



# True Blue & Gold

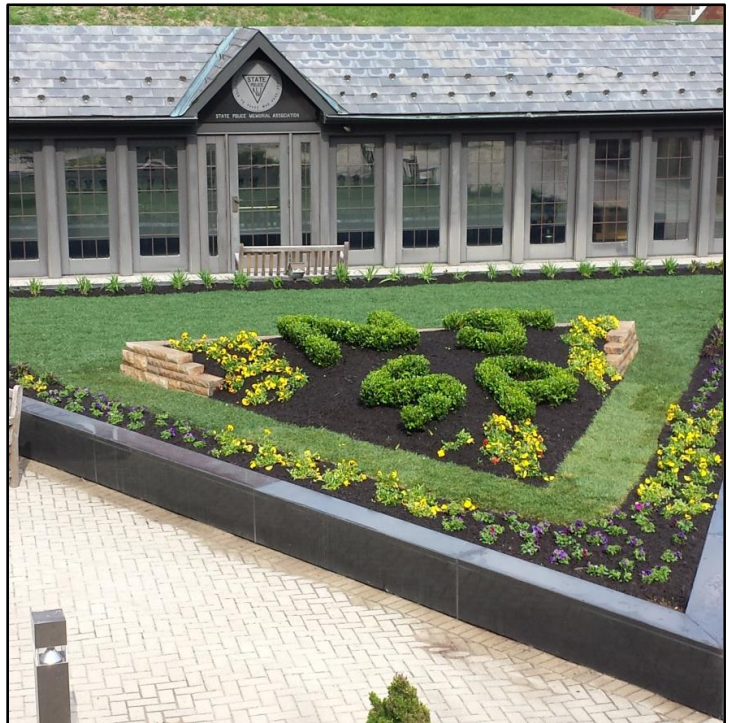
THE FORMER NEW JERSEY  
STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION

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## ***HALLOWED GROUND REFURBISHED***

You may remember with the October 1992 opening of our State Police Museum and Learning Center, that hallowed ground was established in the center courtyard, a poignantly shaped grass covered triangular patch, raised well above the walkway, surrounded in panels of granite, sporting our State Police motto, *Duty, Honor, and Fidelity*, boldly engraved to last a millennium. A place of respect, there to serve as a final resting place for those who have earned the right to be forever known as Jersey Troopers. Now twenty-two years young, that hallowed ground has received its first refurbishment.

On a cold, rain soaked morning in late April a team of experience craftsmen began a grueling week long project to transform that long honored triangular green plot of earth into a centerpiece worthy of such sacred disposition. Under the watchful eye of Major Joseph J. Craparotta, #1631 (*Ret*), these artisans worked their craft, slowly transforming that consecrated site into a showpiece of tradition and beauty, befitting visitors and the interned alike.



Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/MemorialGarden.pdf>

This like most projects took months of planning and refinement to finally come to fruition. Now that it's done, everyone involved can look back and agree it was the right thing to do. We would especially like to thank Michael "Mick" Conboy and his family business - Longford Landscaping in Hamilton, NJ. Not only did they do a wonderful job, but Mick donated everything, including the labor on this project. Remember Landford Landscaping when the need arises. But I don't want you to think this is all that was required. No, not even close. This was only the first step in a much larger project, a restoration to fix many years of settlement and drainage problems. We're working very closely and cooperatively with our State Police to correct these issues. Rest assured we will get it done.

A day after the work was completed the site was reviewed by all who attended the Former Troopers Association - Spring General Membership Meeting. There on a brilliant, May 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday morning, members drew their attention to the finished product. Some snapped a few pictures while others stood looking on at the newly landscaped site, quietly reflecting on those buried there before them.

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

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope everyone has had a good summer as we approach the fall time of the year. In August, my wife Susan and I travelled on a river boat cruise on the Seine River in France, including Paris and Normandy, the allied cemetery created for allied troops killed during World War II. Normandy was a moving experience and reminded me of the "Punch Bowl" which is the cemetery in Honolulu Hawaii for our troops killed in the Pacific theater of World War II. I highly recommend you visit Normandy or the Punch Bowl in Hawaii if you like to travel.

I would like to update you on the ongoing fight to get our cost of living adjustment to our pensions back (COLA). On June 26, 2014, the Appellate Court ruled in a 3-0 opinion that the COLA is basically part of the pension for State employees who are retired. The Star Ledger Newspaper reported this in an article on June 27, 2014. The article was put on the bulletin board of the FTA web site.

The good news is if you take the whole 61 page opinion of the Appellate Court in its entirety the decision is definitely in our favor and the decision was remanded back to the trial judge for corrections on his initial decision.

The bad news is that on page 54 & 55, footnote 19 it states it only applies to retired employees who retired between 1997 and 2010. Footnote 19 states in its entirety, "We have intentionally refrained from addressing the scope of the class entitled to protection under section 9.5 (public law 43:3C-9.5, passed in June 1997) as previously noted, a class has not been certified in this case and the record contains minimal information about the individual plaintiffs. Those employed between 1997 and 2010 gave the State the benefit of their labor in exchange for the contractual protection section 9.5 provided and those who retired during that time presumably did so in reliance on having contractually guaranteed COLA benefits in retirement. The parties have not briefed and we have not addressed whether the necessary elements for the formation of a contract exist with respect for employees who retired before section 9.5 was enacted and who had since July 1, 1970 been receiving COLAS. That issue may be raised on remand."

In studying the whole ruling of the Appellate Court the attorneys for the retirees feel it is now in the hands of the trial judge to adjust his ruling to fit the Appellate Court decision which will not be until September or October of 2014 (or later). The State could also appeal that ruling to the State Supreme Court or our attorneys also can appeal to the State Supreme Court if we lose at the trial court level.

My opinion is that the fight to get our COLA back will go on and the State will continue to do everything in its power to delay paying a COLA to State retirees but in the end I think we will win. I also do not think Governor Christie wants to address the COLA issue during the rest of his term as he attempts to run for President in 2016 though he may have to.

On July 17, 2014 the State of New Jersey filed an appeal of the Berg decision by the Appellate Court to the State Supreme Court. This is just to delay this case and keep it from the trial judge from making a decision soon. This was not unexpected.

I will continue to keep you informed on this matter on the bulletin board of our FTA website as information develops.

God Bless you and your families,  
Sal Maggio  
President

## FTA FALL MEETING REMINDER

The FTA Fall General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2014, starting at 10:00 AM at the State Police Museum and Learning Center - Log Cabin, Division Headquarters. Coffee and donuts will be served before the meeting and all attendees are invited for lunch immediately following.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

First and Foremost, there are a couple of corrections that need to be addressed. You may recall in the Historical Highlights article in the April issue of the newsletter, titled: *Gillen lives on through his clippings collection*. Well, one of the news articles recounted the tragic story of Newton resident SGT Cornelius (Dick) O'Donnell, #367 who was fatally wounded by a murder suspect in Phillipsburg, and that his partner, Fred C. Perry, died two days later of his injuries in that same confrontation. Well, the story was true about the loss of SGT O'Donnell, however, not so much with regards to Fred C. Perry. Come to find out, thanks to Captain Thomas Van Tassel, #2931 (*Ret*), an aficionado of State Police history, and our own State Police historian, Archivist Mark Falzini, Fred C. Perry was actually Trooper Frank C. "Fritz" Perry, #565.

You see, during that July 16, 1945 struggle, Ernest Rittenhouse ripped SGT O'Donnell's .38 from his holster and fatally shot the Sergeant. Fritz Perry was also hit and seriously wounded, and returned fire as the murderer jumped off the bridge into the Delaware. Trooper Perry survived the assault and returned to State Police service, ultimately retiring as a Lieutenant on June 15, 1962 – seventeen years after SGT O'Donnell was killed.

Captain Van Tassel offers the below photos depicting Dick O'Donnell and Fritz Perry during their careers:



Pictured l-r are: John C. Doyle, #287, Russell H. Hurden, #242, Unknown Plainclothes, Leo E. Galcher, #346, & Cornelius A. O'Donnell, #367.



Pictured from l-r are, Front Row: Capt Arthur Bencer, #316 & Captain Joseph A. Wolf, #371  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Unknown LT, SFC Peter Hausch, #655, Lt. Walter Schindler, #353, Lt. Frank C. Perry, #565, & Lt. George F. Wustefeld, #452

The second correction has to do with the Featured Members article titled: *A Man who Touched Many*. In that article I mistakenly identified Trooper William H. Hillis, #2785 as the Trooper who loaned DSFC Joseph M. Getsinger, #2697 (*Ret*) his gun and holster for the scene photographed at Bordentown Station that ultimately became the “*N.J.S.P. Barracks*” painting.

Thanks to a call from Lt. David S. Hill, #4972 to Lt. Harry C. McCurdy, #2117 (*Ret*), we found out that it was actually his father Captain William E. “Bill” Hill, #2484 (*Ret*), who loaned DSFC Getsinger his gun and holster for the scene. Then Detective Hill was stationed at Bordentown and had his gear in his closet, so with his permission, Joe used his gear to pose the scene for the print.

Captain William H. Hillis, #2785 (*Ret*) was from Troop “B,” and for a time worked in the Trial Unit in Trenton with Lt. McCurdy, and was also a driver for Colonel Pagano.

My apologies to all who were affected by these two mistakes, and I’d like to thank Captain Thomas Van Tassel, Mark Falzini, and Lt. David Hill for helping me set the record straight.

