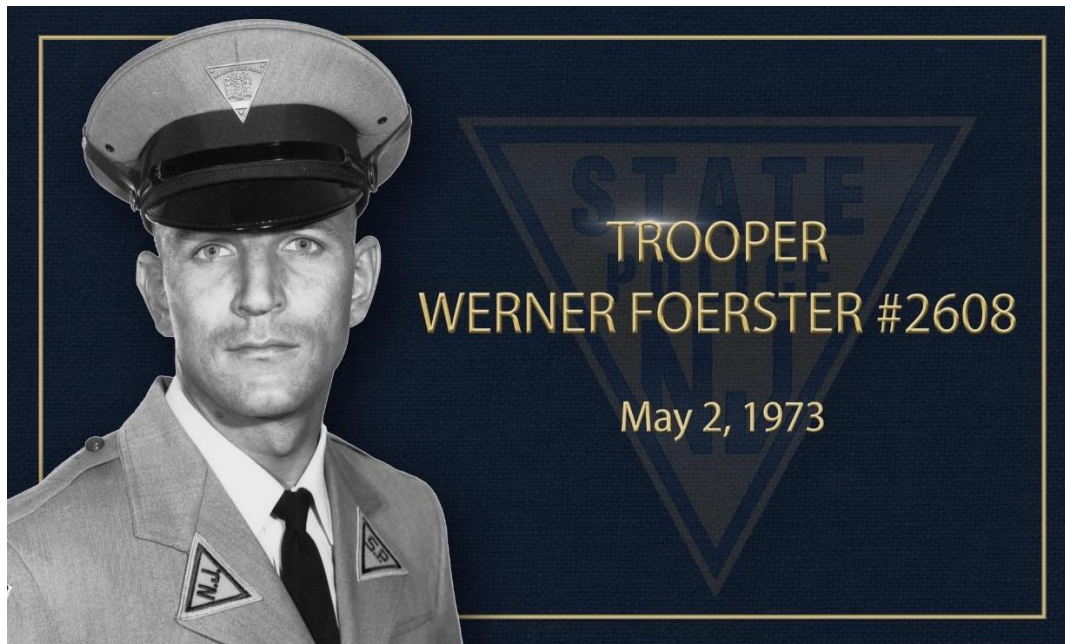




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COLONEL'S COMMENTS



Greetings from Division Headquarters where the arrival of Spring is certainly evident. We had one of the mildest winters on record in New Jersey and for those in emergency management and beyond, we were certainly not heartbroken by keeping our snowblowers and salt in the garage. The arrival of Spring also means that we will be gearing up for the annual State Police Chase-5K Run coordinated by the State Police Memorial Association and led by Colonel Carl Williams with his phenomenal team. I hope to see many of you at Headquarters on May 20th for what is always a tremendous way to gather as a family and to honor those Jersey Troopers that have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. I would certainly be remiss if I did not remind everyone that May 2nd will mark the 50th Anniversary of Trooper Werner Foerster's line of duty death and we are planning to honor his memory, his service, and his sacrifice on that day with a special tribute.

The ranks of The Outfit continue to grow as we graduated 103 new troopers from the 164th State Police on February 24, 2023. Their graduation ceremony served as an assurance to all of us, both retired and active, enlisted, and civilian alike, that our traditions of pride and perseverance remain unwavering. For those wondering, Trooper David Zaslavsky #9108 now has the distinction of being the most junior trooper in The Outfit. He is assigned to Somerville Station in Troop B, which just so happens to be my father's (Retired Major Mick Callahan #1674) first station, as well as my first station. We were also blessed by a handful of members from the 64th State Police Class who were on hand to witness the swearing in of the troopers that successfully trained 100 classes after theirs. It should also be noted that the 165th State Police Class entered the Academy on March 20, 2023. A total of 216 were invited to attend, 214 recruits reported on day one, and as of this writing, 189 recruits remain in training. We anticipate that they will graduate on August 31, 2023, after what will undoubtedly be a long, hot summer at sunny Sea Girt! I ask you to keep them in your prayers. We need every last one of them!

We also opened the online application process for the 166th State Police Class on April 3rd and that process to apply will close on May 5th. As of this writing, 2,000 applications have been received and 1,000 of those have been deemed qualified to move forward. It is our hope that we are able to fill two State Police classes from this candidate pool, but time will certainly tell.

The first three months of 2023 have also reminded us that this most noble profession, remains a dangerous one. We had a trooper shot on the streets of Paterson while trying to keep violent recidivist offenders from harming and terrorizing the community there. Thankfully, this trooper, whose identity I will not reveal, is expected to make a full recovery and he is chomping at the bit to get back to work. We also had three troopers from Hope Station escape a harrowing event on Interstate 80 when a heavy-duty tow truck plowed through an accident scene they were investigating. Most of you have probably seen the video which made national news and to say that they were lucky, would certainly be an understatement. And just this past week, we had a Trooper Coach and his Probationary Trooper on a motor vehicle stop in Troop A when a motorist struck their troop car while they were out of the

car. They sustained minor injuries and will certainly be back on patrol soon. These events are just a few reminders of why this is the most noble profession on earth and that we still have women and men willing to serve and risk severe injury, or even death, to protect people that they don't even know. Their collective calm we witnessed during all of these incidents is a testament to their training and resolve to not be shaken in times of crisis and for that, I am certainly grateful.

This seems like a good place to bring this brief update to a close. I hope to see all of you at the Former Trooper's Picnic. Please know that I remain completely honored and humbled on a daily basis to serve as a Jersey Trooper. "Jersey Trooper," the two words that sum it all up perfectly. May God continue to bless the New Jersey State Police as we enter into the summer months and may God bless you and your families. As always, stay safe out there.

-Colonel Patrick J. Callahan #5243

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Everyone!

On behalf of your Executive Boards of the Former Troopers Association, your charitable arm, the Heritage Foundation, your logo merchandise sale operations at True Blue and Gold, and especially our professional staffs that keep our concerted efforts moving forward, I'd like to thank every FTA Member in Good Standing for your support over our sixty-three years of service! It's amazing how every year we grow more and more in new areas benefiting our members. Incorporated in November 1959 as a Social/Fraternal organization, who would have ever thought that today our Association of Former Jersey Troopers would be involved in so many initiatives benefiting our Outfit, Active and Retired! Granted, years ago we didn't have access to resources or the expertise that we do today, but thanks to the breadth of our membership we are always looking into new areas to benefit us all.



