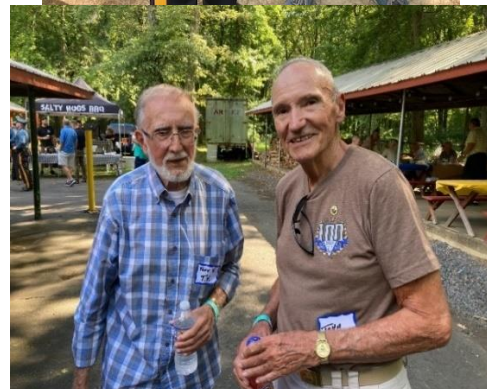




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COLONEL'S COMMENTS



As I write this brief article from my desk at Division Headquarters, I find it hard to believe that it is already August 31st! I am always grateful for the opportunity from the Former Troopers Association to offer the latest news and developments regarding those topics impacting The Outfit. July 22, 2022, marked the graduation of the 163rd State Police class and we were thrilled to welcome and swear in 163 new Jersey Troopers to our ranks. It was also a special honor for me to meet and greet some of the members of the 63rd State Police who were on hand to witness the graduation of the members representing 100 classes since the members of their class first raised their right hands and took the oath, we all have taken. For those that I know are wondering, the honor of serving as our most junior trooper at this juncture goes to Trooper Daniel Zak, #9005, who is assigned to Hope Station in Troop B. We wish Trooper Zak and all of his classmates the best of luck as they diligently work to successfully complete the Trooper Coach program.

It was also a tremendous honor for me and some of the Command Staff to attend this year's FTA Picnic. It is an event I look forward to all year long and to reminisce with both those that I worked with over the years and those that I did not, serves as a special source of pride for me as I witness, firsthand, the camaraderie we are so lucky to share in this Outfit. I am not sure there are too many agencies around the country that share the same bond as Jersey Troopers do and for that, I am truly grateful.

As we gear up for this year's annual in-service training, we have a special guest speaker that has agreed to film a message for all our enlisted members. That speaker is none other than Cindy Schwarzkopf, granddaughter of Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf. Cindy plans to come to the Log Cabin for our September Command Staff meeting and offer a motivational speech based on the leadership skills and lessons she learned from her father, General "Stormin' Norman" Schwarzkopf, as well as those of her grandfather, our first Superintendent. Cindy has agreed to allow us to film her presentation so it may be shared with all enlisted members during our in-service sessions. I trust her words and connection to our phenomenal history will resonate with all of us.

I am also excited to report that the 164th State Police Class is due to enter the Academy on September 26, 2022. On the heels of that class graduating, the 165th State Police Class is scheduled to enter the Academy in March of 2023. Our efforts to continue to bolster the ranks of The Outfit continue to be met with tremendous support and for that, I remain grateful as well.

The next update from me will not come until we are into our Class A Blouses, well into autumn and facing the early signs of winter. And just as this brief rolled around so quickly since Spring, I trust the next one will as well. Until we meet again, may God hold you and your families in the hollow of His hand and as always, stay safe out there!

-Colonel Patrick J. Callahan #5243

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Everyone!

The past five-months have been a busy time for our Association of Former Jersey Troopers! Your Board of Directors has worked throughout our state to afford every Active and Retired member of our Outfit opportunities to regain their fraternal camaraderie with old friends and even gain new ones. April 21st ushered in those opportunities with the Troop "A" Old-Timers Get-Together at the Frog Rock Golf and Country Club. Our FTA Spring General Meeting took place on May 7th at the NJSP Museum and Learning Center, Log Cabin. June 1st afforded our northern members with the Troop "B" Old-Timers Get-Together at the Casa Bianca, followed by the June 22nd Troop "C" Old-Timers Get-Together at the Toms River American Legion. Closing out the season was our favorite, the 2022 Annual FTA Family Picnic on August 19th at the German American Club. The past two years of dealing with the COVID pandemic were certainly a disappointment to our members, and to your Board. Hopefully, the future will bring us all good health and additional opportunities to maintain and expand that social/fraternal camaraderie our Association has enjoyed for some sixty-two years! Thank you all who attended these events. I hope to see those who didn't join us in the future. You won't be disappointed!



On a personal note, I would like to offer a reflection on the past year's Memorial Columbarium and Courtyard Renovation Project. Having a background in construction, I was very dedicated to bringing this very worthy project to fruition, and I couldn't be prouder of how well it turned out. Colonel Patrick J. Callahan's, #5243 support throughout the project was unwavering, as were all the contractors and materials suppliers who volunteered and donated their craftsmanship and materials. As Nicholas Soranno, then President of the FTA, and I as Chairman of the Heritage Foundation, we took it upon ourselves to spearhead, supervise, and even participate in virtually every aspect of the project. It was quite an undertaking, but one that I would do over again in a minute. That being said, the most important part of the entire project took place on the misty morning of May 4th when Major Michael H. Zimmerman, #5235, Nick Soranno and I had the honor and privilege of reintering the ashen remains of every Jersey Trooper and Spouse previously interred in the former Memorial Garden, into the new Memorial Columbarium. I will attest that it was a dignified and honored duty. That Saturday, May 7th immediately following the FTA General Meeting, Colonel Callahan presided over a Reinterment Service for the families of those we reinterred. No one needed to say, "Thank you," as their broad smiles and tearful gestures said it all. Yet, as happy and emotional as the Service was, everyone in attendance offered us their gratitude many times over!

In my April message I touched on how our Association of retirees has transitioned into a lot more than just being a social/fraternal organization. That transition has gone much further than

many realize. Working closely with Colonel Callahan and his staff, we are making strides towards the benefit of not only our Former Troopers Association, but all Jersey Troopers! Thanks to the efforts of Colonel Callahan, our FTA, Heritage Foundation, and the True Blue and Gold Gift Shop have a place at Division Headquarters. That's right, we've executed a Lease License Agreement to preserve our office and store facilities inside the NJSP Visitors Center at Wilburtha! Our working relationship with the STFA, NCO, and SOA Associations have also expanded, offering important opportunities to further benefit us all! The transition brought about during the last decade has been a concerted, well-planned effort towards expanding our services. Gone are the days where the Former Troopers Association was thought of as being nothing more than "an old man's club." Today we work in concert with the Division and our fellow Active Associations for the betterment of every Jersey Trooper – Active, Retired, and Deceased, and their Families! Good things are on the horizon!