Last issue I reported on the new front entrance to Division Headquarters that includes updated utilities to keep pace with increasing technology and the renovation of Wilburtha Station, transforming it into a new welcome

center that will house Recruiting and several other State Police support offices, as well as our new Logo Merchandise Store. Well the barricades have been taken down and the entrance is open to traffic. Wilburtha Station is in the final stages of completion. I had the opportunity to check out the renovations and the location of our store. To put it simply, you will be very impressed! Hopefully, everything will be completed in the near future and we'll in our new store before the Christmas rush. The store will be located just inside the front door.

I've spoken before about our Logo Merchandise Store expanding to the internet. Well in the next few weeks that goal will be reached. Everything that will be available in our store will also be available in our internet store. A few clicks of your mouse and we'll ship it directly to you. I'll send out an email to everybody to announce our opening. In the meantime, you won't be able to make any purchases via the limited merchandise that we previously had available on our FTA website.

This time last year, Bob Delaney and I were finalizing arrangements with *The V Foundation* to establish a cancer research grant in honor of Debbie Chesko. 100% of all donations went directly to the grant which has helped fund a New Jersey based cancer research program being conducted at the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey, titled: *The Genomic Instability and Tumor Progression Program*, led by Doctors Arnold Levine, PhD and Zhiyuan Shen, MD, PhD. *The V Foundation* mandates that all grant proposals establish a minimum goal of \$100,000. While Bob was confident that our Outfit would surely exceed that figure, I must admit that I had my doubts. Unfortunately, and much to my disappointment, I was right. While I thought \$100,000 was asking a bit much, I never expected that we'd realize only slightly more than \$10,000. It's hard to believe that with roughly 6,000 active and former Jersey Troopers still around we could only muster 10%. **That is an embarrassment!**

As the Benefits Consultant for the New Jersey State Police for some 25 years, and then at the Former Troopers Association, Debbie made it her personal responsibility to assist each and every member, active and retired. While in their most trying of times, Debbie was there to assist our families whenever a member's passing had occurred. She was without doubt a very classy lady who gave so much of herself to so many. To everyone who contributed whatever they could towards this very worthy cause in honor of such a wonderful lady, I sincerely thank you and applaud your State Police spirit. To those of you who just haven't gotten around to it yet, there's still time. Donations will continue to be accepted until October. Feel free to use the Donor Registration Form on **Page #44** of this newsletter or visit <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/NJFTA/chesko>.

Years ago, my predecessor Captain Franklin J. "Jack" Caldwell, #1629 began soliciting members to volunteer to receive the newsletter via email. Since taking over for him I've talked about it in every issue I've published. While I applaud everyone who has made the transition, far too many have not. The Board of Directors has tabled this issue for several years now and the time has come to enact a new distribution policy. Starting with the December 2014 issue of *True Blue & Gold*, the printed and mailed version of the newsletter will only be made available to those senior members up to and including the 67<sup>th</sup> State Police Class. All others will only receive the newsletter via email.

This decision is in keeping with the Mission of the Association towards maximizing the effectiveness and efficiency of all FTA operations. The Board of Directors has not established this policy lightly. Along with all members from the 68<sup>th</sup> State Police Class on, all new members to the Association will also only receive the newsletter via email. So, if you have internet access and you're not already receiving the newsletter electronically, you have until December to sign up.

To join the FTA emailing list simply log onto the FTA website at: [www.ftanjsp.org](http://www.ftanjsp.org). Click on "MEMBERS LOGIN." Enter your "USER NAME" and "PASSWORD" and click "OK." After entering the "MEMBERS ONLY" page, click on "MAILING LIST," and then "SUBSCRIBE TO MAIL LIST." An information box will appear where you can fill in the blanks. Use the space bar to place checks in the boxes you desire, **especially the newsletter**. Lastly, click on "SUBSCRIBE" to complete your subscription.

It's that simple, your viewing will now be much more extensive. You've saved your Association more money than you think. Money better spent on important issues and very worthy causes.

Lastly, I'm sure many of you have noticed that this issue of the newsletter was printed in color instead of grayscale. Surprisingly, that occurred solely due to a change of printers. An opportunity to take advantage of a national printing firm has afforded us the good fortune of obtaining color printing for the same price that we were paying before. The change in printers and the color printing has nothing to do with implementing the new distribution policy which we have been working towards for quite a few years. To those senior members who can only receive the printed version of the newsletter, I hope you enjoy this new colorized version.

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

## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

### A DEDICATION LONG OVERDUE

**Port Norris** – The dedication of a State Police facility or asset is not a project taken lightly. The purpose is of great importance, an honor bestowed upon a fallen comrade or personage worthy of such high public esteem. The project itself can take many long hours of detailed research and planning, often culminating in a brief ceremony witnessed by a small gathering of invited guests. While there is no established protocol dictating such an event, one can only say, that this dedication was a solemn occasion, long overdue.

The current Port Norris Station, at least the fourth such State Police facility to bear its name, opened in 1979 with little fanfare. No dedication ceremony took place, and it's doubtful one was even considered at the time. However thirty-five years later, that long overdue dedication ceremony finally took place under the now tall and stout pines that flank the circular front courtyard of the station.

On a recent warm summer day under clear skies of blue, a contingent of sixty uniformed Jersey Troopers assembled, under the watchful eye of another twenty some retirees and survivors, joined by a large conclave of family and friends, all there to pay tribute to a fallen comrade, a dedicated Jersey Trooper, lost forty-four years ago, but one certainly not forgotten. There before those gathered, the Troop Commander, Major Francis A. Donlan, #4158 and Deputy Superintendent of Operations, LTC Edward T. Cetnar, #4433 recognized the achievements of the honoree, citing his upbringing and family, his Atlantic City roots, high school accomplishments, his distinguished Marine Corps Service, and his dedicated State Police career.

And, as LTC Cetnar detailed how the honoree was the recipient of the Outstanding Academy Recruit Award for his the 81<sup>st</sup> State Police Class, a low hum began to grow in the east. Continuing on, the Colonel explained the honoree's acceptance of this coveted award, proudly informing that the honor was presented by Colonel David B.



Kelly, #856. The hum now growing louder set the stage for LTC Cetnar to advise that the approaching helicopter, New Jersey State Police's newest MEDIVAC, was dedicated and named in honor of, that same Colonel Kelly. Passing directly overhead this flight culminated a very fitting acknowledgement to our honoree.

On August 18, 2014, Port Norris Station was officially dedicated to the memory of Trooper Russell J. Moesta, #2579. On November 19, 1970, while stationed at Port Norris, Trooper Moesta was killed in the line of duty while responding to a burglary investigation. His family was presented with a shadow-box in remembrance of his service to the Outfit.

Mrs. Russell Moesta and sons Dennis and Chris admire the shadow-box.  
Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/PortNorrisDedication.pdf>

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

# FTA SOCIAL EVENTS



## TROOP "A" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER

The Troop "A" Old-Timers Get-Together took place at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at the Kerri Brook Caterers on the White Horse Pike, Hammonton New Jersey. This year's event was pushed back a month to accommodate the arrival of some of our Florida "Snowbirds" who wished to attend.

The year's event drew sixty-eight "609'ers" who thoroughly enjoyed the longstanding South Jersey tradition, hosted by Good Ole' Captain Ed Marinelli, #1334 (Ret).

## 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL STATE POLICE CHASE & FAMILY OPEN HOUSE



This year's annual Chase and Open House took place on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at Division Headquarters, West Trenton, NJ. The weather was perfect for the time honored 5K and Open House event. This year's attendance was outstanding, with many runners participating in the various categories. As you well know, all proceeds from the race go to help fund the Museum and Learning Center.

## TROOP "B" GET-TOGETHER



The Troop "B" Get-together was held on June 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Flanders Valley Farm, Flanders, NJ. This year's event drew sixty-six Troop "B" retirees who thoroughly enjoyed the long standing North Jersey get-together, hosted by our current President, Captain Sal Maggio, #2177 (Ret). Serving as a guest speaker this year was Captain Mark Mangan, #4638, the current Troop 'B' Commander.

## 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPMA COLONEL'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual New Jersey State Police Memorial Association Colonel's Cup Golf Tournament took place on July 1, 2014, at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course, West Windsor, NJ. This year's event was very well received and attended by many SPMA supporters.

## FTA SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC



The FTA Summer Golf Classic took place on July 14, 2014, at the Copper Hill Country Club, Flemington, NJ. Ninety-two golfers participated and the rain held up to near the very end. The food was great and a good time was had by all. LTC Pat Callahan, # represented COL Rick Fuentes, #3190 and spoke of upcoming events for the Division. Next year's outing will be at the same location on July 13, 2015. An information flyer will be out on or about May 2015.



Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/TroopCPics.pdf>

## TROOP 'C' GET-TOGETHER

The annual FTA Troop "C" Get-Together took place on Thursday, July 17, 2014, at the Bordentown E.L.K.S. Hall, Bordentown, NJ. The event drew some fifty-three Troop "C" retirees who thoroughly enjoyed the Central Jersey get-together, hosted Captain Bette Welch, #3506 (Ret). *Pics courtesy Capt. Bette Welch, #3506 (Ret).*

## FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PICNIC



Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/Picnic14.pdf>

The FTA Annual Picnic was held on Friday, August 15, 2014, at the German-American Club Picnic Grounds, Hamilton, NJ. This year's event was blessed with even better weather than last year. Everyone, all 450 attendees enjoyed not only a spectacular day, but a plethora of food and drink second to none. Special thanks go out SFC Ted Schafer, #5207 and his trusted steed Sprout for providing rides to all of the children, and to the Aviation Bureau for stopping by to display one of our State Police choppers, and also to those active uniformed Troopers who stopped by for a quick bite and to share in some camaraderie with us "old salts." Congrats to those from the 45<sup>th</sup> 46<sup>th</sup> & 47<sup>th</sup> Classes on your 60<sup>th</sup> and to the 94<sup>th</sup> on your 35<sup>th</sup> year anniversaries. *Pics courtesy Capts. Joe Curry, #1701 & Bette Welch, #3506, and Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 (Ret).*

## SAVE THE DATES



## THE 2014 STATE POLICE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The date for the annual State Police Holiday Open House has been scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at the State Police Museum and Learning Center, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. As always, **ALL** Enlisted, Retired, and Civilian Employees (past and present) and their families are cordially invited. Plan to come out and help usher in the arrival of the Christmas Season to Division Headquarters.

