Danielle, Andrea, his brother Jay and sister Lisa, as well as many nieces and nephews.

BROOMALL, RONALD T., #2602, passed away on Thursday, 26 September 2019.

**SFC EMIL J. DEAK,
#1091**



15 October 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 29 July 1970 as a member of the 82nd Class and retired at the rank of Detective Sergeant First Class on 1 February 1998. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Viet Nam War where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor. He is survived by his wife Joan, two sons Kenneth and Jason, his sister Christine Coghlan and a granddaughter Sienna.

**LT JOHN BILLICK,
JR., #1494**



BILLICK, JOHN, JR., #1494, passed away on Wednesday, 23 October 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 3 August 1956 as a member of the 51st Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 May 1987. In November 1968, Trooper Billick became the first recipient of the "Trooper of the Year Award," which is recognized as the "Honor Above All Honors." At the time of his retirement he served as Deputy Troop "C" Commander. He proudly served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 63-years Shirley, his daughters Shawn, Karen, and Joni, a son John Paul, a brother Andrew, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**SFC THOMAS
OLKOWSKI, #996**



OLKOWSKI, THOMAS, #996, passed away Tuesday, 15 October 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 18 December 1950 as a member of the 38th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 October 1977. He proudly served in the United States Navy and was a WWII veteran. He is survived by his wife Victoria and a son Steven Olkowski.

**DSFC KENNETH
DOHANISH, #2606**



DOHANISH, KENNETH, #2606, passed away on Tuesday,

**SGT WILLIAM E.
ADDIS, #3748**



ADDIS, WILLIAM E., #3748, passed away on Wednesday, 6 November 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 4 March 1983 as a member of the 100th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant in 2007. He is survived by his wife of 30-years, Molly, three daughters Courtney, Casey and Kiley, and a son Jacob. He was predeceased by his parents William and Dorothy Addis.

**SGT HOWARD S.
WILSON, III, #2472**



WILSON, HOWARD S., III, #2472, passed away on Friday, 8 November 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 27 June 1969 as a member of the 78th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 October 1996. He is survived by his wife Doris and one son.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Martha A. Powell, Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator (*Ret*), and beloved Wife of Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator David Powell (*Ret*), passed away on August 30, 2019.

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