As you can see, we are busy and adding new programs, benefits, and events to 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. My God Bless us All!

Thank you, and My Best Regards,
George Wren

NJSP MEMORIAL COLUMBARIUM AND COURTYARD RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE!



As many of you know the construction of the Memorial Columbarium and Courtyard Renovation Project is completed and we are all anxiously looking forward to Colonel Callahan's dedication of this very worthy endeavor. An initial dedication ceremony will take place on Friday, October 21, 2022, in appreciation of the contractors, materials suppliers, and donors who graciously donated their craftsmanship and materials. Every contractor, materials supplier, and donor that contributed to this fantastic undertaking is looking to attend!

In addition to the Memorial Columbarium and Courtyard Renovation Project, those in the know are anxiously awaiting the delivery and placement of a new and worthy addition to the courtyard, the Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf, #1 statue. This statue was commissioned by the Troopers United Foundation in the early stage of our construction/renovation project and approved by Colonel Callahan. Once the statue is in place Colonel Callahan will announce a date for an unveiling of the new statue.

In the meantime, the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, Inc., and the NJSP have entered into a cooperative working agreement for the administration and perpetual care of the Memorial Columbarium and the surrounding site. Thanks to the caring administration of Nick Soranno, an application process has been established and is now available for any Active, Deceased, or Retired Jersey Troopers who departed State Police Service in Good Standing. Application may be made by the Trooper, their Spouse, or next-of-kin, and/or authorized individual. The Application for Interment NJSP Memorial Columbarium shall be accompanied by a non-refundable donation of not less than \$500 per person (Trooper = \$500 + Spouse = \$500, totaling \$1,000 if applicable), payable to the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, Inc., for the perpetual care of the facility.

Applications and additional information and pictures of the completed project can be found on the Former Troopers Association Web Site under the Memorial Columbarium Section at: <https://www.ftanjsp.org/columbarium/index.php>, or on the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation Web Site also under the Memorial Columbarium Section at: <https://www.njftheritagefoundation.org/columbarium/columbarium.php>. An in-depth overview of the entire project and the dedication ceremony will be included in our December 2022 issue of the True Blue & Gold newsletter!

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

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

On behalf of the Officers, Directors, and our Staff our hope is that 2022 summer was filled with great family activities and fun travels. The summer FTA Picnic returned to the German American Club in Hamilton Township this past August. Nearly 350 guests attended and all were pleased with the food, refreshments and social atmosphere. Congratulations and thanks goes to Captain Ernie Volkmann and his team for putting together an outstanding event. A special thanks to Colonel Callahan, his staff and the many Active Troopers who came out and enjoyed the camaraderie!

Our Association continues to grow its membership and we ask that when you speak with fellow retired troopers ask them if they are members. And if not ask Why Not! Please be an Ambassador and help continue to grow this Association so more retirees can benefit.

On May 17th, 2022, we lost an instrumental member of the FTA Board, Lt. Harry McCurdy #2117. With his legal background, Harry brought this Association leap years ahead with formal structure that continues to steer us today. Harry's impact as a servant leader was inspirational. Going forward, the FTA's Exemplary Service Award will be named in Harry's honor. This will continue to distinguish and recognize Lt. McCurdy's impact on our organization as we recognize our members who perform selfless public service.

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

FTA/HERITAGE FOUNDATION WINTER CRUISE

There's still time to sign up for our next cruise adventure slated for March 5-12, 2023, aboard the NEW, Norwegian Prima. Join us and discover the Prima, 1st in a new class of ships designed to elevate every expectation. Sailing from Cape Canaveral to Cozumel, Mexico; George Town, Grand Cayman; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; and Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas, this seven-day cruise will be a relaxing, fun-filled, warm weather experience packed with good food, cold drinks, and a camaraderie only experienced by great friends! Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity.

Check out the Prima at: <https://www.ncl.com/cruise/prima> and make sure to view all the videos to see just how much this ship really offers. Six months to go, so book now! Final payment will be due in November 2022. Arrangements are being handled by Danielle @ Gem Casino Travel. Check out our cruise flyer on the FTA Website Announcements Boxes and book your cruise today!

FALL FTA GENERAL MEETING

The FTA Fall General Membership Meeting will be held on November 5, 2022, 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. Lunch will be served following the meeting.

FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

Troop "A" Old-Timers Get-Together

The Troop "A" Old-Timers Get-Together was held on April 21, 2022, at the Frog Rock Golf & Country Club. 50 Retirees and even an Active Jersey Trooper attended the affair! Thanks again to our longtime facilitator and 'MC' Good Ole' Captain Edward Marinelli, #1334 (Ret), and retiree William Trump, #2516. Everyone had another great time!

Troop "B" Old-Timers Get-Together

The Troop "B" Old-Timers Get-Together was held on June 1, 2022, at the Casa Bianca. 75 Retired Jersey Troopers attended the dinner! Special thanks to retirees, Captain Nick Soranno, #3065, Captain Tom Van Tassel, #2931, Major Heidi Scripture, #3579, and Trooper I Robert Wilk, #3603 for putting together a great occasion at a new venue!

Troop "C" Old-Timers Get-Together(s)

The Troop "C" Old-Timers Get-Together was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at the Toms River American Legion. 60 Retired Jersey Troopers attended the dinner! Special Thanks to retirees Captains Kenneth Wondrack, #2363 and Ernest Volkmann, #2547 for putting together another great dinner at the American Legion! We would also like to thank retirees, Lieutenants Raymond Miller, #2538 and William Vowell, #2763 for organizing periodic luncheon gatherings at the "Troop Friendly," Toms River American Legion! Always a great time and central venue to see old faces and meet some new ones!

TEAMS 2nd Annual Reunion



Troop B “Impromptu” Gathering



THE BLACK RIVER BARN, RANDOLPH, NJ / AUGUST 10, 2022

SEATED L-R: R. DALY #2167, F. STAUDINGER #2313, P. MORRISON #2217, GAIL JUST-CORNELIUS #3020
J. KEELY #2449, J. LAIRD #1998, R. HIGGINS #2382, W. SIROTNAK #2005, A. WISTNER #2897, A. GOLLUSCIO #3884
STANDING: R. SLIVA #2715, J. McGOURTY #2877, P. KEMPINSKI #2870 & R. GIACOBBE #4056



N.J. FORMER TROOPER HERITAGE FOUNDATION **2022 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES**

We are pleased to announce the list of recipients of the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, 2022 Scholarships.