As in the past, a fine gathering of our State Police family and friends, numbering in the hundreds is expected to be on hand to welcome jolly old Saint Nicholas, hopefully, arriving compliments of the NJSP Aviation Bureau. Children of all ages will be eagerly waiting to sit on Santa's lap, each hoping that he will grant their wish with a special present come Christmas morning. Don't miss out on this special occasion.

In addition to a huge assortment of food and refreshments, this year we will make available an even larger selection of State Police and FTA Logo merchandise. In addition to our fine selection of T-Shirts, Sweats, hats, and assorted memorabilia, we now offer an expanded selection of clothing, State Police related books, prints, jewelry and more. Don't forget to obtain your SP/FTA 2015 calendars. Don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase that special gift for that special active, retired, or "future" Jersey Trooper.



## **THE 2013 FTA-NJSP CHRISTMAS PARTY**



The 2014 FTA-NJSP Christmas Party will take place on Saturday evening, December 6, 2014, at the Spring Lake Manor, Spring Lake, New Jersey. Yes, the date was changed after a scheduling conflict arose, so please change the date on your calendar! This centrally located affair is the finest Christmas Party in the State, offering an open Premium Bar, Cocktail Hour, Sit-Down Dinner, and music by The Cameos. Open to **all** active and retired Jersey Troopers and Civilian Support Staff. This is the party to celebrate the coming of the Christmas Season. Hotel accommodations are readily available at many local hotels, inns, and bed & breakfasts. Don't miss this fantastic festive party! Use the Registration Form found on **Page # 42** of this newsletter.

## **THE 2014 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY**

The Florida Winter Party will be held on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Crown Plaza Melbourne Oceanside, which is still a Holiday Inn facility.

Festivities will begin on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> with a cocktail party starting at 3:00 PM. There will be an open bar until 6:00 PM, followed by a buffet at 7:00 PM. After the buffet there will be a D/J present for your dancing pleasure. The reunion will begin on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> with a sit-down breakfast that will start at 8:30 AM. A sit-down luncheon will begin at 1:00 PM.

The costs are \$30.00 per day per person in good standing, thus \$120.00 per couple for two days. For former troopers not in good standing the cost is \$50.00 per day per person, or \$200.00 per couple for two days. Payment for the dinners, etc. must be made through the FTA Office in Hamilton Township (609)588-8323. No tickets will be sold at the door. No tickets will be mailed. Your name will appear on a prepaid list at the door.

Due to previous problems with bookings, please **DO NOT** call the toll free number. Call the REGULAR Hotel number at (321)777-4100. Be sure to identify yourself as being with the New Jersey State Police. Use the code "FNJ." Reservations can be made for a week or less with the same discount. Reservations are currently being accepted, however, the cut-off date for making room reservations will be FEBRUARY 8, 2015.

Room Rates are as follows:

\$109.00 Standard Non-Oceanfront View	\$129.00 Standard Partial View
\$174.00 Oceanfront w/Balcony	\$204.00 Oceanfront Suite

Directions and a registration form will be provided in the upcoming December newsletter. Any problems, contact Moe Waschmann at (239)542-8098 Cell - (239)292-8992.

## **MILITARY NEWS**

### **SOMERS POINT SUBMARINER INDUCTED INTO ELITE CLUB**

By **CINDY NEVITT**, Staff Writer - *The Press of Atlantic City* (Reprinted with permission)  
Posted: Sunday, June 8, 2014 7:29 pm

UPPER TOWNSHIP - Membership in the Holland Club must be worth waiting for. The organization doesn't induct members until 50 years after they first qualify on a submarine.

"It's scary that 50 years goes by so quick," said Lee Gilbert, 73, of Somers Point, vice commander of the Atlantic County Submarine Club. "That's why we don't have too many members."

Sunday, during a club barbecue, base commander Tom Innocente, 70, of Somers Point, joined the exclusive Holland Club in a ceremony held on the beach in Beesleys Point.



The Atlantic County Submarine Club inducts base commander Tom Innocente, into the Holland Club, an exclusive group that has held certification submarine for 50 years. (Press of Atlantic City/Ben Fogletto)

Innocente, whose Navy and Army careers totaled 33 years, 10 months and two days by his exact accounting, received a certificate and a patch commemorating the occasion.

Qualifying on a submarine requires learning all of the systems, from one end of the boat to the other, well enough to operate it, said Bill Capo, 87, of Absecon. The 1997 Holland Club inductee said that entails mastering at least 10,000 different gauges and instruments. “You have to know what it is and how it’s used,” said Capo, a World War II vet who qualified on a submarine in 1947. Capo is one of three World War II vets holding membership in the Atlantic County Submarine Club. The others are

Hoyal Cass, 89, of Egg Harbor Township, and Chester Ogden, 89, of Linwood.

Cass, whose vest is embroidered with the names of the eight submarines on which he served during his 21-year Navy career, qualified on a sub in 1944 and has been a Holland Club member for 20 years.

Ogden qualified in 1943 but was not inducted into the Holland Club until last year.

“Long overdue,” Gilbert said of the honor belatedly bestowed on Ogden.

“This is special, 50 years,” said Fred Vineyard of AMVETS Post 911 in Somers Point.

Vineyard added a plaque to Innocente’s awards, recognizing the Vietnam, Cold War and Desert Storm veteran as Recruiter of the Year for the state.

Innocente, he said, recruited 41 new members, all college students who are veterans, for AMVETS.

Innocente, whose first sub assignment was on the USS Rasher in 1963, said the 1942-built submarine was still at sea at the time due to its distinguished record.

“It’s tradition to be put on an old sub to learn the ropes,” he said. “It was a World War II diesel sub, and it had the highest tonnage record. It sunk more tonnage than any other sub.”

Rasher, which was credited with sinking 99,901 tons of Japanese shipping, was sold for scrap in 1974.

Innocente said the sub’s bell and other artifacts remain on display in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where the sub was built.

“She was a good ship,” Innocente said. “I loved her, the way you love a first girlfriend.”



Capo was cozy with his sub, too, saying he slept with his arm out in his top bunk. “I used to grab the torpedo,” he said. “It was like a security blanket.”

The Holland Club is named after John P. Holland, designer of the first U.S. Navy submarine. Other Holland Club members attending Sunday’s event were Gilbert, who was inducted in 2009, and Don Brown of Northfield, who was inducted in 2013.

“It’s up to the base how to handle the induction,” Gilbert said of conferring Holland Club status. “We think it’s important enough to recognize and get together like this.”

Congratulations to SFC Thomas J. Innocente, #2172 on receipt of this distinguished award!

## NEW JERSEY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL PRESENTATION



Brig. Gen. James J. Grant awards the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal to Eugene A. Olaff who served as a Metalsmith 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in WWII in European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operation.



l-r around Colonel Olaff are: Major Patrick Cramer, Terry Hennessy, Brig. General James Grant, Command Sergeant Major Edward Santiago, Col. Carl Williams, Captain Jason Cornwell, Colonel Kevin Hagarty, & Harry McCurdy.  
(Photos by Mark C. Olsen/Released)

Recently while having lunch, a discussion ensued between two former troopers, Colonel A. Williams, Jr., #1872, Major James J. Grant, #3374. Brigadier General James Grant currently serves as the Director, Joint Staff to the Adjutant General of New Jersey. They agreed that Colonel Eugene Olaff was more than well qualified to receive this state award for his service during World War II.

Colonel Williams contact Pam Olaff, daughter-in-law of Colonel Olaff and arranged for the surprise presentation of the medal at the Sterling House Assisted Living Facility in Florence, New Jersey. Family, friends and Former Troopers Association members were in attendance.

General Grant made the presentation unique in that he selected members of his staff that were either active or retired State Police personnel to partake in the ceremony. The following National Guard members participated: Brigadier General James Grant (Retired SP Major), Major Patrick Cramer (Active SP Sergeant), Command Sergeant Major Edward Santiago (Active SP Major) and Captain Jason Cornwell (Active SP Trooper).

*Submitted by: Lt. John T. Hennessy, #2109 (Ret)*

Congratulations to Colonel Eugene Olaff, #858 on receiving this very deserving award!

## ARMED FORCES FOUNDATION HONORS TROOPS DURING 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GALA

*Hundreds on hand to join the AFF in "Serving those who Serve"*

Washington, DC – For the 10<sup>th</sup> time, the Armed Forces Foundation held their annual Congressional Gala. The night brought together more than 75 Members of Congress to help honor our nation's service members, veterans, and their families – many recovering at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Fort Belvoir's Warrior Transition Brigade and from other local installations.

The AFF was joined by celebrity supporters: NASCAR champion Kurt Busch, comedian Ron White, Chef Anne Burrell, ACM's New Artist of the Year Justin Moore, Country singer Cassadee Pope, Washington Redskin Rob Jackson, and many others. Once again, *Fox & Friends'* Brian Kilmeade emceed the evening and Foundation President Patricia Driscoll urged those in the room to help those suffering from the invisible wounds.

