



TRUE BLUE & GOLD

THE FORMER NEW JERSEY
STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION

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WE'VE MOVED AND OUR SERVICES ARE EXPANDING!

We're proud to announce that our Logo Merchandise Sales Operation has finally moved out of the construction trailer and into the Wilburtha Welcome Center. That's Right! Just inside the front door of Wilburtha is where you'll find our new, state of the art Logo Merchandise Store. This move has been a long time coming, but once inside the store we think you will agree, it's been well worth the wait. Even though the store has been opened since June 15th, we will be holding a "Grand Opening" celebration on Saturday, November 7th @ 9:30 a.m. We know that many of our members like to visit the store while attending our Fall General Membership Meeting, so this should be a perfect opportunity to celebrate. We look forward to seeing you there.



The movement of our Logo Merchandise Store brought with it a relocation of our FTA Office. We've occupied an office on Whitehorse/Mercerville Road for over a decade, and thanks to Colonel Joseph R. Fuentes, #3190, we are now on the 1st Floor of Building #1 at Division Headquarters. Colonel Fuentes has always been an ardent supporter of the FTA, adamant that our Association have a presence at Division Headquarters. Well, we moved in on July 16th. Next time you visit the store, stop in and see Gail!

While the opening of our new store and move to Division Headquarters is certainly a noteworthy milestone, there are other very important additions to our Former Troopers Association. Several years back, the Board came to the realization that our Association, as it was originally incorporated in 1959, prohibited many aspects of our intended charitable undertakings. You see, the FTA was originally established as a "Social/Fraternal" association which severely prohibited many aspects of soliciting and accepting donations. As such, and with the advice of our legal counsel, the Board established a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation, the **N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, Inc.** It's taken some time, but we have finally received approval from the federal government to begin our charitable work. To get a better understanding on the Heritage Foundation visit our website: www.njftheritagefoundation.org.



The establishment of the Heritage Foundation brought with it the formation of a subsidiary, For-Profit Corporation, **True Blue and Gold, Inc.**, which now handles all profitable, income bearing aspects of the FTA and the Heritage Foundation. In essence, this diversity of operations maintains our social and fraternal existence, maximized our charitable benevolences, and focuses our profitable ventures; all while minimized our tax liabilities. To be honest, while it sounds a bit complicated you won't notice it all that much. Yes, when you renew your Association dues, you will have to make a check out to the FTA. When you want to

make a donation to the Quarter Century Club or another of our charitable funds you will be donating to the Heritage Foundation. And, when you make a purchase from our Logo Merchandise Sales Operation you will be paying True Blue and Gold, Inc. All three entities are directly affiliated with each other, and it's actually quite efficient.

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

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope everyone is having a nice summer as we enter the fall of the year. Time seems to go faster and faster as we get older.

I would like to bring to your attention an incident that took place on July 31, 1982. It involved DSFC Hank Wolkowski 1670 and Tpr. Harry Messerlian 3125. You old timers (me included) probably remember the incident but you younger members pay attention please. It started with a two vehicle motor vehicle accident on the NJ Turnpike in the City of Elizabeth, Union County, NJ. Tpr Messerlian and another Tpr. came upon the accident in the left lane. One of the drivers (Joseph Topolosky) became belligerent and had to be handcuffed. Mr. Topolosky continued being belligerent and was thrashing around in the troop car and kicked out one of the windows. Mr. Topolosky passed out finally and was taken to the hospital by the First Aid Squad. He later died of a traumatic injury to the brain. His blood alcohol reading was .16% BA. The cause of death is still debated by some of the most eminent Pathologists in the United States.

DSFC Hank Wolkowski was called in from home to assist Major Crimes with the investigation of the death of Mr. Topolosky. Hank interviewed one of the three people in the other car that was in the accident and the other two were interviewed by road troopers in separate rooms. After two trips to the Union County Grand Jury Tpr. Messerlian was cleared of any wrong doing and was also cleared by the Newark Office of the FBI and the US Attorney's Office. The case was then pursued by a special unit of the Civil Rights section of the US Justice Dept. After four years of investigation, two Federal Grand Juries and a lengthy trial in Federal Court, Tpr. Messerlian was convicted of depriving a person of his civil rights by causing his death and Hank Wolkowski was convicted of conspiring to obstruct justice and not guilty of perjury.

Two other troopers were found not guilty of perjury and conspiracy. Tpr. Messerlian received a sentence of ten years in Federal prison and Hank Wolkowski received a sentence of one year. There were also nine troopers, including one Lieutenant and one Sergeant, who were listed as "un-indicted co-conspirators" by the US Justice Department, a term that no one to this day can figure out since there was no indictment against these nine troopers. There is much speculation that the US Justice Department and the Judge were biased against Harry and Hank during the trial and much evidence in favor of the defense was not allowed.

After exhausting all appeals up to the US Supreme Court, both Harry and Hank served their sentences in Federal prison in Sandstone, Minnesota.