I would like to once again, personally thank Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, #5243 and his staff for their continued support and cooperative efforts at making our retiree organizations as close a part of the Division as humanly possible. Thanks to Colonel Callahan's respect and tradition for Retired Jersey Troopers, our administrative offices and True Blue and Gold logo sales operation are now officially on base at Division Headquarters thanks to a Lease License Agreement. This has been a repeated request of mine for almost a decade, and thanks to Colonel Callahan's appreciation of our continued support and service to the State Police we are happily quartered in the former Wilburtha Station.

I am very pleased to announce that Christal Mannikus recently celebrated her one-year anniversary as the Administrative Assistant for our operations. During that time, Christal has exceeded our expectations in database management, recruitment, and renewal of delinquent

memberships. Notification of updated member data; especially mailing, emailing and telephone information has been a problem for many years. Fortunately, thanks to our online database access, members can and should update their personal data as soon as any change takes place and check their information when renewing their membership. By simply signing on to the Members Only page and clicking on the “Manage Account” cog wheel next to their name, every member can access, review, and update their personal data. Don’t forget to enter the 5-number Code in **blue** and click the UPDATE ACCOUNT button to save your changes! Our Bylaws dictate that Membership runs yearly, January 1 through December 31, not a year after we receive your dues payment! Membership Renewal notices go out on the 15th of every month beginning November 15th through April 15th to the email address we have on file! If your account is still delinquent on May 1st it will be placed in an inactive status! If you are experiencing any difficulties with your Membership Account, please contact Christal at the FTA Office.

Our FTA Spring General Meeting took place on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the NJSP Museum and Learning Center – Log Cabin at Division Headquarters! This informative meeting addressed COLA proposals we are currently working on; the pending 11th Circuit Court of Appeals decision on our RPO/HR218 & LEOSA; and our recent virtual meeting with members of the Social Security Administration’s Windfall Elimination Provision. These are important issues concerning our members and as new information and developments are received, I will post updates on our website. Additionally, last year I began posting an MP4 Video of our FTA General Meetings Last Patrol Presentation on our website for your viewing. It is in the “Members Only,” Last Patrol “Presentations!” Please feel free to view it at your leisure and reminisce on our many comrades.

Before closing, I would like to address the Disclaimer found on our FTA Web Site and Newsletters. It has recently been brought to my attention that information published by our Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, Inc., specific to the benefit and knowledge of our Members in Good Standing has been offered on social media. Please be aware that all FTA published information, ***“is published by the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, Inc., for the expressed knowledge and benefit of its members. The reuse, republish, or reprint of information contained herein is prohibited without prior written consent!”***

Lastly, our 2023 FTA/Heritage Foundation Group Cruise Party recently returned from a 7-Day, fun-filled and relaxing Caribbean Cruise aboard the new Norwegian “Prima!” Each of the 18 couples that embarked on the March 5th – 12th voyage expressed their fun and thanks at being part of such an enjoyable experience and look forward to joining next year’s Group Cruise Party! Well, our next Group Cruise will sail March 1 – 12, 2024, aboard the Norwegian “Gem” to the Panama Canal and Southern Caribbean Islands. Additional information on this cruise can be found on the back cover of this newsletter publication! Be mindful, there is only a 60 Day window to book this cruise!

As you can see, we are staying busy and adding new programs, benefits, and events for our membership. If you are interested in volunteering your expertise, some spare time to lend a hand, or just to offer another viewpoint on programs or projects, please send me an email at gwren@ftanjsp.org or call our FTA Office and I will get back to you at my earliest convenience.

Thank you, and May God Bless us All,
George Wren

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

On behalf of the Officers, Directors, and our Staff our hope is that as 2023 progresses into the summer months great health warmly follows you and your family. For you avid readers we have several selections for you to enjoy. Please refer to the end of newsletter to see how to order: Captain Sal Maggio's book entitled, "The Life of a New Jersey Road Trooper." Also now in Publications are SFC John O'Rourke's book, "Honor, Duty, Fidelity" and DSG Bob Delaney's "Heroes are Human." All of these authors are donating proceeds to various charities including our Blue and Gold organization.

Also for you avid readers, mystery author James Patterson delved into the real lives and real incidents described of law enforcement throughout the country. The audio book, "Walk the Blue Line" has our own Major Robert Linden #5293 (ret.) as a part of the many personal stories. Major Linden provided an incident while working on the Turnpike which led to the arrest of a subject wanted in connection to a North Jersey homicide. Great job Major Bob!!!

Included in a separate article is a company that mirrors the Captain Bucio medical surveillance exams for first responders. Medical Essential Diagnostics is located throughout New Jersey and performs a very in-depth medical exam. Retirees are welcome, so take advantage of this great offer. They only charge what your insurance carrier reimburse therefore no out of pocket expenses. WIN-WIN

Our cover marks the 50th Anniversary of the murder of Trooper Werner Foerester. A ceremony and dedication was held at the Troop D Headquarters in recognition of this sad anniversary.

We recently lost the founder and champion of the State Troopers Fraternal Association, Tpr. Tom Iskrzycki #2066 passed away on March 11, 2023 after a long battle with an illness. His internment at our Columbarium located at State Police Headquarters is scheduled for May 16th at 10AM Please join us in recognizing this trailblazer and friend to all troopers. A more in-depth history of Tom's accomplishments will be included in our Fall edition.

Captain Patrick J. Reilly, Jr. #3570 (Ret)

HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC., INFO.

MEDICAL ESSENTIAL DIAGNOSTICS

Through the Save My Life Program, frontline workers receive comprehensive and extensive testing so they can be at their healthiest when they are in the lines serving our communities. By using our program, frontline workers and their families can have peace of mind by limiting the occupational risks to only those mentioned in the job description.

First Responders work in stressful environments that take tremendous tolls on their bodies. During a call, the average heart rate can suddenly jump from 70 to 140 BPM. Quick elevations like this cause severe issues such as cardiac arrest, heart disease, and many other deadly problems.

A visit will typically take 2 hours per patient. We will conduct a series of cardiovascular and pulmonary screenings. We recommend all patients dress comfortably. Lunch will be provided at no expense. Fasting the previous night is required for bloodwork as part of the evaluation.

Patients will receive confidential results and findings in 2 weeks or less that will be accessible at any time through our portal. Results will release all together. You can opt to receive a physical report or an online report at the time of your follow up. We offer the most comprehensive annual physical examinations for both current and retired police officers, firefighters, emergency medical responders, teachers, nurses, and any other state employee across New Jersey. Our advanced diagnostic testing ensures appropriate medical screenings and physical examinations of individuals considered high risk due to environmental exposures.