"The hallmark of our PTSD, TBI, and suicide prevention efforts is our Help Save Our Troops campaign," said AFF President Patricia Driscoll. "We're using this initiative to change the perception surrounding PTSD, educate our service members and leaders, and make it ok to talk about getting help."

During the ceremony, the Armed Forces Foundation recognized a corporation and individuals for their commitment to the Foundation's motto of "Serving those who Serve."

Jointly taking home the Congressman Bill and Beverly Young Humanitarian of the Year award for their service and commitment to the morale and welfare of military families through the "Your Hero's Name Here" contest and other endeavors were recording artist Justin Moore and Big Machine Label Group President and CEO Scott Borchetta.

"The work that Patricia Driscoll and the Armed Forces Foundation is doing is extraordinary – and unfortunately – beyond necessary. She and the AFF have identified the real challenges that so many of our troops go through upon their reentry into society. This is the kind of organization that the Big Machine Label Group and I will always support," said BMLG President/CEO Scott Borchetta.



Bob Delaney & Patricia Driscoll

"Although extremely grateful, I feel a little uncomfortable being honored at an event where there are decorated war heroes present. I feel that my contributions are much less significant than theirs ... they are the true American heroes," added Country singer Justin Moore. "However, I'm thrilled to know that what I do with the AFF has helped, and is appreciated by all. Both of my grandpas served in our military and they, along with my parents, instilled in me what our servicemen and women mean to us. It was an honor to tell some of them face to face last night. God bless our troops and God bless America."

Receiving the Leadership Award this year was NBA Cares Ambassador Bob Delaney, a former undercover cop in New Jersey, retired NBA referee, and Post Traumatic Stress advocate.

"I am HONORED to receive the 2014 Armed Forced Foundation Outstanding Leadership Award. The AFF Gala event hosted a room full of Great Americans - a special night!" said Bob Delaney. "For 25 years I was around the World Champions of basketball and now, through the NBA Cares work I do with the military, I get to be around the World Champions in the game of life. The Armed Forces Foundation does amazing work to help our service members and their families. The AFF provides action to the words 'We Support Our Troops.' We live in the land of the free because of the brave."

The first award of the evening, the Sheldon and Miriam Adelson Patriot of the Year, was awarded to Cessna Aircraft Company. Through the donation of a vintage L-19 Bird Dog combat observation plane, in conjunction with a Dodge M37 Utility vehicle donated by Okoboji Classic Cars, that raised a million dollars at the Barrett-Jackson Auto Auction and a matching corporate fundraising effort, Cessna has continued to demonstrate a willingness to support and enhance the Armed Forces Foundation's efforts to serve the military community.



"We are honored to receive the Patriot of the Year award from the Armed Forces Foundation," said Scott Ernest, President and CEO, Cessna Aircraft Company, a Textron Aviation business. "More importantly, we are proud to support this worthy organization and its heroic mission in assisting our veterans and their families through times of need." Visit: [www.armedforcesfoundation.org](http://www.armedforcesfoundation.org).

Congratulations to DSG Robert J. Delaney, #2853 (Ret) on receiving the prestigious 2014 Armed Forced Foundation Outstanding Leadership Award!

## Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal

To apply for this Distinguished Award - the South Korean Embassy in Houston has requested that Tejanos In Action compile the applications for our Korean Wartime membership and forward all application information at one time to the appropriate embassy for individual recognition at a ceremony or meeting where the veteran or family members reside.

*To be eligible, the veterans must have served during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953 (see Criteria on second page).*

*Completed applications will be mailed to:*

Consulate General of the Republic of Korea  
Foreign Consulate  
1990 Post Oak Blvd. #1250  
Houston, Texas 77056

Tejanos In Action will review your application, verify the service dates and compile the data for the Embassy consulate staff for group issuing of the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal.

DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS TUESDAY — SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

### Ambassador for Peace Medal Application

*(ALL INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL)*

Veterans Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Award posthumously (next of kin): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Military Service Branch (circle one): Army / Navy / Marine Corps / Air Force

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Unit in Korea: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Served in Korea: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever visited Korea after the Korean War? Yes ( ) No ( )

If yes, when did you visit Korea? Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever received any medallions or ribbons from the Government of the Republic of Korea? Yes ( ) No ( )

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(DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE)

Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Verified and Entered in Database by: \_\_\_\_\_



The Embassy of the Republic of South Korea is seeking Korean War Veterans to honor with the Ambassador for Peace Medal. Korean War Veterans (1950-1953), may be eligible for the Korean Ambassador Peace Medal. The medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to US service men and women who served in the Korean conflict.

To be eligible, the veterans must have served during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953.

If a veteran was a Navy service member and had served aboard a naval vessel, then he or she is eligible if the naval vessel was assigned into Korean waters during the 1950 to 1953 time frame. You can find this information in the Veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD 214.

Please note that both men and women are eligible for this medal. The military had support positions such as nurses, clerical and administrative, and other positions that were predominantly held by women service members.

**Criteria:**

1. The Korean American Peace Medal may be awarded posthumously. The next of kin, such as the spouse or descendants, may receive the Korean Ambassador Peace Medal on behalf of a deceased Veteran.
2. To establish eligibility, you need a copy of the Veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD 214. The DD 214 need not be certified or notarized, but it should be legible.
3. Lastly, there are no costs or fees to the family or to the veteran. There are no legal agreements that need to be met, nor any documents to be signed. This is an appreciation in the form of the Korean Ambassador Peace Medal from the Republic of South Korea for the sacrifices, service and friendship of our veterans.

For more Information contact:  
Frank Adame at (512) 426-3743 [frank\\_majOdfotmail.com](mailto:frank_majOdfotmail.com)  
Or  
Consulate General Republic of Korea  
Foreign Affairs (Jin) at (713) 961-0799 [fritfin@gmail.com](mailto:fritfin@gmail.com)

***The Application for the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal can also be found at***  
***<http://www.njmcl.org/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2014/08/KoreanWarAmbassadorforPeaceMedal.pdf>***

*Submitted by: Lt. Harry C. McCurdy, #2117 (Ret)*

**HATS OFF TO COAST GUARD ACADEMY'S CLASS OF 2014**  
**HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY TELLS 214 THEY WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



**Ensign Dillon Torno**



**Newly Minted Coast Guard Ensigns**

**By Tess Townsend - theday.com**

**New London** – More than 200 newly minted Coast Guard officers tossed their cadet hats and shoulder boards into the air Wednesday after receiving praise from U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and outgoing Commandant of the Coast Guard Adm. Robert J. Papp, Jr.

“I am confident you will make a difference in the lives of those around you,” said Johnson, the commencement speaker. Johnson became the Homeland Security secretary in December, after serving as general counsel for the Department of Defense.

With the war in Iraq completed and the war in Afghanistan coming to a close, more attention would soon turn to the Coast Guard, he said from the stage set up on Cadet Memorial Field.

He praised the graduating class for how it had already served the country, singling out graduate Dillon Torno for providing life-saving first aid to a mariner in distress while off duty visiting his home state of New Jersey in 2011.

Torno received a Coast Guard Commendation Medal for his actions...

Ensign Torno is the son of Lt. Jeffrey L. Torno, #3673 (*Ret*) and his wife Geeta. He was assigned to USCG 378' High Endurance Cutter "Mellon" out of Seattle WA. Dillon met the ship in June at Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

“Dillon learned these life saving skills while attending Trooper Youth Week. To our State Police family, “Thank You” for all of your support and counsel during the past twenty-one years. Dillon, Geeta and I will never forget your help as we all traveled this challenging journey.” *Respectfully Jeff, Geeta and Dillon Torno.*

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ALL VETS SHOULD KNOW**

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

*Submitted by: Lt. Harry C. McCurdy, #2117 (Ret)*

## HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC INFORMATION



Photo by Pam Eubanks Bob Delaney says his presentations on post-traumatic stress disorder have proven to be more valuable than any of his NBA memorabilia.

### RETIRED REF EARNS 'SPIRIT' DISTINCTION

Date: August 6, 2014

by: Amanda Sebastiano | Staff Writer @ YourObserver.com

EAST COUNTY — The thumping and squeaking of sneakers trekking across the wooden floor of a basketball court is a comforting sound to Bob Delaney. For more than 25 years, the court was his home.

“I felt this peace when I was on the basketball court,” Delaney said. “I knew the game, and it helped me clear my mind.”

The East County resident’s career as a referee for the National Basketball League helped pull him out of a severe emotional slump. Delaney suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder — feeling stressed or frightened even when no longer in danger, due to experiencing or witnessing a traumatic ordeal — following his work as an undercover agent for the New Jersey State Police.

Today, Delaney shares his story of how basketball helped him manage PTSD, or what he prefers to call operational stress, with military men and women and their families.

Delaney’s efforts, which have led him to just about every military post within the United States and Europe, have also landed him the 2014 Mannie Jackson Basketball Human Spirit Award.

He, along with fellow recipient Robert Johnson, will receive the award Aug. 7, at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, in Springfield, Mass. The award recognizes individuals considered as leaders in basketball who also play an active role in the betterment of their community.

#### **Change of pace**

The path to educating others on PTSD started with Delaney’s own experience.

After spending three years infiltrating the mob as an undercover agent for the New Jersey State Police in the mid-70s, Delaney’s family and friends noticed changes in his personality and physical appearance.

He remembers often feeling angry and paranoid — what he identifies today as “tell-tale signs of PTSD,” he said.

But, he didn’t lose his love for basketball. Delaney played the sport growing up and in college, but after years off the court and in law enforcement, he knew he didn’t have the athleticism to play on a professional level.

So, he became a referee, first for colleges. The NBA recruited him in 1987.

Calling the shots brought stability to his life, after living with a no-rules mindset.