The DEBRA CHESKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000 Awardee was Sydney Villone, Granddaughter of Dennis A. Villone, #2132. The LUCAS J. HOMEIJER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$2,500 Awardee was Camryn N. David, Daughter of Anthony J. David, #6224. The CAPTAIN PETER & ELEANOR BAKER, #1600 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$1,600 Awardee was Jake F. Ponte, Son of Luis Ponte, #5771. The CINDY TRUMP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000 Awardees were Camille R. Dellaire, Granddaughter of John F. McGourty, #2877; Mackenzie L. Hart, Granddaughter of Richard Wisniewski, #1873; Zoe M. Kaczerski, Stepdaughter of Kenneth J. Brown, #6712, Scott M. Miller, Son of Brian S. Miller, #5752; and Thomas J. Rankin, Grandson of Thomas A. Harvat, #2783. The RICHARD S. SORANNO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000 Awardee was Kaitlyn B. Fennell, Daughter of Brian K. Fennell, #5588. The TROOPER WILLIAM L. CARROLL, JR. #3296 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000 Awardee was Christopher C. Reigel, Grandson of Glenn J. Reigel, #3139. The CAPTAIN R.J. & MARY DELANEY, #978 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$978 Awardee was Andrew M. Koch, Son of Andrew J. Koch, #5724. The N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION, 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS \$500 Awards went to: Emily G. Bartzak, Granddaughter of Joseph J. Bartzak, #1357; Robert W. Bauers, III, Grandson of Robert W. Bauers, Sr. #1958, and Son of Robert W. Bauers, Jr. #5122; Atticus W. Bowie, Grandson of George R. Tighelaar, #2267; Justin L. Cartwright, Grandson of Lee L. Cartwright, #2523; Alexander D. Dias, Son of David Dias, #5255; Ava G. DiStaso, Daughter of Derek P. DiStaso, #6186; Garrett F. Drew, Son of Christopher A. Drew, #5862; Ayden C. Estevez, Son of Carlos Estevez, #5863 and Son of Danielle M. Estevez, #6149; Dominick L. Fraulo, Son of Joseph V. Fraulo, #5591; Adrianna M. Granato, Daughter of John A. Granato, #5704; Aidan C. Grant, Grandson of Kenneth T. Grant, #1996 (D); Daisy R. Hutnick, Granddaughter of William E. Hutnick, #2868; Luke J. Marron, Son of Kevin Marron, #5622; Mia K. Murdock, Granddaughter of William A. Napierski, #1267; Madelyn N. Nabinger, Daughter of Nathan J. Nabinger, #6371; Bryan J. O'Keefe, Son of Bryan P. O'Keefe, #4559; Luke P. Riva, Son of Jeffery B. Riva, #6116; Jenna R. Rivella, Step-Granddaughter of Michael Einhorn, #3871; Sabrina E. Roberson, Granddaughter of Lanny R. Roberson, #2410; Lauren M. Ross, Granddaughter of Frederick Staudinger, #2313; Julia R. Scholten, Granddaughter of Richard J. Furlong, #1807; Brian M. Sharkey, Grandson of Michael Lyons, #2214; Nicholas K. Theodos, Grandson of Nicholas Theodos, #3463; and Gabriella G. Torres, Daughter of Laura M. Midori, #5749. Please join us in congratulating each and every recipient, and in thanking everyone who has donated towards this very worthy scholarship program!

TRUE BLUE AND GOLD



Our True Blue and Gold Logo Merchandise Sales Operation continues to offer merchandise at our longstanding Division Headquarters Store located in the front of the former Wilburtha Station and via our Internet Sales Outlet @: trueblueandgold.com! Both locations offer a wide range of merchandise for your shopping pleasure, so if your visiting Division Headquarters stop in and see Jackie or Linda while checking out our selections or visit Tony and Ken through our Internet Store platform!

HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC., INFO.

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 is 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 FTA representatives. 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 x2220. Your assistance in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

NJSP Day of Gratitude



Throughout my NJSP career and in retirement via the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, I have had the privilege and honor of acknowledging the accomplishments of many Jersey Troopers, but few reach the level of gratitude due our own Major Al Della Fave (Ret). Throughout his life, Al has been the epitome of selfless caring and devotion to his fellow man, and on August 30, 2022, along with Colonel Patrick J. Callahan and a cadre of clergy, active, retired and civilian State Police Personnel received Community Appreciation Awards bestowed by the Rabbinical Alliance of America, in recognition of their years of collaborative efforts and tireless devotion to the community. It was my honor and privilege to attend the program!

Additional Award Recipients included: LTC Wayne Korte, Major Brian Polite, Major Joseph Brennan, Major Sheila McKaig-Devlin, Captain Lori Andrews, Captain David Robbins, Lt. Adam Grossman, Sergeant Dianna Wamsher, SFC Alina Gutierrez-Spies, LTC Fritz G. Frage (Ret), Reverend John R. Taylor – Chief Chaplain, and David Cipriano – Senior ROIC Analyst.

On behalf of the entire Former Troopers Association, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to each and every award recipient, and to every Jersey Trooper, Active, Retired, and Deceased for their collaborative efforts and devotion to the greater community of New Jersey .

Submitted by: Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., - FTA President

BESSIE'S CORNER



What a Summer! Definitely looking forward to some cooler weather.

Now more than ever, I can't stress enough the importance of registering for a Members Benefits Online System (MBOS) account. More and more agencies and businesses are moving away from receiving "snail mail" and even wanting to decrease the volume of telephone calls, that's where your MBOS account plays a large part. Many questions can be answered within, as well as the ability to download various documents and forms. You can make address, beneficiary and financial institutions there as well. There is also the Document download ability, where you can complete and download forms and documents, or just download a required document

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 new addition is Benefitsolver through your mynjbenefitshub:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Through mynjbenefitshub — also known as Benefitsolver® — you will have access to manage your SHBP benefits such as plan changes, etc. You will also have the ability to add or remove dependents and upload supporting documents. You will have 24/7 access to mynjbenefitshub through your computer and a mobile app. This online portal is being provided through our partnership with Businessolver®. Together, we are committed to making your enrollment and continued engagement in your health benefits coverage both convenient and informative.