- Stress Test
- Echocardiogram
- Sleep Study
- Pulmonary Functions Test
- Bloodwork
- ABI/PVR
- Vascular Ultrasound
- Urinalysis
- Electrocardiogram
- Radiography

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE



Our own William (Billy) Trump #2516 was one of the Vietnam Veterans selected to attend the NY Stock Exchange for the closing bell on April 3, 2023, to honor Vietnam Veterans only. There were several other Vietnam Vets there as wells as other veterans. Also, in attendance as seen below were Lt. Edward Chrystal #4954 (ret) a Major General in the Reserve Marine Corp., and Sgt. Patrick Cramer #4956 (ret) a Colonel in the Army National Guard.

N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, Inc.
2023 Scholarship Program Announcement

The Board of Trustees of the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation is honored to announce the list of recipients for the 2023 Scholarship Program. For the third year, the Foundation is awarding multiple scholarships on several levels, funded by both private donations and Heritage Foundation resources. Sixty-one applications were submitted, and each was ranked by the Scholarship Committee according to academic standing, extra-curricular activities, and volunteer service to the community. The Committee's final recommendations were then presented to the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation Board of Trustees for their consideration and approval.

Please join us in congratulating each and every recipient, and in thanking everyone who has donated towards this very worthy scholarship program.

2023 Scholarship Recipients

DEBRA CHESKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000 Award

Cole P. Brady Son of Patrick H. Brady, #5951

LUCAS J. HOMEIJER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,500 Award

Molly R. Reinholt Granddaughter of William J. Perna, #3049

CAPTAIN PETER & ELEANOR BAKER, #1600 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,600 Award

Tanner C. Tighelaar Grandson of George R. Tighelaar, #2267

CINDY TRUMP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000 Award

Reese E. Munley Daughter of Thomas J. Munley, #6807

RICHARD S. SORANNO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – 2 Awards - \$1,000 Award

Erin R. Marley Daughter of Daniel E. Marley, #3791

Gabriella J. Pasqua Son of Jason M. Pasqua, #7242

TROOPER WILLIAM L. CARROLL, JR. #3296 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000 Award

Timothy J. Neville Son of Timothy J. Neville, #6275

CAPTAIN R.J. & MARY DELANEY, #978 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$978 Award

Kathryn A. Weis Granddaughter of Keith J. Verheek, #2360

N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS - \$500 Awards

Peter J. Abline, Son of Michael R. Abline, #4503; Chris Alberico, Son of Giovanni Alberico, #6055; Amanda K. Dellagiacoma, Daughter of Gerald S. Dellagiacoma, #6127; Joseph M. Drew, Son of Adam C. Drew, #6263; Jack M. Fitzpatrick, Grandson of Johnny Hannigan, #3107; Ashley M. Fritz, Daughter of Jonathan Fritz, #5958; Cole S. Hashemi, Great Grandson of Wynn Mauer, #1376; Hannah K. Kilcomons, Daughter of Sean W. Kilcomons, #5712; Kelly C. Levengoo, Stepdaughter of Jesse C. Crespo, #8133; Jesse M. Luccarelli, Grandson of Joseph Luccarelli, #2669; Evan D. Mangelli, Son of Anthony P. Mangelli, #5956; Tai C. Mann, Son of Nevin J. Mann, #5377; Alyssa J. Marchetti, Daughter of Richard A. Marchetti, #5740; Mia J. McNally, Daughter of Harry J. McNally, #4470; Maura S. McNulty, Daughter of Colin J. McNulty, #6860; Eliana Momm, Granddaughter of James W. Momm, #2254; Gianna R. Muhaw, Daughter of Marc Muhaw, #6805; Ryan E. Remaly, Daughter of Pete A. Remaly, #6876; Shawn S. Repetti, Son of Joseph C. Repetti, #5637; Joseph J. Sheeran, Son of John A. Sheeran, #5913, and Grandson of John Sheeran, #2890; Ava M. Steinmetz, Daughter of Timothy P. Steinmetz, #5916; Colin F. Torres, Son of Fernando Torres, #5944; Kai J. Wagner, Son of Thomas J. Wagner, #6248; Matthew R. Walter, Grandson of Ronald T. Walter, #2315; and Son of Ronald T. Walter Jr., #5805!

Congratulations Graduates, and Best of Luck in your academic endeavors!

NJSP NCO UNION UPDATE

The following information was received from Sergeant Daniel Oliveira, President of the State Troopers NCO Association relative to their multi-year grievance on the State's unilateral change of policy regarding medical coverage upon retirement. A special thanks to Dan and all who were involved in this grievance process against the State's policy change of medical coverage for retirees who retired in 2019-2021. Please read on for particulars per Dan's announcement!

In reference to the unilateral change in retiree medical that some members faced when they retired in 2019-2021, we have won the grievance and agreed to an open enrollment period from April 17 to April 28, 2023. We will be posting this to our app shortly, and I respectfully suggest that you also put it out to your membership. Please give me a call with any questions or concerns.

Over the past several years, we have been going through the grievance process in reference to the State's unilateral change of policy regarding medical coverage upon retirement. Members who retired while the NJ Direct 15 plan was still available, prior to finalizing our 2017-2021 contract, were unilaterally changed to the new Direct 2019 plan after their retirement.

The State has agreed to allow those members who were improperly removed from the Direct 15 plan to re-enroll in the Direct 15 plan if they so choose. An open enrollment period will be open from April 17th to April 28th, 2023, by utilizing the BenefitSolver program under the Pensions and Benefits tab on your My NJ webpage. ONCE THIS OPEN ENROLLMENT

PERIOD COMES TO A CLOSE, THE DIRECT 15 OPTION WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE.

Please be aware that the Direct 15 plan may be subject to the Chapter 78 contribution rates, as a percentage of the premium, which can change yearly and differs from the contribution rate for the newer Direct 2019 plan. Any retiree considering a change is cautioned to research the differences in order to make an informed decision for their particular situation. More information on the plans is available here:

<https://www.benefitsolver.com/benefits/BenefitSolverView>

Fraternally,
Dan Oliveira
President- State Troopers NCO Association

LEOSA (Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act) UPDATE

The following overview was prepared by Dean Fillari, Vice-President / Public Relations South Jersey FOP Lodge #56 requisite to the oral arguments heard before the U.S. Third Circuit

Court of Appeals. It was prepared for the information of Retired Lodge Members and was subsequently distributed for the information of Active and Retired Law Enforcement.