On August 25, 1995 Hank Wolkowski received "Executive Clemency" from Florida Governor Lawton Chiles (Executive Order 98C-37) which enabled him to work in the security field in Florida.

Hanks request for a Presidential Pardon from President Clinton was denied on May 21, 1998. His additional request for a Presidential Pardon from President Bush was denied on May 1, 2006.

I have already sent a letter on November 14, 2013 to Governor Christie requesting Executive Clemency in New Jersey. I was advised by the Governor's Chief Counsel, Christopher Porrino that this request will be handled by the NJ Parole Board. The Parole Board advised me that it probably will not be acted upon until Governor Christie is about to leave office.

I am asking all members who are aware of this incident to sit down and write a letter to Governor Christie requesting executive clemency for Hank as was done by Florida Governor Lawton Chiles in 1995. I think it's very important for as many letters as possible to reach the Parole Board to show great interest in this request. Write letter to;

Office of the Governor
Attn: Chief Counsel Chris Porrino
PO Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Thank you for your help in this matter.

May God Bless you all

Sal Maggio
President

FTA FALL MEETING REMINDER

The FTA Fall General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015, 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 to lunch immediately following.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

An awful lot has happened to your Former Troopers Association in the recent past. As I touched on in the lead story, we've expanded, and that diversification puts us on the path to increasing our benevolence work substantially. But that's only part of it! While the diversification minimizes our tax liabilities, it also affords contributors the opportunity to claim donations as an approved personal or business income tax deduction. Under our previously established social/fraternal association structure those important benefits were non-existent. Starting with this issue of True Blue & Gold, you will find an additional "Business Updates" sections in the newsletter. Included in this section will be updates on the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, Inc., and the True Blue and Gold, Inc. entities, including: benevolence and/or business activities undertaken by their respective boards. As each of these affiliates has just begun operations, this issue will focus mainly on their individual missions, and an introduction of their respective Boards of Directors.

Some of you may recall an article I wrote for the Fall 2010 newsletter titled, *The Centenarian Club – 100 Years*, wherein I chronicled the longevity of our three senior, retired Jersey Troopers: Major Hugo Stockburger, #504; Trooper Leonard Snearowski, #708; and Lt. Walter W. Schuler, #796. At the time of that article, five years ago, only Major Stockburger had reached the age of 100 years, quietly celebrating his centennial passage on December 28, 2006. Regrettably, I also noted that Major Stockburger had passed away six months later on June 19, 2007. I closed out that article indicating that I would be keeping tabs on Trooper Snearowski and Lt. Schuler in the hopes that we could commemorate their induction into *The Centenarian Club*. Unfortunately, Trooper Snearowski passed away the following year on June 19, 2011, at 98 years of age. And, while in the midst of writing this newsletter issue in anticipation of acknowledging Lt. Schuler's upcoming longevity, I was contacted by his daughter Carol with the sad news that he had passed away on August 27, 2015, just three weeks shy of his 100th Birthday.

Oftentimes, we take our senior members and their life experiences for granted. I had the esteemed honor of meeting each of these gentlemen and gleaned a very brief glimpse of all they had to offer. They served in a very different time, a time when our Department of State Police was just taking hold, a time of hardship for many, a time most of us would hardly recognize today. Their perspective on life was much more direct and simpler. People said what they meant, and meant what they said. It's a time long gone by, but hopefully not totally forgotten. If you happen to have the opportunity to meet someone of that era, grasp the wisdom of their years. And by all means, if you know of any retired Jersey Troopers who are approaching that centennial mark, please let me know, so they may be included in the infamous, *Centenarian Club*!

I'd like to briefly touch on one aspect of our Logo Merchandise Sales Operation, with regards to our Mail-In order for. In the last newsletter I specifically explained that, "because pricing changes do occur over the course of time, the order form will now include a "Good Thru" purchase date which will be updated with every newsletter issue." Please do not use old order forms as only current ones will be accepted! Mail-in order forms used after their expiration dates will be returned for correct submission and current pricing." Please do not submit any order form older than the one contained in this and future respective newsletter!

I continue to keep in contact with our own 'Marathon Man,' Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (*Ret*), and here's his update on the 119th running of the Boston Marathon (April 20, 2015):

First of all, it wasn't pretty, in fact more like nasty. The race started at 10:25am, and temperatures were around 42 degrees. It remained that way right up to the finish. At mile marker 4, it started to rain. Light at first, but increasing as every mile went by. Upon clearing Heartbreak Hill at mile marker 21, the real test began. The wind coming off the ocean at 25 MPH made it feel like it was 30 degrees. And with the wind in your face, along with the rain, the race turned into a survivorship. I finished with a 3:37:59 (9 minutes longer than 2014), and a 3rd place divisional (70-74) ranking. It was the worst Boston out of the nine I have completed. So bad, that the officials called the Red Sox game after 6 1/2 innings, and cancelled flights at Boston Logan. I consider myself lucky with a third, having been beaten by better and younger men. Already Thinking about London on April 24, 2016.