You can view additional information by clicking on this link:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/pdf/SHBP-retiree-transition-newsletter.pdf>

Some retirees are required to pay more for their premium payments of Medicare Part B due to higher income. If you are required to pay additional Medicare premiums, you are required by NJ Pensions and Benefits to submit a request for reimbursement of the ADDITIONAL premiums paid, **ANNUALLY**. NJ Pensions and Benefits sends information at the end of the year to retirees with information on when the due date of that request must be submitted and the instructions for submittal. They are requiring the documentation supporting those additional premium payments be uploaded through your MBOS account. Information can be found here: https://www-typen.state.nj.us/TYP_EPAY/sng/epayEntry

2022 Medicare Premiums are \$170.10, AND this amount is reimbursed, MONTHLY, in your pension check. If your income is higher than the limits listed below, then you are required to pay additional premiums for your coverage. Income limits are as follows:

Yearly income in 2020: single	Yearly income in 2020: married, joint filing	2022 Medicare Part B monthly premium
≤ \$91,000	≤ \$182,000	\$170.10
> \$91,00–\$114,000	> \$182,000–\$228,000	\$238.10
> \$114,000–\$142,000	> \$228,000–\$284,000	\$340.20
> \$142,000–\$170,000	> \$284,000–\$340,000	\$442.30
> \$170,000– < \$500,000	> \$340,000– < \$750,000	\$544.30
≥ \$500,000	≥ \$750,000	\$578.30

This link provides much information regarding your retiree benefits.

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

Wait times on hold with Pensions and Benefits can be daunting, if your computer supports Live Chats, you can live chat with them 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. If you must call and to avoid lengthy wait times, it is recommended to call first thing in the AM, try and avoid the beginning and end of the month, as well as Mondays and Fridays.

This link will provide information regarding retiree pensions and how to make changes, etc.. If you have an MBOS account, you can log into your account and get much of this same info, but specific to your retirement account.

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

I have been receiving many calls from retirees regarding enrollment in Medicare prior to turning 65, keep the calls coming! **You must enroll at least 2-3 months prior to turning 65, and please be sure to enroll in BOTH Parts A and B ONLY.** It is important that you select Parts A and B upon enrollment, if not, you have to contact Social Security to obtain a form you must complete and return. By not enrolling in both, you jeopardize being dropped from your NJ State Health Benefits Plan. Part D will be taken care of by Pensions and Benefits. The link below will provide information regarding RETIREE health benefits, including information on enrolling in Medicare upon turning 65 and what plan(s) you and eligible dependents move over to.

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

Please take note of changes this year for those turning 65: When a retiree OR spouse turns 65 and enrolls in Medicare, the retiree and/or spouse moves over to the Aetna Medicare Advantage plan. Retiree or Spouse and eligible dependents who have NOT yet turned 65 will be enrolled in a non-Medicare advantage Aetna plan. If your co-pay is currently \$10, you will be enrolled in the PPO ESA10 plan, if your co-pay is \$15, you will be enrolled in the PPO ESA15 plan. Below taken from NJ Pension and Benefits website:

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.

Fact sheet 23 addresses Medicare Enrollment, it can be found here:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/factsheets/fact23.pdf>

I am here for YOU and YOUR family, I welcome all telephone calls and emails regarding questions, concerns you have regarding your retirement benefits, as well as helping surviving dependents navigate the process. Please feel free to reach out to me either by phone or email with any questions you may have. 609-649-3221 or bjones@ftanjsp.org.

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 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 the form can be accessed through the first link listed above.

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. NJ Pensions and Benefits' hours are 7 am until 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday.

Information regarding death benefits can be found here:

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

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/factsheets/fact10.pdf>

Information regarding Designation of Beneficiary:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/forms/eb0215.pdf>

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

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/pdf/life-sprs.pdf>

Any questions or concerns? Reach out to me, at anytime, by either phone or email My email is bjones@ftanjsp.org or at **609-649-3221**. If you know of a member who doesn't have computer access, or needs assistance setting up a MBOS account, please have them reach out to me.

****IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:****

Pensions and Benefits 609-292-7524

Christal FTA Office 609-882-2000 Ext 2220

Bessie FTA Consultant 609-649-3221

Have a Cool Autumn!