We sincerely appreciate and support the efforts of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association and New Jersey State FOP for their actions in this matter on behalf of all Active and Qualified Retired Law Enforcement Officers. Thank You!

Retired Lodge Members,

Today I attended the hearing at the Federal 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia along with Lodge 56 Brother Ken Buck, FLEOA President Larry Cosme, NJ State FOP Lodge Board members, James Ford & James Troisi, Brother Joe Valdora from FOP Lodge 140, Brothers Ron Moreno & Pete McHugh from the Camden Superiors FOP Lodge 144.

FOP Brothers Ken Buck, Joe Valdora and FLEOA President Larry Cosme provided the below synopsis from today's oral arguments:

Today, March 30, 2023 is going to be something of a historic day. A group of dedicated adherents to the rule of law, showed up to support the law known as LEOSA (Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act). On the other side, was the state of New Jersey who apparently doesn't respect the supremacy clause of the U.S. Constitution, represented by the Office of The Attorney General of the State of New Jersey.

Judges Paul B. Matey, Arianna J. Freeman and Julio Fuentes heard the matter before the court. The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, and the NJ FOP, who originally brought

the matter before the court, were represented by the Blank-Rome Law Firm, Attorneys Nicholas Harbist and Michael Darbee, Deputy Attorney General David Chen, represented the state.

The argument brought by Blank-Rome, was that the facts of the matter are clear. LEOSA came into existence contemporaneously with the advent of the attacks of 9/11. The purpose was to make it easier for police officers, active and retired, to move about the country while doing so armed. The result was designed to make the general public safer because of the increase in trained, experienced law enforcement present among us every day.

Blank-Rome also correctly stated that LEOSA means what it says. If you are an active duty officer, you may carry anyplace it is lawful to do so in any state. No additional permits are required to do so. Your badge is that permit. If you are retired, LEOSA requires that you have a Retired ID issued by your department, and have proof that you have qualified just as active duty members do. It also requires that you not suffer any of the disabilities in the statute. We're all familiar with what they are.

Deputy Attorney General Chen, had his turn at bat. He attacked the issuance of Department issued Identification as little more than "Courtesy Cards." Why? Because they do not guarantee that the bearer did any particular time on the job. It doesn't guarantee that they don't suffer any of the disabilities set forth in LEOSA. Strangely enough, those same disabilities would have prevented these officers from possessing a firearm on the day the retired ID was issued to them. Chen's whole argument was that Chiefs of Police throughout the state of NJ are not capable or to be trusted with the privilege, of deciding who should get a retired ID. Watch for the state to attempt taking on that responsibility in the not too distant future.

Chen then probed some of the other issues, such as the state's ability to make other rules that conflict with LEOSA, such as carrying Hollow points, which are permitted under LEOSA. The court was skeptical of some of his assertions particularly as it related to the arbitrary age limit of 75 in NJ. Judge Fuentes, was particularly aggrieved by that detail because it's discrimination based on age. He apparently gets it!

The questioning of the state by the panel, seemed to be uneasy about the states assertion that they could add things not specifically contained in LEOSA to prevent retirees from carrying lawfully. Consider this. Retired officers from other states, living in NJ have only to show a retired ID. NJ has no way of knowing if the suffer any of the statutory disabilities set forth in LEOSA. Yet, NJ retirees, would have hurdles to jump to lawfully carry. That's called disparate treatment and very likely a violation of our civil rights as such.

Yes, it is difficult when a retiree has contact with the police, to conduct a records search to expose possible statutory disabilities they may have as it relates to firearms carrying. But that is also the case when the police have contact with a civilian at their home and learn they own firearms. Shall the state conduct criminal history checks, mental health record checks and check nationally for the existence of restraining orders nationwide every time they come into contact with a lawfully armed citizen? Or do those things come into play subsequent to an arrest having been effected? NJ argued for different standards based on what class of people you belong to.

That's inherently unjust!

Based on the questions and reactions of the jurists, we believe we will prevail in this appeal by the state. At the end of the day, LEOSA says what it says pretty clearly. We do not believe the court is going to start allowing additional hurdles to retired officers carrying under LEOSA. It is believed that it may take up to 6 months or more before the 3rd Circuit issues a decision in this case. Until a decision is reached, members are reminded that LEOSA is the law and we are guided by the decision that was issued in our favor on 21 June 2022 by U.S. Federal Judge Zahid N. Quraishi. Following the decision handed down by Judge Quraishi, the NJOAG filed a motion with Judge Quraishi to issue a stay on his decision until an appeal could be filed. Judge Quraishi denied the NJOAG motion for a stay.

Thank you
Dean Fillari-Vice-President / Public Relations
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Bessie's Corner



Spring has sprung! Lots of information will be included in this edition: Information on SPRS Death Benefits and Life Insurance; Medicare Part B and D income limits; Reimbursement of ADDITIONAL Medicare Part B and D premiums paid; Reimbursement of Medicare Part A, to name a few. Read on for news and contact information.

I know I mention this every chance I can, but, especially in this time of increased technology usage, many agencies are requesting information be uploaded electronically. If you haven't done so already, you should seriously consider setting up your Member Benefits Online System account. Here are just some of the things that can be done at your convenience:

MBOS Snapshot:

The Member Benefits Online System (MBOS) gives registered users internet access to pension and health benefit account information and online applications. Some options include:

- Retrieving your Personal Benefits Statement
- Designating a Beneficiary
- Getting a Pension Loan
- Applying for Withdrawal
- Applying for Retirement
- Retrieving your letters and statements

Information and instructions on how to set up an MBOS account can be found here:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/mbos-register.shtml>

Please, feel free to reach out to me if you need assistance setting up an MBOS account. You can reach me either by phone: **609-649-3221** or by email: **BJones@ftanjsp.org**

Another addition is Benefitsolver through your mynjbenefitshub:

https://www-typen.state.nj.us/TYP_HBREG/hbreg

For those retirees who have income above the stated Medicare premium limit, you are required to pay additional premiums for your Medicare benefits, this additional premium is reimbursed ANNUALLY by NJ Pensions and Benefits. NJ Pensions and Benefits sends out a communication in January or February of the following year detailing the instructions on submitting for reimbursement of those additional funds. This ONLY pertains to those individuals that must pay more than the \$164.90 per month. If you are only paying the standard premium, you are already being reimbursed monthly in your pension check, there is nothing further you need to do.