We'll be rooting for you John, every step of the way!

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone who assisted me in chronicling the ongoing history of our State Police, via my book *Jersey Troopers II*. Most everyone I asked gave great accounts of events and influential people that set the standards of "The Outfit." Of course there were a few who refused, but that was somewhat expected. I was very surprised with the overt support that I received regarding the sales of my book, especially in light of what I considered to be an extremely expensive price. I was very much against the price and argued with the publisher over what I thought was outrageous pricing. Their response was simply that the industry sets price, and a history book of that magnitude fetches the price they established. I am very grateful to everyone who did buy a copy. I hope it brought back some fond memories. But most important, I am very grateful that thanks to your support, I was able to fulfill my standing obligation and assist the child of a Jersey Trooper whose patrol was cut short due to an untimely off-duty death or disability. On May 2, 2015, at the FTA General Membership Meeting, I had the honor of presenting Joseph P. Lentini, III, son of Trooper I Joseph P. Lentini, Jr., #5076 with a cashier's check in the amount \$5,000.00 to aid him in his upcoming educational



Joseph, III and his mother Deborah Lentini w/George Wren

pursuit at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA. Trooper Lentini passed away on June 14, 2002, after succumbing to brain cancer when Joseph was only three years old. Once again, thank you all for helping me help the family of a fallen Jersey Trooper.

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

FEATURED MEMBER(S)

GENTLEMEN HEROES

I write this issue's Featured Member(s) article in a state of solemn loss, not for the plethora of words at my disposal, but for our genuine loss of two proud icons, longstanding comrades whose friendship, loyalty, and support to the State Police and the Former Troopers Association, cannot be refuted. On one hand I'm humbled, the other honored, to have the privilege of putting to paper a brief snapshot of the lives of our recent dearly departed, Lt. William H. "Bill" Long, Jr., #1295 and SFC Albert A. "Gunny" Hujdich, #1709, gentlemen heroes.



As you may well know, I could go on and on detailing Bill Long's and Gunny Hujdich's Marine Corps backgrounds, their military service as combat veterans during WWII and Korea, how they fought in some of the most vicious battles of the Korean War, and their postings in foreign lands. I could write about their medals and their ribbons, their combat wounds, and their years of continued service in the Reserves and National Guard. I could list their longtime proud membership in the United States Marine Corps / NJSP Group, the Marine Corps League and the many other ancillary Marine Corps charitable organizations, the many local American Veterans' Associations and Veterans of Foreign Wars Associations, as well as their support for the Wounded Warriors Foundation. I'm sure the list is long and their contributions of volunteer service and support to each organization is quite lengthy. And while both Bill and Gunny often spoke about the great things these organizations accomplished, neither boasted about their individual contributions.

I could talk about Bill's Long's extensive service in law enforcement, both before and after retiring from the State Police, first as a police officer in Woodbury, and later as a police chief in Newfield, as the undersheriff in Gloucester County, and as a police chief at Stockton State College. And lastly, while in his 80s, I would be very remiss not to mention Bill's years of service as a security officer for *Robins' Nest*, one of New Jersey most successful service agencies for abused and neglected children.

I could also talk about Gunny's service as an American Embassy Guard in London and Rome, about his security service to the Department of Treasury after retiring from the State Police, and about his service to the New Jersey Assembly as Sergeant at Arms.

I must admit that during my career, I had heard of the infamous “Mr. Clean” of Troop ‘A,’ but I’d never had the occasion to personally meet Bill Long, or Gunny Hujdich for that matter. However, once I retired from State Police service and joined the FTA that occasion became a privilege, and it didn’t take long for me to recognize the magnitude of their true stature. I can attest that I have never had the occasion to see either man, slouch in his seat, lean on a wall, or be dressed in anything that wasn’t cleaned, pressed or polished. At every sighting, they greeted everyone they came in contact, with a friendly smile and a firm handshake. And forget about the ladies, there isn’t a door that they haven’t opened or a complement they haven’t offered. I’ve never heard them speak ill of a fellow Marine, Trooper or the average citizen, and I’ve never heard either of them boast about their accomplishments. These were two men who gladly offered the wisdom of their years to anyone who needed a little advice. What you did or didn’t do with that knowledge depended on how much it would ultimately cost you! They were true gentlemen heroes.

Since becoming a member of the FTA Board of Directors in April 2010, I’ve had the opportunity to observe and record the contributions of the many members who volunteer their time and service to our Former Troopers Association. Together, Bill Long and Gunny Hujdich cannot be classified in any category below the TOP. Between them, they have faithfully volunteered their time in most every aspect of FTA service, from picking up coffee and donuts for the many meetings, to visiting ailing comrades and attending funeral services. They both rarely, if ever, missed a meeting and were always the first to step up and help out where ever they could. And, as you know, Gunny served for a long time, right up to the end, in the prestigious position of FTA Sergeant at Arms. Even as a Life Member, Bill recently stood up at a General Membership meeting and volunteered to pay for the newsletter. I have witnessed both Bill and Gunny stand as doormen, direct and even park cars, give up their seat, or better yet, go get some for their fellow members, they sell and purchase logo merchandise, help out at the picnics, and clean up after every event, never once voicing a complaint, but instead, always lending a kind, supportive, and usually funny anecdote, accented by a wink and a smile.