Bessie

DIVISION ACTIVITIES

Courtesy of NJSP PIO

163rd New Jersey State Police Recruit Class Completes Academy Training

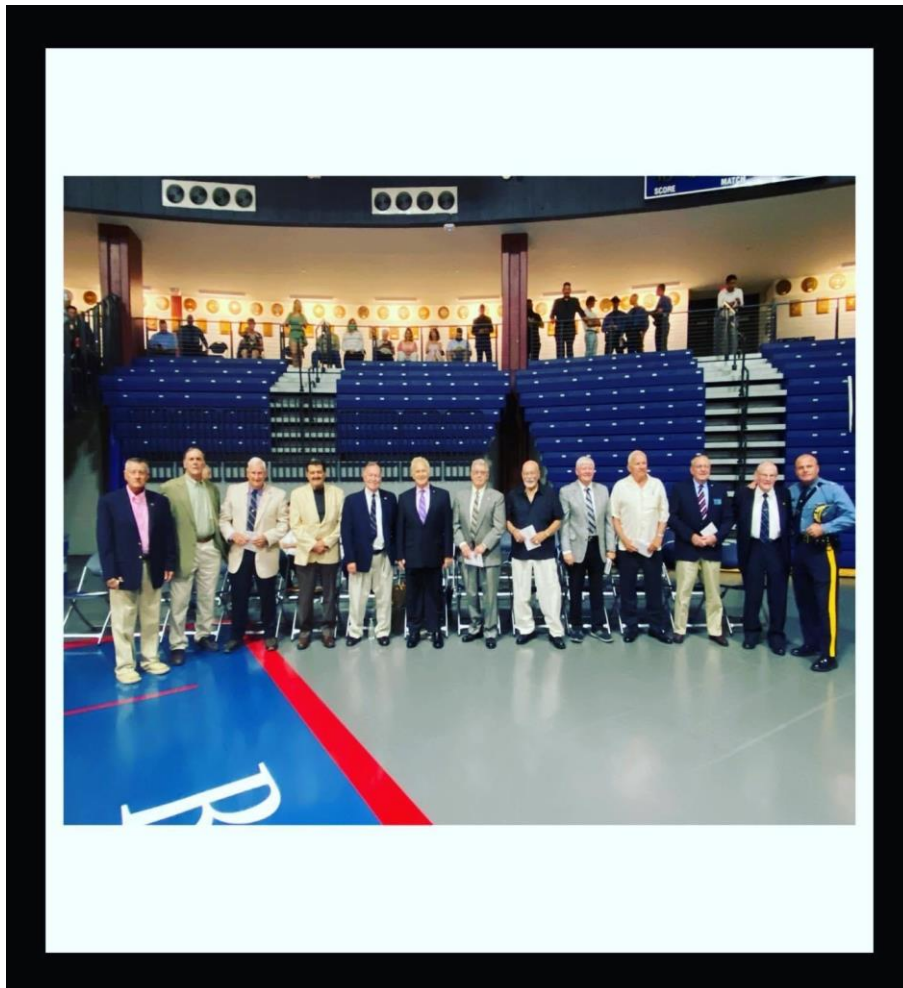


On July 22, 2022, New Jersey Acting Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin, and Colonel Patrick J. Callahan presented badges to New Jersey's newest state troopers during the graduation ceremony at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, N.J.

The 163rd New Jersey State Police Class graduated a 163 new troopers. Of this graduating class, 131 have college degrees, 29 are prior military, and 25 have prior law enforcement experience. Among the class, 59 were college athletes, 12 were firefighters, 9 were emergency medical technicians, and 2 were professional athletes. Notable is that for most of the training session the class worked seven days a week and only released for the weekend a few times. "The men and women of the 163rd Class began as recruits and today embark on their careers as New Jersey State Troopers. Now that their training is complete, they will face a multitude of challenges as they are tasked with serving and protecting the citizens of this great state," said Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police. "I am confident that the graduates are not only prepared for these challenges they will encounter because of their rigorous training they have received, but they will serve as role models to all future troopers while leading by example and upholding our core values of Honor, Duty, and Fidelity."

[63rd New Jersey State Police Class Recognized](#)

At the 163rd Recruit Class graduation, several members were present and recognized from the 63rd graduation class. The 63rd graduated 45 recruits on March 2, 1965. This was 57 years ago! Present at the ceremony **were Joseph Lucas; Peter Hallock; Edward Gunnell; Dennis Negele; Laurent Gauthier; Charles Pugliese; Louis Arce; Frank Dreyer; Sigmund Kobylinski; Carl Williams; Robert Buys; and Dominic Trocchia.**



State Police Arrest Six Suspects and Dismantle Human Trafficking Network

The New Jersey State Police have arrested six suspects for allegedly operating a human trafficking network in Central New Jersey. During a four-month investigation, detectives discovered that the suspects smuggled female victims into the country and forced them into prostitution.

Recently, detectives from the Missing Persons & Human Trafficking Unit obtained information that a juvenile was being trafficked out of a residence in Trenton, Mercer County. Later in the day, detectives along with members of the State Police T.E.A.M.S. Unit, K-9 Unit, Crime Suppression Central Unit, Trenton Police Department, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) executed a search warrant at the residence. As a result, two female victims were located inside the residence resulting in the arrests of two subjects from Trenton.

During the investigation, it was discovered that one of the female victims was smuggled from Mexico to Texas under the belief that she would be working in a restaurant. However, she was involuntarily forced into a human sex trafficking operation. The juvenile was then trafficked into New Jersey where she continued to be forced into prostitution in Asbury Park before being moved to Trenton.

Through various investigative means, the ringleader of the human trafficking operation was identified who operated multiple residences in Trenton. Subsequent search warrants at various residences resulted in nine additional female victims being located. Evidence that the victims were smuggled into the country under the pretense they would be provided legitimate employment was uncovered.

"Human trafficking victims are subjected to irreprehensible physical and emotional abuse because of the manipulation and fear-based tactics used by their perpetrators," said Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police. "This investigation shows our dedication to use every resource at our disposal to bring these criminals to justice and dismantle operations that create life-long, damage to victims. We remain committed to working with our partners to aggressively target these offenders but remind everyone to remain vigilant and report these heinous crimes to law enforcement."

MEMBERS OF THE MARINE BUREAU RESCUE 11 AS BOAT SINKS



On August 14, 2022, a vessel in distress was spotted in the Point Pleasant Canal by Sergeant First Class Christopher Kochman, along with Troopers Michael Sugzda, Kristofer Buonomo, Francis Morris, and Luke Drazdik of the Point Pleasant Station. The 21-foot Sea Ray that took on three significant waves over its bow started to absorb water as the troopers got closer to the boat. Seven children and four adults were physically helped from the river onto a State Police boat by the troopers, who then started providing emergency aid. They were then taken to safety. As a result of the occurrence, no injuries were reportedly sustained.

Great Job as always by our Marine Police!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Scholarship Selection Committee,

It is with enormous gratitude that I write you this letter. Selecting me to receive your generous scholarship was both humbling and appreciated. I have worked hard to achieve both academic and athletic success during my high school tenure and it is a wonderful feeling to be acknowledged by the NJ Former Trooper's Heritage Foundation. I cannot express to you enough how helpful your financial assistance will be to me. As I indicated in my essay, I was unable to work for several months this senior year as I recovered from a traumatic sports injury. Following reconstructive surgery, I was hampered by crutches, a cast, then a boot, as well as hours of physical therapy. This severely limited my ability to work and build on my savings for college and presented a great financial challenge. Your scholarship has helped alleviate that burden and I want you to know that I will work hard to make every dollar count towards my continuing education. I intend to make a positive impact in my community in honor of your scholarship. Thank you again for your consideration and generosity.

Respectfully,
Dominic Fraulo

Dear Mr. Volkmann,

I am honored to receive a scholarship from the New Jersey Former Troopers Heritage Foundation. Thank you for supporting me as I continue my education at Kenyon College. I hope to make you all Proud.

*Sincerely,
Niko Theodos*

Dear N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation,

My name is Camille Dallaire and I was recipient of one of the Cindy Trump Memorial Scholarships. I wanted to thank you for your generosity, which will allow me to further my education and make it possible for me to become a registered nurse.

My love for working in the healthcare field started when I got my lifeguard certification, and I cannot wait to continue my education in college. I hope to one day help other families in my community and your assistance with this scholarship makes it more achievable.