“The court saved my life,” Delaney said. “It gave me my life back.”

#### **The connection**

Delaney started giving presentations to firemen and police officers in 1981 about his undercover experience and his work as a referee.



The stories of a red-faced Michael Jordan screaming within inches of Delaney's face, and Shaquille O'Neal's sense of humor are ones Delaney uses to connect with his audiences during PTSD-awareness presentations.

But, the presentations also were therapeutic for Delaney. Over time, they helped him cope with his feelings.

"When I would speak with law enforcement a little bit more of my personal feelings would come out — eventually I was telling more and more," Delaney said. "They asked how I could meet with the mob guys, talk all kinds of things over dinner and commit crimes. Then, when I would get five miles down the road, I'd have to stop to throw up. I'd wake up in the middle of the night and my bed was soaking wet. But I learned that what is personal is universal. When I shared more of my feelings, other cops would come up to me and say they were going through the same thing."

Although Delaney has never served in the military, he can relate to a soldier's challenges. He knows the battle of returning to normalcy.

"I wasn't on the same battlefield they were on, but I had a battlefield of my own," Delaney said.

He remembers a presentation at Fort Sill, Okla.

He found ways to relate to his audience, swapping the term PTSD for operational stress and making connections between his experiences and the soldiers', while also acknowledging the situations' differences.

"I don't pretend their boots are my boots," Delaney said.

He also focused on his body language, making eye contact and maintaining a conversational tone to assure his audience he wasn't being judgmental, he said.

After the meeting, a soldier approached Delaney to shake his hand.

He thought the soldier might have been holding a unit coin to give Delaney.

Giving a unit coin to someone is a sign of appreciation and is also a tradition, Delaney said. If the recipient doesn't have the coin the next time the two meet, then that person is responsible for buying the other person a drink.

Instead, the soldier handed him a purple heart.

"I told him, 'I can't take this,' and he said, 'I have learned how to deal with the wounds you see, but today, you helped me deal with the wounds you can't see,'" Delaney said.

#### **Former winners**

Previous Human Spirit Award winners include: Earvin "Magic" Johnson (2013); Grant Hill (2012), Chauncey Billups (2011), Samuel Dalembert (2010), Alonzo Mourning (2009) and Sonny Hill (2008).

Contact Amanda Sebastiano at [amandas@yourobservers.com](mailto:amandas@yourobservers.com).

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

## **FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION NAME TAGS AVAILABLE**

For those who would like to have a name tag to wear to various FTA functions, we have available for purchase a personalized name tag. The tags are available with blue background and yellow lettering, either with a pin, magnet or fold-over for placing in a jacket breast pocket. The cost is \$11.00 each. If you are interested call the FTA Office @ (609) 588-8323 for an order form.

*Submitted by: Major George T. Coyle, #1528 (Ret)*

## THE 154<sup>TH</sup> STATE POLICE CLASS RECEIVES VOICES OF EXPERIENCE



*DSG Robert J. Delaney, #2853 (Ret) with NJSP Academy Staff*

While every class that enters our academy certainly benefits from many voices of experience, the 154<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State Police Recruit Class was privileged to receive DSG Robert J. Delaney, #2853 (*Ret*) on Friday, June 6, 2014. It's been forty-one years since DSG Delaney sat in their place as a recruit. I'm sure he had a few stories to tell.

Later in the day DSG Delaney also spoke at the Monmouth County 200 Club luncheon before a more seasoned group of law enforcement and firefighting community assembled to honor recent acts of heroics, as well as to honor four D-Day Veterans. DSG Delaney relayed that speaking at the 200 Club was in memory of SGT Sam Cunninghame, #1396, who was a longtime member of the Monmouth County 200 Club.



*Current & Former New Jersey State Police Academy Commandants*

Eleven weeks later on August 20, 2014, the recruit class received an even larger pool of knowledge and experience when the present Commandant, Captain Julian J. Castellano, #4862, hosted a Commandant's Party at the academy. Pictured above are those former Commandants who took part in addressing the 154<sup>th</sup> SP Class. The 154<sup>th</sup> Class graduated on August 29, 2014, adding 149 Jersey Troopers to the ranks of the Outfit. The highest badge number now stands at #7713! Congratulations to each and every member of the 154<sup>th</sup> Class, and welcome aboard!

## NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE DEGREE TEAM



From l-r, Front Row: SFC Robert Aldrich, #1599, SGT George Lensi, #1896, Lt. Steve Sqourakis, #1549, SFC Peter Baker, #1600, Tpr. I Donald Schaible, #2713, Worshipful Master Fred Fox, Det. I George S. Zeoli, #2522, DSFC Charles Shappell, #1348, DSG William Gefken, #1640, DSFC Herbert Orth, #1723, Det. I Richard Washman, #2634; Second Row: Lt. Frank Masterson, #1686, Det. I Patrick Kendig, #2789, DSG Frank Percoskie, #2152, SGT Morton Kennison, #2147, DSFC Dale Parks, #1342, Det. I Jerry Lewis, #3030, Lt. Earl Clouse, #1603; Third Row: Det. Richard Cabri, #2603, SGT Anthony Denichilo, #1929, SGT John Hennesy, #2109, SGT Richard Goralczyk, #2105, SFC Donald Kelly, #1976, DSG Albert Geene, #1785, DSG John Laird, #1998; Top Row: Lt. James Jeffrey, #2111, Capt. Raymond Vandenberghe, #1520, Det. I Lawrence Churm, #2737, Det. I Frank Nemeth, #2398.

Submitted by: Lt. Herb Orth, #1723 (Ret)

## FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR

Nominations for this year's Former New Jersey State Trooper of the Year Award are being accepted through September 30, 2014. Candidates will only be considered from members who are in good standing with the Former Troopers Association. Please submit your nomination to the FTA Office before the September 30, 2014 deadline!

The criteria being considered for the award will be the candidate's contributions of volunteer time or service to the FTA. In addition, the candidate's participation to any civic or charitable organizations and community activities will be considered, along with any major accomplishment or award bestowed upon the candidate. Lastly, has the candidate continued to best represent both the traditions of the New Jersey State Police and the Former Troopers Association.

The selection will be made by the Board of Directors by November 1, 2014. The presentation of the award will be made to the successful recipient at the FTA – NJSP Christmas Party on December 6, 2014.



## STATE POLICE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION PAVER PROJECT

If you're still looking for that special gift, or can't decide on what to buy the person who has everything, don't worry. Phase II of the State Police Memorial Association's 'Walk of Honor' Paver Project still has room.

You can help support the Memorial Association while leaving a lasting tribute to a Trooper or special person by purchasing a personalized engraved paver. Pavers have been installed in the new walkway and

are engraved on site. Your paver will forever remain an important State Police landmark. Reserve your spot today and give the gift that will last a lifetime.

For more information and order forms call on Adele at (856-547-2135), at [adelegolf@gmail.com](mailto:adelegolf@gmail.com), or see the order form on our website.

## VISITATION PROGRAM

The Former Troopers Association in cooperation with the New Jersey State Police developed the Visitation Program in 2009. The program was designed to check on the well being of retired members and to lift the spirits of those who may be seriously ill, homebound, or in need of some old fashion camaraderie by their fellow Jersey Troopers. Visits are scheduled utilizing both active duty uniformed personnel and representatives from the Former Troopers Association. The Former Troopers Association currently maintains lists of retired volunteers in north, central and southern New Jersey to draw upon for visits. Visits can be scheduled via a request from any FTA or family member, or a friend. In respecting the privacy of our members these visits will only be conducted with his or her approval. The FTA is also looking for additional retired volunteers to assist with visits to our members. Visitation requests and/or volunteers may contact the Former Troopers Association office by telephone at 1-609-588-8323. Your assistance in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

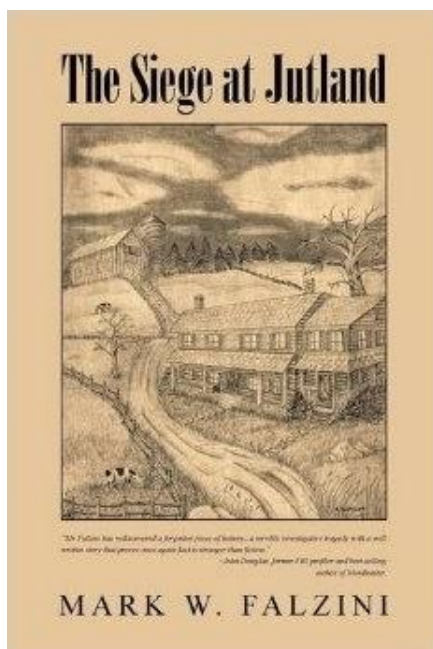
## THE SIEGE AT JUTLAND

Our State Police historian, Archivist Mark W. Falzini has recently published another chronicle of State Police lore. *The Siege at Jutland* documents an era of State Police history that few are familiar. A time when our Outfit was just five years young, and the Troopers were often making policy on a daily basis. Unfortunately, such a time was fraught with actions and reactions that all too often severely impacted the citizenry of our state, sometimes bringing distain and even outrage upon our Outfit. *The Siege at Jutland* tells just such a story in vivid detail.

Most have probably never heard of this particular case, and even fewer yet wouldn't consider that the escalation of this case could be possible. I certainly wasn't! Having been privileged to read Mark's manuscript, I can attest that this is an eye opening experience every Jersey Trooper should know about.

Look for Mark's newest writing on the bookshelf of our growing selection of State Police related books in the Logo Merchandise Store.