These two men are the finest examples of lifelong true gentlemen heroes, especially in light of their love of their families, their loyal faith in God and that of their Church, as well as their support and volunteer service to the Former Troopers Association, and the many military and private support organizations they were a part of. You may have notice by now the documented repetitive theme of “service and support” these two men exhibited. At 90 and 85 years respectively, they put most of us to shame. Bill Long and Gunny Hujdich are the true example of who we should all be emulating.

Far too often the Bill Longs’ and Gunny Hujdichs’ of our Former Troopers Association have been overlooked by other so called more important and prominent figures, oftentimes personal friends who barely meet the minimum level of service and support these two men have shown for the FTA and other organizations. In fact, I would venture to say that the level of service and support these two men have shown for the NJSP and the FTA probably far surpasses that of most of our active members and directors, past and present. I know I have a long way to go, but hopefully by emulating their competence and character, one day I might be able to stand in their shadows.

I hope this brief synopsis of Bill Long and Gunny Hujdich has given you a glimpse of these great men and the lives they both led. It’s certainly not a perspective either man would have given, or even agreed to be written. While they each never shied away from professing the accomplishments of others, they never overtly professed to their own, usually avoiding any type of personal accolades. I for one consider them both true gentlemen heroes and icons of our Former Troopers Association!

I’ve touched on quite a number of things these two gentlemen should be acknowledged for, but I’m sure that I haven’t begun to scratch the surface. No doubt, there are many more accolades that I’ve missed, or aren’t even aware of, and I hope that you let me know about each and every one of them.

It is for all these stated reasons, that I with the utmost humility, announce that I have recently nominated Lt. William H. “Bill” Long, Jr., #1295 and SFC Albert A. “Gunny” Hujdich, #1709 (Together & Posthumously) as

co-recipients of this year's Former New Jersey State Trooper of the Year Award. I only wish that I had nominated them for this prestigious award before they both had passed. They were each most deserving, true gentlemen heroes. Their importance to the FTA, and to us all, will be sorely missed.

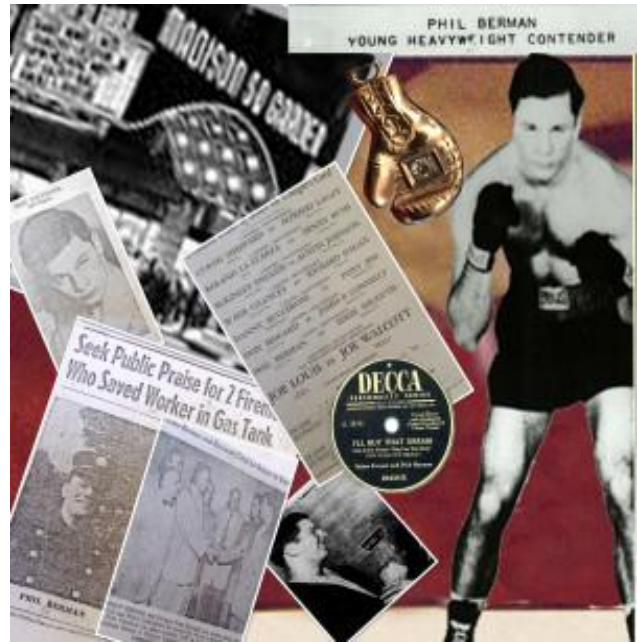
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PHIL BERMAN BOXER "LEGEND IN HIS OWN TIME"

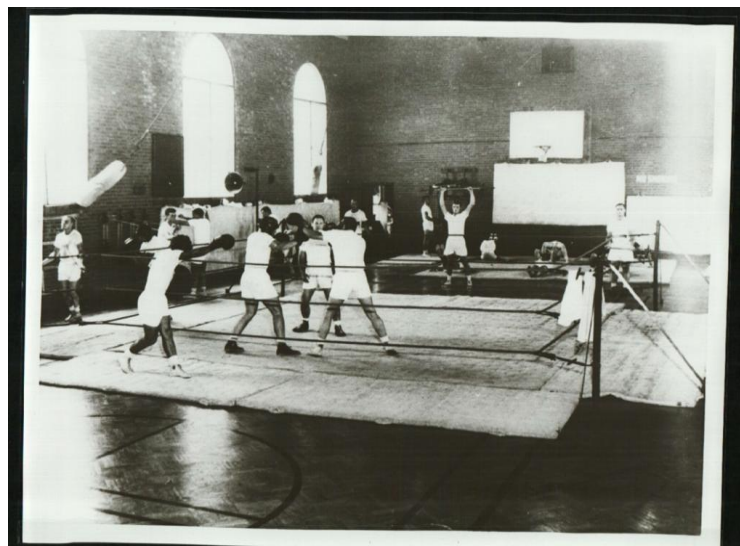
From time to time, we receive requests to have an announcement or an article placed in the newsletter. Here's an article submitted by Ellen Berman, on her father Lt. Philip Berman, #1192.