*Sincerely,
Camille Dallaire*

Dear Mr. Ernest Volkmann,

Thank you to the Former Troopers Heritage Foundation for awarding me the Captain Peter & Eleanor Baker #1600 Memorial Scholarship. Your generosity will significantly help me fund my college education in the near future. I am proud to say that I will be attending the college of William and Mary University in Williamsburg, VA this fall. I plan to major in government and data science. Much like New Jersey State Troopers, I hope to serve my community with honor and dedication. I wish you all the best.

*Sincerely,
Jake Ponte*

Dear Mr. Ernest Volkmann,

Thank you so much to you and the Board of Trustees for selecting me for the Cindy Trump Scholarship. Thank you also to Mr. and Mrs. Trump for making it possible to receive the award. I am honored to be able to apply under the endorsement of my Grandfather Lt. Thomas A. Harvat, Sr. (ret. #2783). I am grateful to have received this award, and I will of course be putting these funds toward my continued education pursuit at the University of Southern California this upcoming fall where I will on a pre-medical track.

*Sincerely,
Thomas Rankin*

Dear Mr. Wren & FTA Members,

Thank you for sponsoring me in the 2022 Police Unity Tour. It was an honor to represent the NJSP in such a worthwhile cause. I had a great experience and very much appreciate your support.

Fraternally Yours,
Tpr. Andrew Mannikus, #8332

Dear Heritage Foundation Members,

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the New Jersey Former Troopers Heritage Foundation Scholarship award. Your generous support is greatly appreciated and will be used directly toward my tuition for the upcoming year. I am eagerly anticipating my freshman year at Monmouth University where I plan to pursue a degree in Criminology.

As the son of a current New Jersey State Trooper, I have seen firsthand how the New Jersey State Police can function like one extended family. My father has engrained in me that through kindness, hard work and generosity anything is achievable. I once again greatly appreciate your gift.

*Respectfully,
Garrett F. Drew*

Dear Mr. Volkmann and Board of Trustees,

Thank you very much for your generous \$1,000 scholarship. It will help me tremendously in the expenses involved in going to the University of Tampa. I am honored to have been selected and will make great use of the scholarship money in my studies.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn Fennell

Mr. Volkmann,

I would like to thank you and the rest of the scholarship committee for your generous investment into the future of my education. I am honored to have been selected from such a large pool of qualified applicants. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Christopher Reigel

Dear Mr. Wren,

Just a note to let you know that I received the Memorial Plaque of John, and I will treasure it, as will his family. At first, I didn't recognize John's likeness on the plaque but then a day later I received an envelope with the photograph that was used in making the plaque. It's a photograph that I don't believe I ever saw before, and I love it! We do have photographs from different time periods and I am happy to add this special one to our collection.

Thank you also for your kind note.
Sincerely,
Cheryl A. Soos.

Dear Former trooper Association,

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and sympathy during our time of loss.

MaryBeth and Bob Wilk and family

Mr. Volkmann,

Thank you so much for your generosity in the scholarship. I am very excited to begin my journey at Clemson and this money will be very helpful when it comes to time to buy supplies and necessities I will use in college.

Thank you again,
Mia Murdock

Dear Heritage Foundation Board of Trustees,

I would like to take this time to thank you for selecting me as one of the \$500 scholarship award winners. It is an honor to have been chosen for this award. The money has been used as I pursue my degree in music production. I start classes at Liberty University this week. Your consideration was greatly appreciated let alone being selected. For this I am thankful.

**Sincerely,
Justin L. Cartwright**

Dear Former Troopers Heritage Foundation,

Thank you so much for choosing me to receive the scholarship for the class of 2021. I am sorry this card is so long but thank you! I included a photo of my grandfather (former Trooper William Sirotnak #2005) and I! Thanks again

**Sincerely,
Kinsey Lockard**

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FINAL PATROL

SGT. JOHN A. DONEGAN, #2694



DONEGAN, JOHN A. #2694 passed away on September 5, 2022. He was 80 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on March 5, 1971, as a proud member of the 84th Class and retired on December 1, 1996. John was a Veteran of the United States Air Force. John is predeceased by his wife Anita and daughter Mary Beth, and survived by his daughters Kathleen Haakon, Maggie Spence and Kristine O'Hara.

TPR. THOMAS M. GREEN, #2950



GREEN, THOMAS M. #2950 passed away on August 31, 2022. He was 74 years of age. He enlisted in the NJ State Police on June 27, 1974, as a proud member of the 90th Class and retired on December 30, 1980. Thomas served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife Donnamarie and children Amy, David and Scott.

LIEUTENANT JOHN J. HERMAN, #3110



HERMAN, JOHN J. #3110 passed away on August 25, 2022, he was 68 years of age. He enlisted in the State Police on May 20, 1977, as a proud member of the 92nd Class and retired on June 1, 2002. He is survived by his wife Janet, children John and Laura and four grandchildren.

**SFC. WILLIAM A. CASEY,
#4144**



**CASEY, WILLIAM A.
#4144** passed away on August 23, 2022. William was 61 years of age. He enlisted in the State Police on 01-22-1986 as a proud member of the 103rd Class retiring in 2012. He is survived by his wife Juanita and three children Dr. Devin Harkins, Erin Freire and Liam Casey.

**TROOPER I MICHAEL J.
HART, #6082**



**HART, MICHAEL J.
#6082** passed away on August 19, 2022, he was 47 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on November 9, 2001, as a proud member of the 126th Class, and retired in 2016. He is survived by his wife Sheila and children, Alexis and Michael, his father Harry Hart, mother Jean Goncalves, his sisters, Debra Merendino, Nancy Hart Larrimore, Susan Shafranek, Donna Hart-

Foerster, and Diane Hart Steinberg.

**CAPTAIN NICHOLAS V.
DELUCA #1928**



**DELUCA, NICHOLAS V.
#1928** passed away on August 19, 2022. He was 79 years of age. He enlisted in the State Police on August 17, 1964 as a proud member of the 65th Class and retired on August 1, 1997. Prior to enlisting in the NJSP he proudly served in the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his wife Charlene of the NJSP Medical Unit (Ret); his children Nicholas, Christopher, Dawn McLean, Kellie Schmitt, and Beth Morrison; along with seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

**CAPTAIN ROBERT W.
BAUERS, #1958**



**BAUERS, ROBERT W.
#1958** passed away on August 11, 2022. Bob was 79 years of age. He enlisted in the State Police on 01-18-1965 as a

proud member of the 66th Class. He retired on 03-01-1991. He was predeceased by his wife Lynn. He is survived by his daughter Deanna Griffin, son Robert W. Bauers, #5122 (Ret), brother Barton Bauers, Jr. and three grandchildren.