How much are Part B IRMAA premiums?

Medicare Part B Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts

Since 2007, a beneficiary's Part B monthly premium is based on his or her income. These income-related monthly adjustment amounts affect roughly 7 percent of people with Medicare Part B. The 2023 Part B total premiums for high-income beneficiaries with full Part B coverage are shown in the following table:

<i>Beneficiaries who file individual tax returns with modified adjusted gross income</i>	<i>Beneficiaries who file joint tax returns with modified adjusted gross income</i>	<i>Income-Related Monthly Adjusted Amount</i>	<i>Total Monthly Premium Amount</i>
Less than or equal to \$97,000	Less than or equal to \$194,000	\$0.00	\$164.90
Greater than \$97,000 and less than or equal to \$123,000	Greater than \$194,000 and less than or equal to \$246,000	\$65.90	\$230.80

Greater than \$123,000 and less than or equal to \$153,000	Greater than \$246,000 and less than or equal to \$306,000	\$164.80	\$329.70
Greater than \$153,000 and less than or equal to \$183,000	Greater than \$306,000 and less than or equal to \$366,000	\$263.70	\$428.60
Greater than \$183,000 and less than \$500,000	Greater than \$366,000 and less than \$750,000	\$362.60	\$527.50
Greater than or equal to \$500,000	Greater than or equal to \$750,000	\$395.60	\$560.50

Premiums for high-income beneficiaries with full Part B coverage who are married and lived with their spouse at any time during the taxable year, but file a separate return, are as follows:

Full Part B Coverage

Beneficiaries who are married and lived with their spouses at any time during the year, but who file separate tax returns from their spouses, with modified adjusted gross income:

	<i>Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount</i>	<i>Total Monthly Premium Amount</i>
Less than or equal to \$97,000	\$0.00	\$164.90
Greater than \$97,000 and less than \$403,000	\$362.60	\$527.50
Greater than or equal to \$403,000	\$395.60	\$560.50

Medicare Part D Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts

Since 2011, higher income beneficiaries’ Part D monthly premiums are based on income. These income-related monthly adjustment amounts affect roughly 8 percent of people with Medicare Part D. These individuals will pay the income-related monthly adjustment amount in addition to their Part D premium. Part D premiums vary from plan to plan and roughly two-thirds of beneficiaries pay premiums directly to the plan, while the remaining beneficiaries have their premiums deducted from their Social Security benefit checks. Regardless of how a beneficiary pays their Part D premium, the Part D income-related monthly adjustment amounts are deducted from Social Security benefit checks or paid directly to Medicare. The 2023 Part D income-related monthly adjustment amounts for high-income beneficiaries are shown in the following table:

<i>Beneficiaries who file individual tax returns with modified adjusted gross income:</i>	<i>Beneficiaries who file joint tax returns with modified adjusted gross income:</i>	<i>Income-related monthly adjustment amount</i>
Less than or equal to \$97,000	Less than or equal to \$194,000	\$0.00
Greater than \$97,000 and less than or equal to \$123,000	Greater than \$194,000 and less than or equal to \$246,000	\$12.20
Greater than \$123,000 and less than or equal to \$153,000	Greater than \$246,000 and less than or equal to \$306,000	\$31.50
Greater than \$153,000 and less than or equal to \$183,000	Greater than \$306,000 and less than or equal to \$366,000	\$50.70
Greater than \$183,000 and less than \$500,000	Greater than \$366,000 and less than \$750,000	\$70.00
Greater than or equal to \$500,000	Greater than or equal to \$750,000	\$76.40

Premiums for high-income beneficiaries who are married and lived with their spouse at any time during the taxable year, but file a separate return, are as follows:

<i>Beneficiaries who are married and lived with their spouses at any time during the year, but file separate tax returns from their spouses, with modified adjusted gross income:</i>	<i>Income-related monthly adjustment amount</i>
Less than or equal to \$97,000	\$0.00
Greater than \$97,000 and less than \$403,000	\$70.00
Greater than or equal to \$403,000	\$76.40

For those retirees that must pay additional Medicare Part D premiums due to higher income, those premiums will also be reimbursed by NJ Pensions and Benefits. Instructions for submitting for reimbursement will also be communicated the following year.

REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICARE PART A:

There is a **SMALL** number of retirees that are required to pay for Medicare Part A, as such, those premiums are also reimbursed. There have been a few instances in which the retiree was advised by NJ Pensions and Benefits that these premiums are NOT reimbursable, this is NOT true for members of the State Police Retirement System (SPRS). If you are required to pay for Medicare Part A and seek

reimbursement and are told “no,” please ask to speak with a supervisor or a representative that is familiar with SPRS.

This link will provide information regarding your pension:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/pension-retirees.shtml>

You can review information regarding your retiree benefits through this link.

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/hb-info-retired.shtml>

For those who don't yet have an MBOS account, and your computer supports Live Chats, you can live chat with a rep from NJ Pensions and Benefits Monday thru Friday, 9 AM to 12 PM, if Live Chat is not possible, send them an email at the email address found in this link:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/contact.shtml>

This link also provides contact information with telephone, and mailing address. Office hours are Monday through Friday 7 am until 4:30 pm.

Please be sure to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B 2 to 3 months PRIOR to turning 65. This applies to your spouse as well. Benefits, including information on enrolling in Medicare upon turning 65 and what plan(s) you and eligible dependents move over to. Can be found here:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/factsheets/fact11.pdf>

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/hb-retired-shbp.shtml>

Once you have enrolled in Medicare, you will be enrolled in the Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan.

Aetna Medicare Advantage Plans

Medicare Advantage plans, sometimes referred to as "Part C" or "MA plans," provide Medicare Part A (inpatient hospital insurance) and Medicare Part B (outpatient medical insurance) coverage. The Aetna MA plans offer access to providers nationwide, with the same benefits in or out of network, and no referrals required.

SHBP Medicare-eligible retirees can enroll in the following Aetna Medicare Advantage plans: Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO ESA 10;* Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO ESA 15; Aetna Medicare Advantage HMO and Aetna Medicare Advantage HMO 1525.

**Not all State retirees will be eligible for Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO ESA 10*

Spouse or Partner with Different Medicare Eligibility than the Member

Medicare-eligible retirees enrolled in a non-Medicare Advantage plan and who have a spouse or partner who is not Medicare eligible will move to the Aetna MA plan while the spouse/partner and/or any covered children remain in the non-Medicare-Advantage plan. Similarly, retirees who are not eligible for Medicare but have a spouse or partner who is Medicare eligible will remain in their non-Medicare-Advantage plan (along with any covered children) while the spouse/partner is transferred to the Aetna MA plan.