Retired Lt. Philip Berman...Badge #1192 joined the State Police in 1953 and retired in 1980. Phil's daughter Ellen created an appreciation website in memory of her father. This website is www.philbermanboxer.com and has Phil's life story as well as many articles and photos of his boxing career as well as his NJ State Police Career.

Phil Berman was proud to serve his country overseas in the Navy. He was a decorated war hero earning the Purple Heart of Courage in the South Pacific. He was also the Navy South Pacific Olympic Boxing Champion. When Phil came back to the war he served his city of Paterson as a Fireman and jumped in with "Superhuman Strength" and rescued a worker from a chemical tank explosion and lifted the blade where he was trapped. Phil finished his career serving the State of New Jersey as a Lieutenant in the NJ State Police. He was asked to develop a physical fitness manual that was distributed throughout the United States. He recruited his daughter Ellen to be his right hand person for this important task. She snapped pictures and helped to type up this manual on our home typewriter as a young teen. When Phil was a State Trooper he was selected for special event details to the White House in Washington, D.C. to guard President Kennedy, President Johnson and President Carter.



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Lt. Martens NJ State Police Honors Lt. Phil Berman

From: Frederick Martens
To: Ellen Berman
Subject: Lt. Phil Berman
Date: July 7, 2016, 10:08 PM

Hello Ellen---

I am a retired Lt. from the NJ State Police, Badge #2215. I too grew up in Paterson and went to his competitor high school---Central High School. He of course was much older than me---I was born in 1944--he of course 1926.

Your father was my phys ed instructor and some instructor he was. He was an exemplary human being and I often think of him and his imposing presence whether in a gym or in a classroom. We would often say an recruits in the academy, "can you imagine having to fight him?" Rich Malanga was the other Phys Ed instructor and was allegedly as tough as your Dad---of course we didn't think so! Your Dad was a class act, to say the least and it is soooooo nice to see what you put together for him---I'm sure he is soooo proud of you and your family. What a lovely tribute to your Dad. Thanks for sharing it with us.

Duty, Honor and Fidelity
Fred Martens #2215

Phil Berman will be inducted posthumously into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame at the Venetian Room in Garfield New Jersey on November 10, 2016. Ticket information will be posted in the newsletter in spring of 2016 with detailed ticket information.

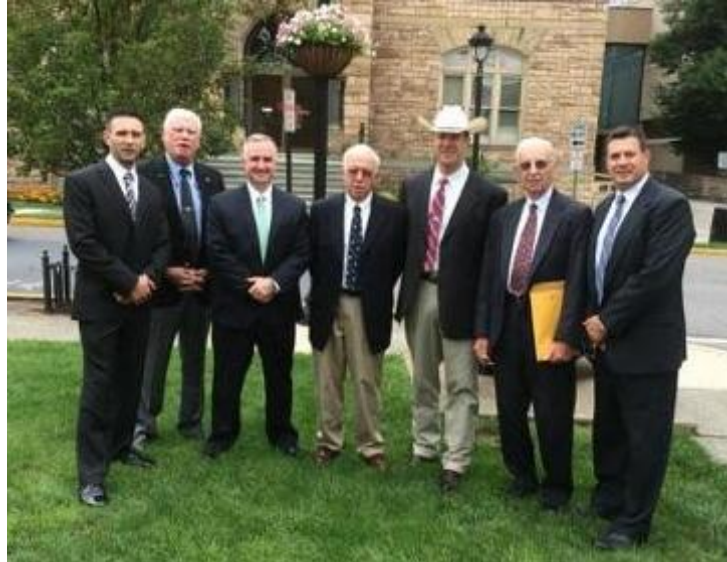
Submitted by Ellen Berman

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

COOPERATIVE EFFORTS USE TECHNOLOGY TO SOLVE COLD CASE

It all began on October 19, 1968, when then twenty-four year-old Lee Hoffner was hunting in a rural field near Effort, PA. It was there that he happened upon the murdered body of Alfred Barnes, a Bethlehem Steel executive assistant. A few days later, Barnes' 1968 Ford Thunderbird was found dumped along a fire-tower road in Blainstown Station's area. But this wasn't just an abandoned car. Blood on the driver's seat and floor quickly raised the suspicion of responding Troopers. Station Investigator Herbert F. Orth, #1723 and Trooper Norman Denker, #1322, proceeded to the scene, assisted by Det. 2/c Jack R. Shade, #923 and ID Men, Det. 2/c Thomas A. Barna, #1080 and Det. 1/c Stanley C. Machnik, #959 who processed the car. Along with the blood they found a single .32 caliber bullet on the car's floor. An ownership check of the vehicle revealed the missing car was owned by the murdered victim. An autopsy performed by the Monroe County, PA Coroner's Office disclosed that Barnes expired as a result of being shot three times in the head with a .32 caliber weapon. He also received a single gunshot wound to the right hand.