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



## WARNING FROM POLICE

**This is a recent email that's going around.  
Its validity is not known at this time, so just Beware!**

### **Teaser:**

Last weekend on Friday night we parked in a public parking area. As we drove away I noticed a sticker on the rear window of the car. When I took it off after I got home, it was a receipt for gas. Luckily my friend told me not to stop as it could be someone waiting for me to get out of the car. Then we received this email yesterday:

WARNING FROM POLICE  
THIS APPLIES TO BOTH WOMEN AND MEN  
BEWARE OF PAPER ON THE BACK WINDOW OF YOUR VEHICLE  
NEW WAY TO DO CARJACKINGS (THIS IS NOT A JOKE)

Heads up everyone! Please, keep this circulating. You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car and get inside.

You start the engine and shift into reverse.

When you look into the rear view mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift into Park, unlock your doors, and jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car, that is when the carjacker appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off. They practically mow you down as they speed off in your car.

And guess what, ladies? I bet your purse is still in the car.

So now the carjacker has your car, your home address, your money, and your keys. Your home and your whole identity are now compromised!

BEWARE OF THIS NEW SCHEME THAT IS NOW BEING USED.

If you see a piece of paper stuck to your back window, just drive away. Remove the paper later. And be thankful that you read this message. I hope you will forward this to friends and family, especially to women. A purse contains all kinds of personal information and identification documents, and you certainly do NOT want it to fall into the wrong hands.

Pass this on to all your friends and family.

## DAMAGE CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED BATTERY

GPS was placed in its bracket in the windshield and left in the sun. The battery overheated and exploded! Look at the damage!

I bet this also applies to Cell phones, tablets, digital cameras, and other devices that use lithium batteries. You think this may be a reason why the US Postal Service will not ship electronic devices that contain lithium batteries any longer?

*Submitted by Harry C. McCurdy, #2117 (Ret)*



## BESSIE'S CORNER

Hello Former Trooper Members. Well, summer has come to a close and we can look forward to some cooler weather and beautiful fall colors! It has been a pleasure meeting folks at the General Membership meetings, Florida, Troops A and C dinners, and the picnic. Below is some information that may be of interest to you.

### **2013 Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) Program:**

The deadline to file for 2013 is September 15, 2014 and is fast approaching.

For information regarding the above program, please click on the link. You will find information on eligibility requirements and how to apply.

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml>

This information was posted on the FTA website by Bessie on June 24, 2014.

### **Blue 365 Deals for BC/BS NJ Direct Subscribers: – Hearing Aid Discount and MORE!**

Did you know that Horizon Blue Cross of NJ/NJ Direct has a website for members that offers discounts on a variety of services and goods? I just found out!! Here you can find discounts on Hearing Aids, Fitness, Wellness and Healthy Living to name a few. Click on the link, read about the program, how it works and browse the deals.

<https://www.blue365deals.com/publishers/bcbsa-national/deal-of-the-day>

This information was posted on the FTA website by Bessie on August 21, 2014.

### **Retiree Wellness Program for those who attained 25 yrs. of service after 06/30/2007 and before 06/28/2011:**

Agreements between the State of New Jersey and bargaining organizations representing State employees require certain **State retirees who attained 25 years of service after June 30, 2007 and before June 28, 2011, or who retired on a disability retirement on or after August 1, 2007 and before June 28, 2011**, to pay a health contribution of 1.5% of the retirement benefit\* unless the retired member is enrolled in the Retiree Wellness Program. Participation in the Retiree Wellness Program results in the waiver of the required health contribution. If you qualify under the above requirements, click here to learn more about this program.

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/shbp-wellness-program.shtml>

This information was posted on the FTA website by Bessie on June 24, 2014.

Please be sure to check out Bessie's Corner on the FTA website for information on a variety of subjects.

Feel free to contact me, either by phone 609-649-3221 or by email at [BJones@ftanjsp.org](mailto:BJones@ftanjsp.org), with any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you at the next get together. Have a wonderful and safe autumn! Bessie

## INTERVENTION FOR BURNS



### **A Healing Miracle for Burns:**

Keep in mind this treatment of burns is being included in teaching beginner fireman. First Aid consists of first spraying cold water on the affected area until the heat is reduced, which stops the continued burning of all layers of the skin. Then, spread the egg whites onto the affected area.

A woman burned a large part of her hand with boiling water. In spite of the pain, she ran cold water on her hand, separated 2 egg whites from the yolks, beat them slightly and dipped her hand in the solution. The whites then dried and formed a protective layer.

She later learned that the egg white is a natural collagen and continued during at least one hour to apply layer upon layer of beaten egg white. By afternoon she no longer felt any pain and the next day there was hardly a trace of the burn. Ten days later, no trace was left at all and her skin had regained its normal color. The burned area was totally regenerated thanks to the collagen in the egg whites, a placenta full of vitamins.

*Submitted by: Lt. Herb Orth, #1723 (Ret)*

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

### FTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**2014 FTA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** (Presented at the Open Meeting, May 4, 2014 @ Division Headquarters)

We are glad to present the second annual DEBRA CHESKO \$1,000.00 scholarship award in honor of Debra Chesko, who worked many years for the FTA assisting spouses of deceased troopers in their time of need. Debra died in 2012. This year's winner was Amanda Kisby, the granddaughter of Lt. William Kisby #2571 (*Ret*). Amanda is a senior at Greer High School, Greer, SC and will be entering the University of South Carolina in the fall where she will be studying Psychology. Amanda had a GPA of 4.966 out of a possible 5.0 and is graduating 1<sup>st</sup> out of 229 graduates.

The remaining nineteen scholarships of \$500.00 each were awarded by transcript marks and a random drawing at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> open meeting. They included:

Nicholas Noto, grandson of Bernard Dougherty, #2288 (deceased); Carlos A. Tapia, son of Carlos Tapia, #3461; Kayla Soos, granddaughter of John Soos, #1795; Casey Furey, granddaughter of John Robinson, #1765 (deceased); Jamie Robertson, granddaughter of Andrew Robertson, #2085; Tristan Stern, granddaughter of Thomas Dombrowski, #2014; Elizabeth Lippincott, granddaughter of Lloyd Hall, #1746; Carlina Weidl, daughter of Carl Weidl, #3072; Meredith Hall, daughter of Thomas Hall, #3247; Haley Meade, granddaughter of Ralph Meade, #1335; Paige Cordero, daughter of Frank Cordero, #4683; Kevin Buckwald Nuccio, grandson of William Buckwald, #2010; Caleb Kisby, grandson of William Kisby, #2571; Christopher Nitto, son of John Nitto, #5496; Kylie McKune, granddaughter of Robert Stussy, #2590; Michael McCormick, son of James McCormick, #3551; Allison Adams, granddaughter of Sigmond Kobylinski, #1850; Paul Sparano, grandson of Anthony Sparano, #1988; Lauren Castellano, granddaughter of Edward Castellano, #3853 (deceased).

The FTA will be awarding scholarships for upcoming the school year ending in June 2015. Only those students that are seniors and are graduating from High School in June 2015 need apply. Also the student must be a child, grandchild, step child, or a step grandchild of a member in good standing of The Former New Jersey State Troopers Association.

This scholarship can be used for the study of any curriculum while attending a state accredited college or university anywhere in the USA. The award will be paid directly to the student.

Applications are readily available on our web site under "forms," and at our FTA office. Completed applications must be received at the address at the end of the application no later than April 20<sup>th</sup> of the year the student is a senior in high school.

**Scholarship winners will be selected at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> General Membership Meeting.**

If you have any questions, please call a committee member: Sal Maggio, Chairman @ 908-850-5021, Ken Wondrack, Director @ 732-223-5259, or George Coyle, Past President @ 732-254-6646.

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

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Education Fund, Inc. (AFNJST Educational Fund) has been committed to provide educational scholarship opportunities and interest free educational loans to eligible State Police family members for several decades. Its Board of Governors recently announced the dedication of its educational fund to two former members in honor of their significant contributions to this Association and the State Police family. The AFNJST Educational Fund is proud to formally dedicate its annual scholarships as the Wallace/Crawford Educational Scholarship in fond memory of Captain John B. Wallace #253 and Major John C. Crawford #256.

Captain Wallace is recognized as the founder of the AFNJST Education Fund in 1964. Major Crawford is recognized for his significant contribution of \$52,000.00 which stands as the largest single contribution to date.

Both will always be remembered, not only for their dedication to Honor, Duty and Fidelity, the cornerstones of the New Jersey State Police, but also for their visionary and valued commitment to the greater needs of State Police family by providing educational scholarship opportunities to eligible family members. It was their purposeful vision that promoted the importance of continued educational opportunities, a value that remains at the center of the Association of Former New Jersey State Trooper's Educational Fund today and into the future.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, the Association selected its 2014 scholarship awardees. They are as follows:

Douglas MacArthur (Sponsor - Russell R. MacArthur, #1508)  
Christopher A. Jablonski (Sponsors - Douglas Jablonski #3199, Terri Chapman #4028)  
Brian C. Baird (Sponsor - John A. Baird #4426)

Each awardee displays a true commitment to their educational growth and tremendous potential within the college setting.

The scholarship program will continue to offer scholarships to any child or grandchild of a New Jersey State Trooper, or retired New Jersey State Trooper, who is living or deceased as set-forth in the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Educational Fund By-laws. The program consists of (3) scholarships being awarded, each in the amount of \$1,250.00. The Scholarship is open to any student presently attending a college and maintaining a GPA of at least 2.5 and to any high school senior with an equivalent grade who plans to enroll in a state accredited college or university anywhere in the USA.

Any eligible person interested in the scholarship must complete and submit an application to the Secretary of the Association as indicated on the form. The application must be completed in its entirety and submittals must include a copy of the high school transcript, if a senior, along with a letter of acceptance from the college accepting enrollment. In the case of a student already in college, a college transcript is required.