Do you have additional questions or need guidance with forms or changes? Just give me a call or email me. Reach out to me anytime at 609-649-3221 or bjones@ftanjsp.org.

REPORTING A DEATH

Social Security, if collecting a SS check or receiving Medicare and NJ Pensions and Benefits should be contacted as soon as possible regarding the reporting the death of a retiree OR spouse. To contact Social

Security, please call: 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). You can speak to a Social Security representative between 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Contact NJ Pensions and Benefits at 609-292-7524. It is recommended that this telephone number be written down and kept with your important papers so it is readily available when needed. The sooner they are contacted, the sooner any survivor benefits and insurance benefits can be completed. After contacting Pensions and Benefits, please reach out the FTA office to notify the FTA office of any changes at 609-882-2000, EXT 2220.

Surviving Spouses of Retirees Tax Implications:

After the passing of a retiree or spouse, the surviving spouse will need to have the income tax adjusted for the pension. The default is set to 2 deductions and will need to be changed to “1” to offset any end of year tax “surprises.” This can be done with your accountant, or online through your MBOS account. If you do not have an MBOS account or access to a computer, a paper W4 will need to be submitted to have the tax withholding changed.

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 final year of salary of the retiree. This benefit is payable to your listed beneficiary. Beneficiary info can be accessed through your MBOS account, and if it needs to be changed, you can do it online. If you do not have an MBOS account, it will need to be done through NJ Pensions and Benefits by written request to the NJ Pensions and Benefits website: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/pension-retirees.shtml>

NEW INFORMATION regarding SPRS life insurance benefit, updated March 2023. The most notable change is you now only need to have 10 years of service credit and be collecting a pension.

Information regarding death benefits and life insurance can be found here:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/pdf/life-sprs.pdf>
<file:///C:/Users/Bessie's%20SetUp/OneDrive/Desktop/FTA/fact40%20Life%20Insurance.pdf>

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MALONEY, WILLIAM T.

#2302 passed away on June 23, 2022, he was 81 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on May 17, 1968, as a proud member of the 75th Class and retired on August 1, 1995, at the rank of Detective Sergeant. Prior to his State Police Service, he served in the United States Navy. He is survived by his wife Betty, son Kevin, daughters Kelli & Kathy, and seven grandchildren.

LT WILLIAM B. RYAN, #1725



RYAN, WILLIAM B.

#1725 passed away on September 21, 2022, he was 83 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on October 2, 1961, as a proud member of the 58th Class, and retired on October 1, 1989, at the rank of Lieutenant. He is survived by his wife Kathleen, two sons Tim and Pat Ryan, two daughters Terri Rouhan and Kelly Shields, ten grandchildren, one great grandchild, and his brother Richard Ryan.

TPR I THOMAS J. ISKRZYCKI #2066



ISKRZYCKI, THOMAS J.

#2066 passed away on March 11, 2023, he was 78 years of age. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on December 20, 1965, as a proud member of the 69th Class, and retired on August 1, 1999, at the rank of Trooper I, after more than 33 years of service. He served as President of the State Troopers Fraternal Association from 1970 until his retirement in 1999. He is survived by his wife Kathaleen, son Thomas D. Iskrzycki, daughter-in-law Lindsay Iskrzycki and grandchildren Jessica Shea Iskrzycki, Nicholas Drew Iskrzycki, and Jake Tyler Hertzog.

LT VINCENT J. PARENTI #4911



PARENTI, VINCENT J.

#4911 passed away on March 11, 2023. He was 56 years of age. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on July 28, 1988 as a proud member of the 111th Class. He retired on September 1, 2013, after 25 years of service. He is survived by his wife Laurie, son Vincent Jr. and his daughter Victoria.

SGT JEROME W. WEISS #2162



WEISS, JEROME W.

#2162 passed away on April 17, 2023, at the age of 83. He enlisted in the State Police on August 29, 1966, as a proud member of the 71st Class, and retired on March 1, 1990, at the rank of Sergeant. Prior to his State Police Service, he served in the United State Marine Corps. Predeceased by his wife Dorothy, he is survived by his children Eric Weiss, Leigh Ann Ronczka and Danielle Funk, and five grandchildren.

SGT JAMES J. MORRISON #2675



MORRISON, JAMES J.

#2675 passed away on Monday, April 3, 2023, at the age of 76. He enlisted in the State Police on November 13, 1970, as a proud member of the 83rd Class and retired on December 1, 2000, at the rank of Sergeant. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife Martha, his stepdaughter Stephanie Aigotti, stepson Frank Aigotti, 4 step-grandchildren, brothers Sergeant Paul Morrison, #2217 (Ret) and Terry Morrison, and his sister Karen Morrison.

LT ANTHONY J. MARTIN #2491



MARTIN, ANTHONY J.

#2491 passed away on April 5, 2023, he was 80 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on October 17, 1969, as a proud member of the 79th Class, and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on June 1, 1997. Lt. Martin is survived by his loving wife Jean V. Martin, children Lt. Anthony J. Martin Jr., #4550 (Ret), Richard Martin, Brian Martin, Staff Sergeant Michael T. Murray, #4321 (Ret), Cynthia Azzsari, Deborah Barber and Jeanne Penuel, 13 grandchildren including Sergeant Michael C. Murray, #6467, and 14 great-grandchildren.

TPR JOHN J. GRANT #2566



GRANT, JOHN J.

#2566 passed away on March 25, 2023, he was 74 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on May 15, 1970, as a proud member of the 81st Class and retired on May 17, 1980, at the rank of Trooper. He is survived by his wife Barbara Riley, brothers Major James J. Grant, #3394 (Ret); Captain Timothy T. Grant, #3535 (Ret); and Sergeant Patrick M. Cramer, #4956 (Ret); sisters Kathleen Grant Williams, Patricia Grant Slipka, and stepfather Martin Cramer.

TPR I ROBERT VOSKANYAN #4753



VOSKANYAN, ROBERT

#4753 passed away on March 24, 2023. He was 57 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on November 19, 1987 as a proud member of the 109th Class and retired on November 1, 2001. Robert is survived by his wife Karen Voskanyan (Carney), his five daughters Erin (Butrymowicz), Jordan (Granai), triplets Courtney, Carley and Caitlyn, as well as, one sibling Paul Voskanyan.