Investigator Orth initiated the co-op investigation with the Pennsylvania State Police and Investigator James W. Roseberry, Jr., #1661 did some follow-up work after Herb was transferred to Division Headquarters. Unfortunately, no murder weapon was ever found, nor physical evidence retrieved to identify a potential suspect. With no leads to follow, the New Jersey co-op case was subsequently closed by DSG Dale L. Parks, #1342 in 1970.



from left to right: PSP Trooper Donald Marsh, NJSP Trooper Herbert Orth (Ret), PSP Corporal Thomas C. McAndrew, PSP Trooper Richard Sachs (Ret), Texas Ranger James B. Holland, PSP Trooper George Oressie (Ret) and PSP Corporal Shawn M. Williams.

Years passed and the case went cold. The old reports were archived in a cold case filing cabinet, waiting for the remote chance that someday, information would surface that would warrant its reopening. Periodic reviews of the case were made over the years with negative results.

Fast forward, forty-five years! New eyes were about to review the old records. Corporal Donald Marsh of the Pennsylvania State Police, a Criminal Investigator at the Fern Ridge Station was assigned the cold case. Sorting through the old reports a name jumped off the page, Richard Keiper. According to a 1971 report, a witness identified Keiper as the man who approached him in a bar and offered to sell him a gun for \$10, a gun reportedly used to shoot a man in the hand. The man had worked at Bethlehem Steel. Keiper reportedly also tried to sell the witness the man's clothes. Attempts to locate Keiper all came up negative and the case went cold.

That witness had volunteered vital information forty-two years earlier, information that should have cracked the case. But, as we all know, the technology of today didn't exist way back then. Investigators did learn that Keiper lived in nearby Allentown, PA at the time of Barnes' murder, but he was long gone and they had no resources to track him down. One stroke of luck did however present itself, that witness, Quaquo Kelly was still alive, and confirmed the same information he gave to investigators in 1971.

Today's technology gave investigators a leg up on the case that certainly wasn't available forty plus years ago, technology that found Richard Keiper living in Boyd, Texas. A telephone call to Texas prompted Texas Ranger James B. Holland to initiate a co-op investigation of his own. Ranger Holland picked up Keiper and brought him in for questioning.

While some might say that it was the technological advancements of today that solved this cold case, I'm going to stick with good ole' fashion smart police work, using today's technology. You see, during questioning, Ranger Holland got Keiper to believe that there was DNA evidence linking him to the murder. While we all know that wasn't the case, it was more than enough to prompt Keiper to start making admissions.

Extradited back to Pennsylvania, Richard Keiper stood trial this summer for the 1968 murder of Alfred Barnes. Forty-seven years is a long time to wait for justice. Most of the investigators who worked the case have since passed away, but a few that are still around were called upon to assist in the prosecution, including our own, Lt. Herbert F. Orth, #1723 (Ret).

Herb testified at the Monroe County, PA trial on June 28th to his part in the investigation, as well as to the findings of other Jersey Troopers involved in that October 1968 case. Keiper was found guilty on July 6th and is scheduled to be sentence in October. The court must follow sentencing guidelines from the 1960s, which means Keiper faces life in prison without parole.

“To find people who, A, are still alive, B, are able to remember and articulate what had happened, that’s no easy task. I have to give the credit to the investigators,” said Monroe County first assistant District Attorney Michael Mancuso. “I always say DNA solved the case, because it was the defendant’s belief that there was DNA that prompted him to start making admissions to the Texas Ranger, which first cracked open the case for us,” Mancuso added. It’s noteworthy to add from our side of the river that Mancuso, who was only three years old when Alfred Barnes was murdered, was actually born and raised in Newark, New Jersey.

It might be of interest to the younger guys and gals to know that many of the older Troops still have all their marbles, even after all the technological advancements, and after all that time. When the PSP Detective contacted the Hope Station a female Trooper asked if old #1723 was still alive. Not only is he still alive, but he just helped put away a murderer whose been on the lamb for almost forty-seven years! Congratulations everyone on another great job!

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

BUSINESS UPDATES

N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

Mission Statement

The N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, Inc., (Foundation) is the charitable affiliate of The Former New Jersey State Troopers’ Association, Inc. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization, dedicated to providing financial assistance to needy widows and the families of deceased New Jersey State Troopers. The Foundation promotes an established scholarship program to provide annual scholarships to the eligible children and grandchildren of former Jersey Troopers, and provides goodwill support to New Jersey State Police related charitable functions, such as sponsoring programs for wounded military veterans and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as making benevolent contributions to other public and private charities.