**SGT. GEORGE HRUSZCAK,
#2866**



**HRUSZCAK, GEORGE
#2866** passed away as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident on June 25, 2022, he was 70 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on June 22, 1973, as a proud member of the 88th Class, and departed State Police Service in 1993. He is survived by his wife Noreen and son Brian.

**SSGT. EDWARD R.
WAGNER, #5326**



**WAGNER, EDWARD R.
#5326** passed away on Thursday, July 27, 2022, he was 53 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on April 7, 1995, as a proud member of the 115th Class, and

retired from State Police Service on August 1, 2021, at the rank of Staff Sergeant. He is survived by his children Christopher and Amanda, brothers Peter and Brian.

LIEUTENANT JOSEPH BARTZAK, #1357



BARTZAK, JOSEPH #1357 passed away on July 14, 2022. He was 90 years of age. He enlisted in the State Police on December 20, 1954, as a proud member of the 47th Class and retired on 08/01/1996, after 35 years of service. He is survived by his wife Bernadine; his sons Stephen, Joseph and John; daughter Mary Jo Bolling; and 7 grandchildren.

LIEUTENANT THOMAS W. EVANS, #2331



EVANS, THOMAS W. #2331 passed away on July 20, 2022. He was 82 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on October 18, 1968, as a proud member of the 76th Class and retired in 2002. He is survived by his wife Carol; his children Shari Saffelder & her husband Rick, Bonnie Chamberlain & her

husband Brian, James Staten & his wife Michelle, Jennifer Oscar & her husband Earl, Ashley Whiting & her husband Ryan, Robert Purcell & his wife Yumi, Timothy Purcell & his wife Keiko; his sister Sarann Wolfson & husband Martin; and 13 grandchildren.

LIEUTENANT RAYMOND FELDHERR #1637



FELDHERR, RAYMOND #1637 passed away on June 16, 2022. He was 90 years old. He entered the State Police on 08-01-1960 as a member of the 56th Class and retired on 03-01-1982. He is survived by his daughter Diane Bailey of Arizona, his sister Annette Berch, and preceded by his wife Judy.

LIEUTENANT ROBERT A. CIPOLLA #3175



CIPOLLA, ROBERT A. #3175 passed away on June 14, 2022, at the age of 70. He entered the State Police on November 1, 1978, as a member of the 93A Class, and retired on November 1, 2005. He is survived by his wife Ann; son Christopher; brothers

Alan and Anthony; sister Ann; and 2 grandchildren.

CAPTAIN RUSSELL R. MACARTHUR, #1508



MACARTHUR, RUSSELL R. #1508 passed away on June 10, 2022. He was 89 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on August 3, 1956, as a member of the 51st Class and retired on April 30, 1988. He served in the U. S. Army prior to State Police service. He is survived by his brother Norman, sister Mildred, son Captain (Ret) Russell MacArthur of East Brunswick P.D., daughter Barbara, 6 grandsons and one great granddaughter.

DSFC. ROBERT F. CORCORAN, #2281



CORCORAN, ROBERT F. #2281 passed away on June 8, 2022. He was 81 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on May 17, 1968, as a member of the 75th Class, and retired on June 1, 1995. He is survived by his wife Shirley; two sons Robert and Michael; 3 daughters Karen, Kathy and Lisa; and 10 grandchildren.

**SFC. SCOTT D. FRANCIS,
#5444**



FRANCIS, SCOTT D.
#5444 passed away on June 8, 2022. He was 63 years old. He enlisted in the State Police Marine Bureau on March 21, 1988, and was designated as a Trooper with the 116th Class. He retired on July 1, 2013. He is survived by wife Sylvia, daughter Amy, sons Andrew and Scott, and 2 grandchildren.

**DET I. JOHN W. DOERR,
#2775**



DOERR, JOHN W.
#2775 passed away on June 7, 2022. He was 76 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on December 17, 1971, as a member of the 86th Class, and retired on July 1, 1980. He is survived by his wife Darlene, son Daniel, daughter Carolyn and 5 grandchildren.

**SSGT. JAMES J. PUHALSKI,
#4098**



PUHALSKI, JAMES J.
#4098 passed away on June 5, 2022. He was 63 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on June 13, 1985, as a member of the 102nd Class, and retired on July 1, 2011. He is survived by his twin brother Sergeant (Ret) Joseph Puhalski #3808, his girlfriend Elizabeth Sarkos, son Thomas and daughter Tara.

**LIEUTENANT JOHN K.
WILSON, #2996**



WILSON, JOHN K.
#2996 passed away on April 10, 2022, he was 70 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on June 27, 1974, as a proud member of the 90th Class, and retired on June 1, 2002, at the rank of Lieutenant. He is survived by his wife, Donna, a son, John Jr. who is a current Delaware State Trooper and his wife Jackie, a daughter, Jennifer Wilson Shortridge and her husband Wesley, and 2 grandsons, Bryce and Max.

**CAPTAIN PETER HAUSCH,
#1683**



HAUSCH, PETER #1683 passed away on June 5, 2022, at the age of 84. He served in the US Air Force from 1956 through 1960. He was a member of the 57th State Police Class graduating on February 6, 1961, and retiring in 1991. He is survived by his wife Janet; sons Mike, Don & Peter; daughters Anne, Jackie, Carol & Diane; 22 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**LIEUTENANT FERNANDO
PINEIRO, #3567**



PINEIRO, FERNANDO #3567 passed away on May 12, 2022, he was 63 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on April 3, 1981, as a member of the 97th Class and retired on 12/1/2007. He is survived by his wife Maria and two sons Frank and Michael.

**SFC. WILLIAM H. KEHRLE,
#1208**



KEHRLE, WILLIAM H. #1208 passed away on May 28, 2022. He was 92 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on August 11, 1953, as a member of the 43rd Class and retired on February 01, 1980. He is survived by his wife Nancy, two daughters Karen Kehrle and Diane Kahrle.

TPR. I SALVATORE F. LANZETTI, #3902



LANZETTI, SALVATORE F. #3902 passed away on October 2, 2021, he was 76 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on January 21, 1984, as a proud member of the Highway Patrol Class and retired on December 1, 1992, at the rank of Trooper I. He was survived by his wife Joan.