TPR JEROME N. DECKER #1502



DECKER, JEROME N.

#1502 passed away on February 23, 2023. He was 89 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on August 3, 1956, as a proud member of the 51th Class, and retired on October 22, 1964. Tpr. Decker served in the US Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his brother James and sister-in-law Sharon.

DSFC HENRY F. WOLKOWSKI #1670



WOLKOWSKI, HENRY F.

#1670 passed away on March 1, 2023. He was 91 years of age. He enlisted in the New Jersey State

Police on August 1, 1960, as a proud member of the 56th Class. He retired on October 1, 1987, at the rank of Detective Sergeant First Class, after more than 27 years of service. He served in the United States Marine Corps. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary and is survived by his daughter Diane Wolkowski-Torello, his son Henry Wolkowski, 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

LT PERRY CAPIAK #4859



CAPIAK, PERRY

#4859 passed away on February 21, 2023. He was 63 years of age. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on June 28, 1988, as a proud member of the 111th Class. He retired on August 1, 2013. He is survived by his wife Deborah, daughter Ashley, son Derrick and 3 grandchildren.

SGT CHRIS A. THRAEN #2160



THRAEN, CHRIS A.

#2160 passed away on March 1st, 2023, he was 84 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on August 29th, 1966, as a proud member of the 71st Class, and retired on September 1, 1998, at the rank of Sergeant. Before enlisting in the State Police, he served in the United States Coast Guard from 1956 to 1962. He is survived by his wife Ruth, 2 sons: Edward and Jesse; 3 daughters: Kathryn, Christine, Theresa; 2 sisters: Verlee, Ellen, 12 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and predeceased in death by three of his grandchildren.

SFC ANDREW P. MASTELLA JR. #2796



MASTELLA, ANDREW P.

#2796 passed away on February 20, 2023, he was 73 years of age. He enlisted in the State Police on December 17, 1971, as a proud member of the 86th Class, and retired on December 1, 2000, at the rank of Sergeant First Class. He is survived by two daughters, Alex Mastella and Melissa Mastella, and one grandchild.

LT CLEMENT J. MEZZANOTTE #2672



MEZZANOTTE, CLEMENT

"CLEM" J. #2672 passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at the age of 81. He enlisted in the State Police on November 13, 1970, as a proud member of the 83rd Class and retired on July 1, 1996, at the rank of Lieutenant. He is survived by his wife Susan, his children Christopher and Marissa, stepchildren Taylor Bay Sutton and Tanner Sutton, and five grandchildren.

TPR I JON F. FRANK #2609



FRANK, JON F.

#2609 passed away on February 9, 2023, he was

79 years old. Jon enlisted in the State Police on July 24, 1970, as a proud member of the 82nd Class, and retired on August 1, 1990, at the rank of Trooper I. He is survived by his wife Janet, children Jon, Jr., Ola Russell, Kristin Pope, and Alex, and his five grandchildren.

LT ANTHONY R. TONELLI #4496



TONELLI, ANTHONY R.

#4496 passed away on February 7, 2023. He was 62 years of age. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on January 15, 1987, as a proud member of the 106th Class and retired on June 1, 2012. He is survived by his son, Joseph.

SFC EDWARD E. WEBB #2723



WEBB, EDWARD E.

#2723 passed away on February 5th, 2023. He was 77 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on March 5th, 1971 as a proud member of the 84th Class, and retired in 1998. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, son Edward David Webb, daughter Nicole Peterson, and three sisters.

TPR II RONALD D. SCHLEY #2034



SCHLEY, RONALD D.

#2034 passed away on January 20, 2023. He was 82 years of age. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on September 13, 1965, as a proud member of the 68th Class. He was retired of February 1, 1980, with 15 years of service at the rank of Trooper II, after sustaining a serious injury in the Asbury Park Riots. He is survived by his wife Kristine, daughter Nicole, and 2 grandchildren.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM A. NAPIERSKI #1267



NAPIERSKI, WILLIAM A.

#1267 passed away on January 22, 2023, at the age of 90. He enlisted in the State Police on December 11, 1953, as a proud member of the 44th Class and retired on June 1, 1985, at the rank of Captain. He is survived by his wife Eleanor, daughters Christine Pipeczynski and Irene Murdock, and five grandchildren.

LT GERALD T. BARBATO #2939



BARBATO, GERALD T.

#2939 passed away on January 16, 2023. He was

71 years of age. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on June 27, 1974, as a proud member of the 90th Class. He retired on June 1, 2004. Gerry was a 911 First Responder and was diagnosed with a 911 form of cancer which he battled for the past 9 years. He is survived by his wife Deborah, son Gerald Barbato, daughters Gillian, and Tyler, and 2 grandchildren.

TROOPER THOMAS J. GRADY SR. #1367



GRADY, THOMAS J.

#1367 passed away on December 24, 2022, he was 91 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on December 20, 1954, as a proud member of the 47th Class and resigned from State Police Service on March 22, 1963. Prior to his State Police Service, he enlisted in the US Air Force and became a Military Police Officer, serving throughout the Country and in Guam. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Betty), son Thomas J. Grady Jr., daughter Susan Grady Cannon, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. His step-granddaughter Macy Cannon is a Trooper with the North Carolina State Police.

LT STANLEY J. DUTKUS SR. #1740



DUTKUS, STANLEY J.

#1740 of Montague, N.J., passed away on December 13, 2022, he was 85 years old. He enlisted in the NJ State Police on February 5, 1962, as a proud member of the 59th Class and retired on July 1, 1991, at the rank of Lieutenant. He was pre-deceased by his son Steven, and is

survived by his wife Arlene, 3 sons, Sergeant Stanley J. Dutkus, Jr., #4613 (Ret), Scott & Sean, and a daughter Stacey Tarbell. He was a grandfather of ten and a great grandfather of three.

DSFC MATTHEW M. WELCH, #3349



WELCH, MATTHEW M.

#3349 passed away on December 18, 2022, he was 67 years old. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on January 26, 1979, as a proud member of the 94th Class, and retired at the rank of Detective Sergeant First Class on February 1, 2004. Predeceased by his parents Matthew and Patricia Welch, and his wife of 33 years, Captain Elizabeth Sacher Welch, #3506, he is survived by his present wife Gail Welch, brothers-in-law Tom, Jerry, Bob and Richard Sacher and their Families; the Cawley, Travers and Corcorhan Families; and Dorothy Caisey and her son Allen of Bermuda.