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While you should already know our former FTA President Harry McCurdy, and our current FTA President Sal Maggio, along with Treasurer John T. “Terry” Hennessy, and Directors, Joseph J. Craparotta and George J. Wren, Jr., it’s very doubtful you have ever heard of Mr. David Goldberg. Mr. Goldberg is the recently retired CEO of Atlantic City Linen. He is credited with turning a small Atlantic City linen company into the foremost provider of laundry services to the hospitality industry on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. Mr. Goldberg has volunteered his services to us in the hopes that his extensive experience and background in charitable organizations and benevolence will help put our Foundation on the right path. Welcome aboard Mr. Goldberg!

TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC.

Mission Statement

True Blue and Gold, Inc., is the for-profit affiliate of the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, Inc. As such, True Blue and Gold maintains a best practices business model that safeguards the use of New Jersey State Police related logos, whose trademarks are held by The Former New Jersey State Troopers' Association, Inc. As per License/User Agreements entered into between the parties, True Blue and Gold will facilitate the supply and sales of prescribed logo merchandise to assist the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation in their benevolence of the many charitable programs and functions supported by The Former New Jersey State Troopers' Association and the New Jersey State Police, as well as making benevolent contributions to other public and private charities.



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Some of you may remember Trooper I David Scureman, #2924, who retired from State Police service in 1985 to pursue a position at the Louis J. Kennedy Trucking, Co. Kearny, NJ. After 26 years and achieving the position of Executive Vice President, he moved on to become the CEO of Ho-Ro Trucking Co., Inc., Brielle, NJ, where he remains today. We also welcome Mr. Rick Zelig, Owner/Operator of Action Uniform Supply, Co., with stores in Egg Harbor Township and Maple Shade, NJ. The combined business experience of these two gentlemen exceeds sixty years. Their volunteer service to our for-profit board affords us the business expertise we require to make True Blue and Gold, Inc., a truly profitable operation. Welcome aboard gentlemen!

FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

NJSP HONOR FALLEN COMRADES AT ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

On May 8, 2015, members of the NJSP met with the families of our fallen comrades to honor the ultimate sacrifice they each paid in the performance of their duties. This year's event was held in the recently rejuvenated memorial garden, a project voluntarily undertaken by the FTA to keep this hallowed ground in the best of condition.



Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/SPMemorial2015.pdf>

TROOP "A" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER



The Troop "A" Old-Timers Get-Together was held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at the Kerri Brook Caterers, Hammonton, NJ. As in the past this long standing Troop "A" event served as a great opportunity for retirees to catch up with old comrades.

As always, Good Ole' Captain Ed Marinelli, #1334 (*Ret*) coordinated the occasion, which drew a somewhat smaller crowd than usual, only 68 attendees. At only \$20.00 per person in good standing, every Jersey Trooper who started their career reporting to Hammonton Headquarters should be attending.

34RD ANNUAL STATE POLICE CHASE & FAMILY OPEN HOUSE



This year's event took place on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at Division Headquarters, West Trenton, NJ. The Chase drew some 225 runners to participate in the 5K Race. Following the race the annual Spring Family Open House greeted runners and guests to usher in the warmth of spring in and around the Memorial Garden and Log Cabin Museum.



Col. Carl A. Williams, #1872, (*Ret*); Major Francis "Mick" Callahan, #1674 (*Ret*);
LTC Joseph A. Flynn, #1609 (*Ret*); LTC Frank E. Rodgers, #3664 (*Ret*);
LTC Louis P. Klock, #4459 (*Ret*); and LTC Patrick J. Callahan, #5243
Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/SPMACHase2015.pdf>

TROOP "B" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER



The 2015 North Jersey FTA gathering was held on June 3, 2015 at a new location, La Strada Restorente in Randolph, NJ. 63 members attended. The food and drinks were great and everyone had a great time. The owner, Vincenzo, was pleased and he stated if we have more than 65 he will close down his main dining room for this event next year. If you live in North Country and you haven't attended this event, try to come next year, you will be surprised.

19TH ANNUAL NJSP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 19th Annual New Jersey State Police Memorial Association Golf Tournament, the "Colonel's Cup," took place on July 7, 2015, at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course, West Windsor, NJ. 96 Golfers participated in this annual spring outing to support the NJSP Memorial Association.



TROOP "C" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER

The annual Troop "C" Old-Timers Get-Together took place on July 16, 2015, at the Bordentown E.L.K.S. Hall, Bordentown, NJ. Open to all Troop "C" Jersey Troopers, Active or Retired, Civilian Support Staff, and NJSP Family, the event drew 62 attendees

FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PICNIC

The FTA Annual Picnic was held on Friday, August 21, 2015, at the German-American Club Picnic Grounds, Hamilton, NJ. In the days leading up to the picnic, the threat of rain caused many to doubt that the picnic would go on as scheduled. But by 9:00 a.m., a brilliant sunshine cast aside all worries, drawing a record number of attendees not seen in the recent past with 512 retired and active Jersey Troopers, associates and family in attendance. This year's picnic also brought an afternoon of entertainment thanks to the fabulous Cameos! Their repertoire of musical hits had quite a few feet tapping, dance moves not seen in a long long time, and an awful lot of attendees singing along. A great time enjoyed by all who attended!