DSFC. RICHARD R. DEGHECCHIO, #1966



DEGHECCHIO, RICHARD R. #1966 passed away on April 18, 2022, he was 83 years old. He enlisted in the State Police January 18, 1965, as a proud member of the 66th Class, and retired on September 1, 1991. He served in the U.S. Navy prior to his State Police service. He is survived by his wife, Joanne, a daughter, Dawn, and her husband Captain David P. Gallant, #3191 (Ret), a son, Todd H. DeGhetto, (U.S. Navy (Ret), a daughter Tracie Ann Mina, and a son Richard Drew DeGhetto along with 10 grandchildren, including Detective II Michael D. Gallant, #774.

LIEUTENANT HARRY C. MCCURDY, #2117



MCCURDY, HARRY C. #2117 passed away on May 17, 2022, he was 81 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on April 15, 1966, as a proud member of the 70th Class, and retired on October 1, 1986, at

the rank of Lieutenant. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps followed by another 19 years in the NJ Army National Guard, retiring as a CWO4. Following his State Police service Harry went on to work as Deputy Attorney General for 15 years where he helped write the “Lemon Law” and “Megan’s Law.” A past president of Burlington County Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Warrant Officers Association – Doughboy Chapter, Harry was also very involved on the Executive Board of the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, Inc., rising to the offices of Board Secretary, President, and Active Past President. In his capacity, Harry was instrumental in the reorganization and expansion of our fraternal/social organization and the incorporation of our ‘Public Charity,’ N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, Inc., where he served as incorporator and its first Chairman; and our ‘For-Profit,’ True Blue and Gold, Inc., logo merchandise sales operation. Preceded in death by his wife, Alfreda “Cookie,” daughter Colleen, and sister Patricia Gray, Harry is survived by his children, Michele Higginbotham and Michael P. McCurdy, and two grandchildren.

LIEUTENANT LOUIS H. JASMINE SR., #1404



JASMINE SR, LOUIS H. #1404 passed away on May 8, 2022, he was 89 years old. He was a member of the 48th State Police Class, graduating on May 1, 1955, and retiring on October 1, 1980. He is survived by his wife Rose; sons Louis Jasmine Jr, and Charles Jasmine; brother Joseph Jasmine; 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

LIEUTENANT CARL H. CARABELLI, #1804



CARABELLI, CARL H. #1804 passed away on April 27, 2022 at the age of 81. He enlisted in the State Police on June 7, 1963, as a member of the 61st Class, and retired on June 1, 1988. He is survived by his wife Florence, his sons Carl Jr. and his wife Jessica and Joseph Sr. and his wife Christina, his sister Beatrice Cullari and her husband Peter, and five grandchildren.

LIEUTENANT JOHN J. SOOS, #1795



SOOS, JOHN J. #1795 passed away on April 14, 2022, at the age of 83. He enlisted in the State Police on October 29, 1962, as a member of the 60th Class, and retired on 10-01-1988. He is survived by his wife Cheryl, sons John III & Thomas, daughter Jennifer Soos-Lebron and 5 grandchildren.

PASSING OF MAUREEN PATRICIA GONZALEZ

It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the passing of Maureen Patricia Gonzalez, widow of Trooper Scott M. Gonzalez, #5059. Few words could offer a better testament to Maureen’s life than this passage from her published obituary.

Following the tragic death of her husband, Trooper Scott Gonzalez, Maureen established a fund to keep alive his memory and his determination to overcome and persevere to attain his goals. Through this fund she was able to provide generous scholarships and awards to many graduating students pursuing advanced education or service. Her “State Police Family” recently honored Maureen with a plaque inscribed with these words, “For her dedication and commitment in making a positive impact on countless peoples’ lives and for her generosity which offered peace of mind to families faced with sudden tragedy, hardship, and giving assistance to young men and women striving to continue their education.”

All her family extend their thanks for all the kind words and the memories friends have shared. Paraphrasing the poet E.E. Cummings, “Carry her in your heart.” There will be a Celebration of her Life for friends and family at Dangler’s Funeral Home 340 Main St. West Orange NJ, Thursday evening, September 22nd from 3-7pm. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Maureen’s Name to: The Gift of Life Donor Program 401 North 3rd Street, Philadelphia PA 19123-4101, www.donors1.org or the Charity of your choice.

Thank you Maureen, for everything!

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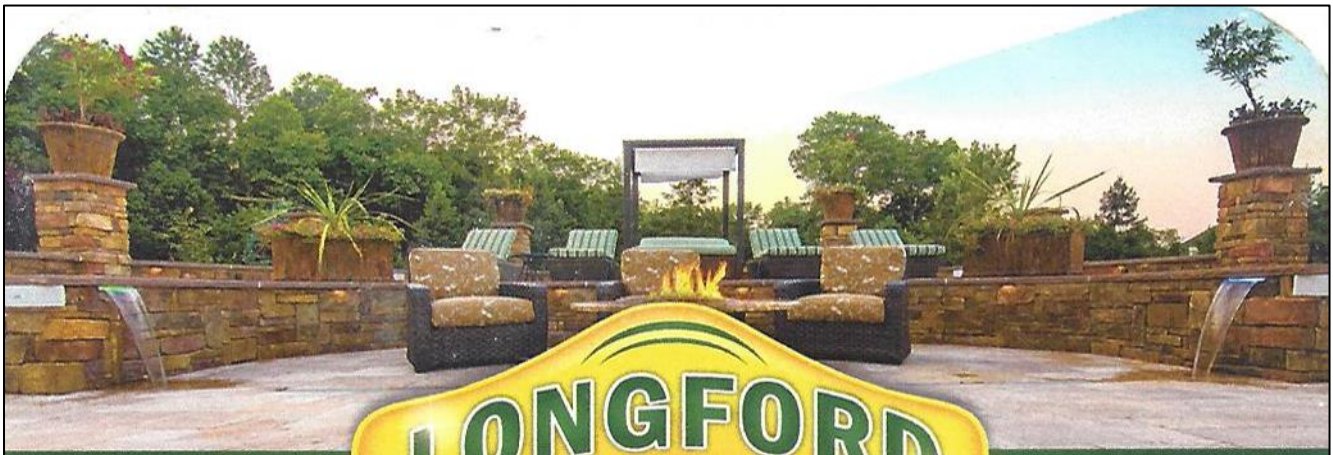
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