SFC VINCENT J. SOVIERO III, #2630



SOVIERO, VINCENT J.

#2630 passed away on December 3, 2022, he was 78 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on July 24, 1970, as a member of the 2nd Class and retired on August 1, 1999, at the rank of Sergeant First Class. Prior to his State Police Service, he proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife Elaine, sons James and Thomas, a daughter Gina, and 5 grandchildren.

SGT KARL D.K. KOEHLER, #2791



KOEHLER, KARL D.K.

#2791 of Mooresville, NC, passed away on November 16, 2022, he was 72 years of age. He enlisted in the NJ State Police on December 17, 1971, as a proud member of the 86th Class and retired on January 1, 1997, at the rank of Sergeant. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, 2 sons Dean (Kimberlee) and Kenny (Margot), and 4 Grandchildren.

TPR I HAROLD H. ROBINSON JR. #3934



ROBINSON, HAROLD H.

#3934 passed away on December 8, 2022, he was 82 years old. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on January 24, 1984, as a proud member of the Highway Patrol Class and retired on August 1, 1990, at the rank of Trooper I. Prior to his State Police Service, he honorably served in the U.S. Naval Submarine Division, and in the New Jersey Division of Highway Patrol. Predeceased by his wife Carol, he is survived by his children Harold Robinson and Leanne Robinson Kalsch, his brother Bill Robinson and seven grandchildren.

**TROOPER II ROBERT A. CASPER, SR.
#3852**



CASPER, ROBERT A., Sr., #3852 passed away on December 21, 2022, at the age of 80. He enlisted in the State Police on January 20, 1984, as a proud member of the Highway Patrol Class and retired on October 1, 1986, at the rank of Trooper II. Prior to his State Police service, Robert served in the United States Marine Corps and the New Jersey Division of Highway Patrol. Trooper II Casper is survived by his wife Lynn L. Walker-Casper, children Renée and Robert, Jr., four grandchildren, and his brothers Richard and Claude.

SGT ROGER W. TOOLE, #2807



TOOLE, ROGER W., #2807 passed away on April 28, 2023, at the age of 78. He enlisted in the State Police on December 17, 1971, as a proud member of the 86th Class and retired on October 1, 1997, at the rank of Sergeant. Prior to his State Police enlistment Roger was a Vietnam War Veteran having served as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife Marilyn, his son Mike, daughters Christina & Laurie, and six grandchildren.

SGT HARRY DELUZIO JR. #2284



DELUZIO, HARRY, JR. #2284 passed away on April 25, 2023, at the age of 78. He enlisted in the State Police on May 17, 1968, as a proud member of the 75th Class and retired on October 1, 1997, at the rank of Sergeant. Prior to his State Police enlistment Harry served in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged as an Air Policeman. Harry is survived by his wife Rita, their children Tony, Chris, and Laura, eight grandchildren, and siblings Nancy and John.

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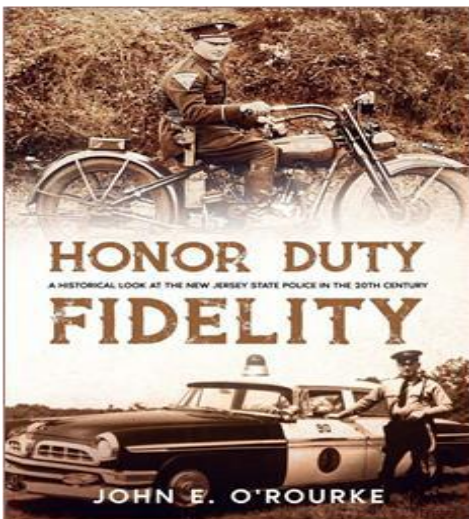
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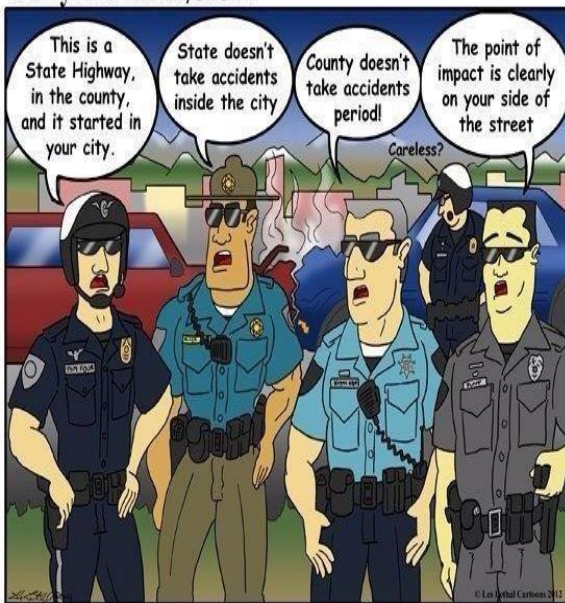
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May 20, 2023: 41st Annual NJSP 5K State Police Chase & Open House, Race @ 9:00 a.m., Awards Ceremony @ 10:15 a.m., with Open House until 2:00 p.m.

June 7, 2023: Troop "B" Ole' Timers Get-Together, 6:00 p.m., Casa Bianca, Oak Ridge, N.J. \$25.00 Per person, pay at the door!

June 12, 2023: 27th Annual State Police Memorial Association Golf Outing "Colonel's Cup," Mercer Oaks Golf Course, Hamilton, N.J.

June 21, 2023: Troop "C" Ole' Timers Get-Together, 6:00 p.m., American Legion Post #129, Toms River, N.J. \$25.00 Per person, pay at the door!

August 18, 2023: FTA Annual Picnic, 12 Noon to 5:00 p.m., German American Club, Uncle Pete's Rod., Hamilton, N.J. (see 2023 Picnic Flyer at <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/2023PicnicFlyer.pdf>. Pre-Registration and Payment can be made on the FTA Website Home Page, (www.ftanjsp.org) via the 'EVENTS' Section (top left)!

September 12, 2023: FTA / Heritage Foundation Golf Outing, Trump National Golf Club, Bedminster, N.J. ([https://www.ftanjsp.org/pdf/2023 Golf Tournament Save the Date Flyer.pdf](https://www.ftanjsp.org/pdf/2023%20Golf%20Tournament%20Save%20the%20Date%20Flyer.pdf))

October 10, 2023: 18th Annual "Survivors Cup" Golf Outing, Mercer Oaks Golf Course, Hamilton, N.J.

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