Selections are based on a lottery drawing, which shall include all applications submitted that meet the stated criteria. Applicants benefiting from the drawing will receive a formal notification by the Secretary of the Fund along with a check payable to the applicant. If for any reason the applicant should change their mind about pursuing or continuing a college education, the money shall be returned to the Fund.

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

All applications must be mailed to the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Educational Fund, Attention: Daniel Morocco, Jr., Secretary, 291 Westcott Blvd., Pennington, New Jersey 08534. Applications for the 2015 drawing are due prior to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Applications for scholarship and "interest free" loans can be found on the FTA website.



## COMICS & CONSIDERATIONS

### “DANCING WITH THE STARS”

The star that entered this contact was Trooper Ralph Meade, #1335. His partner was a drinking driver.

After graduation from the Academy on August 20, 1954, this recruit was assigned to the Toms River Station.

Early in November, on a cold bitter morning and with barely two months experience I encountered my first drinking driver. While patrolling State Highway #37 south and the surrounding area, this trooper was stopped by a passing motorist on Fisher Blvd., advising that the car in front of him was weaving all over the road and the driver appeared intoxicated.

Proceeding north on Fisher Blvd., I spotted the driver weaving all over the road. Pulling up alongside the vehicle, I motioned the driver to pull over. In panic he stopped right in the middle of the road. Approaching the vehicle and keeping my eyes on the road for passing traffic, I shouted to the driver to produce his driver's license and registration. I could not give him permission to pull to the side of the road because he was too intoxicated. As I approached the vehicle the driver exited his vehicle **“completely naked and fell right into my arms.”** Grabbing him tightly around his upper body and to try to prevent us from falling I immediately lost my balance and we started to glide towards the center of the road. After a couple of glides, dips and spins, I managed to get him unto the troop car.

It was here that I learned what happened. The driver went fishing while he was drunk and fell of the dock into the chilly Barnegat Bay. He then proceeded to his vehicle, turned on the motor and heater and proceeded to take off his wet clothing. Upon completion he decided to drive home when I apprehended him.

Talking to witnesses at the scene, I learned that I bombed out on my first attempt at **“Dancing with the Stars.”** I was advised that my dips were horrible, my turns stunk and my posture was not even deserving of the lowest possible score. My partner was disqualified because he was dressed improperly.

It was noted that my face was bright red, and this was not due to the chilly November wind.

Quite a learning experience for a new recruit!

*Submitted By: Lt. Ralph E. Meade, #1335 (Ret)*

***“It is to me a new and consolatory proof that wherever the people are well-informed they can be trusted with their own government; that whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights.”***

*~ Thomas Jefferson*

### A DOCTOR WAS ADDRESSING A LARGE AUDIENCE IN OXFORD...

“The material we put into our stomachs should have killed most of us sitting here years ago. Red Meat is full of steroids and dye. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High trans-fat diets can be disastrous and none of us realizes the long term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and most of us have, or will eat it.”

“Can anyone here tell me what food causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?”

After several seconds of quiet, a 70 year old man in the front row raised his hand and softly said, “Wedding Cake”

*Submitted By: SFC Peter R. Ballurio, #2902 (Ret)*

### 3 MYSTERIES TO EXERCISE YOUR MIND

#### **Mystery one:**

A man was found murdered Sunday morning. His wife immediately called the police. The police questioned the wife and staff and got these answers:

The wife said she was sleeping.

The cook was preparing breakfast.

The gardener was gathering vegetables.

The maid was getting the mail.

The butler was polishing shoes in the pantry.

The police instantly arrested the murderer. Who did it and how did they know?

#### **Mystery two:**

A man walks into his bathroom and shoots himself right between the eyes using a real gun with real bullets. He walks out alive, with no blood anywhere and no, he didn't miss and he wasn't Superman or any other crusader wearing a cape.

How did he do this?

#### **Mystery three:**

Poor Mr. Teddy was found dead in his study by Mr. Fiend, who recounted his dismal discovery to the police:

"I was walking by Mr. Teddy's house when I thought I would just pop in for a visit. I noticed his study light was on and I decided to peek in from the outside to see if he was in there. There was frost on the window, so I had to wipe it away to see inside. That is when I saw his body. So I kicked in the front door to confirm my suspicions of foul play. I called the police immediately afterward."

The officer immediately arrested Mr. Fiend for the murder of Mr. Teddy.

How did he know Mr. Fiend was lying?

*Try to figure these questions before looking at the answers at the bottom of page #27.*

*"We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election between economy and liberty or profusion and servitude. If we run into such debt, as that we must be taxed in our meat and in our drink, in our necessities and our comforts, in our labors and our amusements, for our calling and our creeds...[we will] have no time to think, no means of calling our miss-managers to account but be glad to obtain subsistence by hiring ourselves to rivet their chains on the necks of our fellow-sufferers. ...And this is the tendency of all human governments. A departure from principle in one instance becomes a precedent for [another] ...till the bulk of society is reduced to be mere automatons of misery... And the fore-horse of this frightful team is public debt. Taxation follows that, and in its train wretchedness and oppression."*

*~Thomas Jefferson*

## TEST YOUR STATE POLICE LURE

Can you identify the suspected plain clothes Trooper in the picture on page #3? How about the unnamed Lieutenant in the picture on page #4? If you can call Gail at the FTA office!

*“Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force; like a fire, a troublesome servant and a fearful master. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action.”*  
~ George Washington

## ENGLISH LESSON FOR THE DAY!

No dictionary has ever been able to satisfactorily define the difference between "complete" and "finished." However, during a recent linguistic conference, held in London, England, and attended by some of the best linguists in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese linguist, was the presenter when he was asked to make that very distinction.

The question put to him by a colleague in the erudite audience was this: “Some say there is no difference between ‘complete’ and ‘finished.’ Please explain the difference in a way that is easy to understand.”

Mr. Balgobin’s response: “When you marry the right woman, you are ‘complete.’ If you marry the wrong woman, you are ‘finished.’ And, if the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are “Completely finished.” His answer received a five minute standing ovation.

*Submitted by: Captain Sal Maggio, #2177 (Ret)*

*“The executive, in our government is not the sole, it is scarcely the principle, object of my jealousy. The tyranny of the legislature is the most formidable dread at present and will be for many years. That of the executive will come in its turn, but it will be at a remote period.”*  
~ Thomas Jefferson

“Mystery Question Answers:

1. It was the Maid. She said she was getting the mail, but there is no mail delivery on Sunday.
2. He shot his reflection in the bathroom mirror.
3. Frost forms inside of the window, not the outside. So, Mr. Fiend could not have wiped it off to discover Mr. Teddy's body.

Did you get them right? Be honest! Thinking is soooooo very good for our brains!

*Submitted by: Major George T. Coyle, #1528 (Ret)*

*“Elections belong to the people. It is their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.”*  
~ Abraham Lincoln

**So, before your behinds gets burnt even more,  
get off your ass and go vote come November!**



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To purchase a plaque, simply contact the FTA Office @ (609) 588-8323. Each plaque requires a donation of \$125.00, plus \$4.00 to cover shipping and handling.

## LETTERS TO THE FTA

*February 2014*

*Dear Former Troopers Association,*

*The Areeda Family would like to express their thanks to friends and family for the many letters, cards, flowers, gift baskets, and phone messages we received following the sudden passing of our beloved mother. It is comforting to know that she touched so many lives in her special way. Your support is helping us to cope at this sad time. We appreciate all the heartfelt condolence messages, hugs, thoughts, and prayers more than we can say.*

*Thank you for honoring the memory of Claire Areeda.*

*Love,  
Chip & Bill Wade, #3347*

*February 2014*

*Dear FTA,*

*Thank you for all that this Association provides. The New Jersey State Police is a part of our being...no better family!*

*Terri E. Chapman-Jablonski, #4028*



April 14, 2014

Dear Trooper Maggio,

*Periodically, I make a contribution to your fine organization in memory of my late Uncle, "Sgt. Daniel Barclay," Badge #600.*

*His first assignment, as a rookie with the New Jersey State Police, was being in the detail that handled the large amount of automobile traffic in Flemington for the trial of the murderer of the Lindbergh baby, about 1030 or 1931 ... "Bruno Hauptmann".*

*If you send along two N.J. State Police car window decals in the enclosed stamped envelope, it would be appreciated. A yearly donation, as always, is included with this note. Thanks.*

*Respectfully yours,  
David D. MacDowell*

April 14, 2014

Dear Sal,

*On behalf of my entire family, please accept our heartfelt thank you for the support from you and the Former Troopers Association in memory of Bill. The plaque is an honor that we will cherish for years to come. He truly loved the NJ State Police and we are grateful for all the wonderful comfort and support we have received in return.*

*Sincerely,  
Josephine Burke and Family*

Dear The Former New Jersey Troopers Association,

*Thank you for your continuous support of the V Foundation for Cancer Research. It is events like yours that we are able to pursue Coach Valvano's dream and fund cancer research in hopes of finding a cure. Your personal commitment to making these special contributions serves as a wonderful example that every single one of us can make a difference.*

*Yours Sincerely,  
The V Foundation*

Dear Former Trooper Association,

*I would like to thank you for choosing me as one of the 20 winners. It truly means a lot and will be very helpful and put towards good use.*

*Again, thank you for choosing me and giving me the opportunity for this award.*

*Nick Noto*

Dear Mr. Maggio and Committee,

*Thank you so much for your consideration, and for awarding me this scholarship. It was such an exciting reward and will prove to be infinitely helpful to me and my family in the coming years while I am studying at Boston College.*

*Thank you again,  
Paige Cordero*

Dear FTA,

*I am very honored and thankful to receive the \$500 scholarship you granted to me.*

*Sincerely,  
Kylie McKune*

*June 17, 2014*

*Dear Former New Jersey State Police Troopers Association,*

*Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Former New Jersey State Police Troopers Association college scholarship. It is truly an honor for both me and my grandfather, Lloyd Hall. I promise to put the money to good use while attending Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC this fall. I plan to major in Pre-Pharmacy and then pursue a Doctorate Pharmacy degree.*

*By awarding me this scholarship, I am able to concentrate on what is important for me, education. Your financial generosity has allowed me to be one step closer to my goal and has inspired me to help others by giving back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help other students achieve their goal just as you have helped me.*

*Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Lippincott*

*June 18, 2014*

*Dear Sal,*

*Thank you and your Scholarship Committee for the \$500.00 scholarship awarded to my granddaughter Allison Adams.*

*I was very proud and honored as a member of the Former New Jersey State Troopers Association to present her with the scholarship check.*

*Allison will be attending Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania.*

*Thanks once again.*

*Sincerely yours,  
Sigmund M. Kobylinski*

*July 9, 2014*

*Dear the Association of Former New Jersey State Police,*

*I am writing to thank you for the generous \$500 scholarship. I was so excited and appreciative to learn that I was selected as one of the recipients. As I continue my education at the University of South Carolina, I know that I will be able to use the skills and experience that I have obtained thus far to enrich my time at USC and impact a new community in a similar way. This scholarship has lightened my financial burden and it will allow me to focus more on furthering my education. Your generosity has opened ever more doors for me, and I will always be so grateful for your help.*

*Sincerely,  
Kayla Soos*

*July 11, 2014*

*To All the Members of the Former Troopers Assoc.,*

*Thank you for remembering Rich in your presence & your thoughts. He was a good man & loved everything about the State Police. To his last day he was a Trooper – Proud & loyal.*

*He will be missed so very much,*

*Sincerely,  
Cecelia Clayton*

July 20, 2014

FTA,

*Your support has allowed us to continue the Negron Carroll Scholarship Awards. Thank You!*

*Three recipients received \$5,000 each. To date we have presented 80 scholarships totaling \$357,500. Without your sponsorship this would not be possible.*

*Again my heartfelt thanks,  
Michelle Carroll  
Chairwoman*

July 24, 2014

Hi,

*I want to thank the New Jersey Former Troopers' Association for awarding the \$500 scholarship to me. I appreciate the help in paying for school immensely.*

*Thank you,  
Caleb Kisby*

July 25, 2014

Dear Members,

*First, thank you again for honoring Rich with your presence at his wake. And for all the good times I know he shared with you all over the years. I received the Granite Plaque – it is a wonderful, stunning remembrance for me. Thank you.*

*I found this when I was going thru things here & thought you might like it.*

*Sincerely,  
Cecelia Clayton*

August 12, 2014

Dear Sir,

*Thank you and the Former New Jersey State Troopers Association for the plaque and picture of Ed which arrived yesterday.*

*The family and I will cherish these along with our memories.*

*Gratefully yours,  
Elizabeth P. Soderland*

To the FTA,

*Thank you for your thoughts & prayers.*

*Leave it to our FTA. You picked the perfect picture for the card.*

*Than you so much,  
Harold Seidler & Family*

August 20, 2014

Dear Former Troopers Association,

Thank you for your donation to The Forget Me Not Foundation. Your donation of \$200.00 will help us continue to support families suffering from pregnancy loss or newborn death and educate the professionals who care for such families. Please visit our website for more information on The Forget Me Not foundation, our accomplishments and upcoming events.

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Thanks Again,  
Melissa Barry  
Founder, Forget Me Not Foundation

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**SGT EDWIN J. SYREK,  
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**SYREK, EDWIN J., #1002,** passed away on 7 August 2014. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 18 December 1950 as a member of the 38th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 February 1976. He proudly served in the United States Army during WWII. After his retirement from the New Jersey State Police, he served as an investigator in the Passaic County Prosecutors Office for 16 years. He was predeceased by his wife Ruth. He is survived by his daughter Ruthann, three grandchildren and a brother Stanley.

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**SGT JOHN T. SULLIVAN,  
#1273**



**SULLIVAN, JOHN T., #1273,** passed away on 4 August 2014. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 11 December 1953 as a member of the 44th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 December 1980. He served with the Trenton Police Department for 8 years. He proudly served in the United States Navy during WWII. He is survived by his sons Jay and Thomas.

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**LT CARMEN J. GRECO,  
#983**



**GRECO, CARMEN J., #983,** passed away on 28 July 2014. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 18 December 1950 as a member of the 38th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 September 1980. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during WWII. He is survived by his wife of 61 years Jean, his children Charles, Donna and Robert, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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**SGT EDWARD V. SODERLAND, #1574**



**SODERLAND, EDWARD V., #1574**, passed away at his home on 15 July 2014. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 24 March 1958 as a member of the 53rd Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 April 1984. He proudly served in the United States Air force during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, children Edward, Michael, Patricia and Jennifer, and eight grandchildren.

**DSG RICHARD W. CLAYTON, SR., #2100**



**CLAYTON, RICHARD W., SR., #1290**, passed away on 7 July 2014 at his home. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 15 April 1966 as a member of the 70th Class and retired at the rank of Detective Sergeant on 1 September 1991. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, stationed in the

Mediterranean. After his retirement he worked as a detective in the Warren County Prosecutors Office. He is survived by his wife Cecelia, his children Richard and Lisa, and four grandchildren.

**SFC JOSEPH E. HYDO, #1290**



**HYDO, JOSEPH E., #1290**, passed away on Saturday, 7 June 2014. He had been residing in Peoria, AZ. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 15 April 1954 as a member of the 45th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 August 1978. He proudly served in the United States Navy during WWII and the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 61 years Gloria and two daughters Susan and Nancy, and three grandchildren.

**LT CHARLES BRAUNLICH, #2098**



**BRAUNLICH, CHARLES, #2098**, passed away on Friday 13 June 2014. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 15 April 1966 as a member of the 70th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 September 1991. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1962 to 1968. He is survived by his wife Patricia.

**LT. WILLIAM H. REILLY #3140**



**REILLY, WILLIAM H., #3140**, passed away on Thursday, 29 May 2014 at his home in Georgia. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 May 1977 as a member of the 92nd Class. He is survived by his wife Claudia.

**LT. RICHARD E. STEINBRUCH #1186**



**STEINBRUCH, RICHARD E., #1186**, passed away on Friday, 30 May 2014. He enlisted in the

New Jersey State Police on 1 December 1952 as a member of the 42nd Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 November 1980. He proudly served in the United States Army during post WWII serving with the occupying forces in Japan. He served as the commander of several Troop B stations prior to his retirement. He was predeceased by his wife Nancy and is survived by two sons, Robert and Michael, a daughter Fidencia, five grandchildren and one great grandson.

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**SGT RICHARD A. WROBEL, #2636**



**WROBEL, RICHARD A., #2636**, passed away on Monday, 24 February 2014. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 24 July 1970 as a member of the 82nd Class. He retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 June 1996. He proudly served in the United States Army after graduating from Garfield High School. He was predeceased by his son Richard. He is survived by his wife Marie, his mother Loria Wrobel, a brother John and sister Donna Rodrich, one son Wallace, two daughters Wendi Anne and Kerri Lin, seventeen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Interment will be held at a later date at the Memorial Garden, State Police Headquarters, West Trenton.

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**TPR WILLIAM M. SCHUCK, #2460**



**SCHUCK, WILLIAM M., #2460**, passed away on 7 April 2014. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 27 June 1969 as a member of the 78th Class and served until 1 December 1977. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1964 until 1968 and served in Viet Nam during the war. He served in the Florida State Employment Office and retired as a Supervisor. He is survived by his wife Alicia, a son William M. Jr., a daughter Cristina Crowe and his Mother Frieda Schuck.

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**FTA FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**JOYCE SEIDLER**, beloved Wife of Captain Harold G. Seidler, #862 (*Ret*) passed away on August 3, 2014.

**RUTH GOCH**, beloved Widow of recently deceased Lt. Michael Goch, #853 passed away on July 3, 2014.

**ANNE G. CERMAK**, beloved Wife of Lt. Stephen M. Cermak, #1499 (*Ret*) passed away on June 8, 2014.

**LISA L. HENDRICKSON**, beloved Wife of SFC Richard W. Hendrickson, #3108 (*Ret*) passed away on June 6, 2014.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

December 6, 2014  
6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
The Spring Lake Manor  
415 Highway #71  
Spring Lake, New Jersey 07762

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Remitted: (\$80.00 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send me the following item(s):

**NJSP TEE SHIRTS @ \$12.00 ea.**

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Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**WICKING TEE SHIRTS @ \$13.00 ea.**

Navy Blue - Size XL \_\_\_\_\_ Size L \_\_\_\_\_ Size M \_\_\_\_\_

Black - Size XL \_\_\_\_\_ Size L \_\_\_\_\_ Size M \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**LONG SLEEVE TEE SHIRT @ \$14.00 ea.**

(NJSP spelled down left arm)

Navy or Black - Size XXL \_\_\_\_\_ Size XL \_\_\_\_\_ Size L \_\_\_\_\_ Size M \_\_\_\_\_

Pink - Size XL \_\_\_\_\_ Size L \_\_\_\_\_ Size M \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CREWNECK SWEAT SHIRTS @ \$22.00 ea.**

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Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**HOODED SWEAT SHIRTS @ \$27.00 ea.**

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Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Solid Blue \_\_\_\_\_ Camo \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Subtotal:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Ship To:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

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