Special thanks go out our Mounted Trooper, Lt. Ted Schafer, #5207 and his trustee steed Sprout for providing rides to all of the children, and to the Aviation Bureau for flying in Colonel Fuentes and his staff to join in with the festivities, and display one of our State Police choppers. We would also like to thank the Pipes and Drums of the Blue and Gold for their attendance, lending the skirl of the pipes and beat of the drums to the occasion. And of course, 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 48th 49th & 50th Classes on your 60th year anniversaries.

Pics courtesy Capt. Joe Curry, #1701 & Lt. George Wren., #3680 (Ret).

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



Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/FTAPicnic2015.pdf>



I-r starting at the top: (66th Class) Tony Sparano, Rich Capitan, Fred DeMauro, Al DeMauro, Ron Lempicki, Ray Staub, Jack Norton, Fred Romonowski,
I-r bottom: (67th Class) John Laird, Dory Saul, Bill Sirotinak, Charles Korostynski,
(69th Class) Tom Herr, Russ Davidson, Gary Knight, John Penney & Bill Hults

This year marked the 50th Class Anniversary for the members of the 66th/67th/68th/69th New Jersey State Police Classes. It was the 'first' time in the history of the New Jersey State Police to have a four multi-class group of recruits graduate from the New Jersey State Police Academy, 'all' in the same year, 1965.

Forty-eight former members were in attendance some travelling from as far away as Florida. Gary Knight, #2069, opened the ceremonies singing the National Anthem. Gary also was able to show-off his 'doo-wop' singing talents as he joined the 'Cameos' for a 'doo-wop' song on stage. The 50th four class anniversary committee would like to thank FTA President Sal Maggio, Director George Wren and this year's FTA picnic committee coordinator Ray Chintall for all their support and assistance in hosting our 50th Anniversary event.

Submitted By: Captain Joseph Paulillo, #2028 (Ret)

SAVE THE DATES



THE 11TH ANNUAL SURVIVORS CUP MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT will take place on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course, 725 Village Road, Princeton Junction, N.J. Come on out and support our honored families. An entry fee of \$180 includes: Green Fees, Cart, Lunch and Dinner. All proceeds to benefit the New Jersey State Police Survivors of the Triangle C.O.P.S. Chapter. Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/SurvivorsCup2015.pdf>

THE 2015 STATE POLICE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The date for the annual State Police Holiday Open House has been scheduled for Saturday, December 19, 2015, 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 2016 calendars. Don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase that special gift for that special active, retired, or "future" Jersey Trooper.

THE 2016 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY

The Florida Winter Party will be held on Tuesday, March 8th and Wednesday, March 9th, 2016 at the Crown Plaza Melbourne Oceanside, which is still a Holiday Inn facility.

Festivities will begin on Tuesday, March 8th with a cocktail party starting at 3:00 p.m. There will be an open bar until 6:00 p.m., followed by a buffet at 7:00 p.m. After the buffet there will be a D/J present for your dancing pleasure. The reunion will begin on Wednesday, March 9th. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. A sit-down luncheon will begin at 1:00 p.m.

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 West Trenton (609)882-2000 x:2220. No tickets will be sold at the door. No tickets will be mailed. Your name will appear on a prepaid list at the door.

The hotel is currently taking reservations and will accept them at our rate from Saturday, March 7th through Friday March 11th, 2016. Please **DO NOT** call the toll free number. Call the direct number for the hotel 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. The cut-off date for making room reservations will be FEBRUARY 9, 2016.

Room Rates are as follows:

\$119.00 Standard Non-Oceanfront View	\$139.00 Standard Partial View
\$184.00 Oceanfront w/Balcony	\$214.00 Oceanfront Suite

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

14TH ANNUAL BLUE MASSES

The 14th Annual Camden Diocesan Blue Mass will take place on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 @ 10:30 a.m. at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, 701 Little Gloucester Rd., Blackwood, NJ 08012. Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/CamdenBlueMass2015.pdf>. The 14th Annual Diocese of Metuchen Blue Mass will take place on Monday, October 26, 2015 @ 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm Ave., Metuchen, NJ 08840. Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/MetuchenBlueMass2015.pdf>. These Masses honor Law Enforcement and Emergency Services personnel and their families of all faiths.

MILITARY NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ALL VETS SHOULD KNOW

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

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

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

KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

The content of this 'sample letter' is self explanatory as it refers to Senate Bill S-1982. Please take a few minutes and lend your support by sending a copy of it under your signature to your federal representatives. Addresses for our two Senators are as follows:

The Honorable Senator Robert Menendez, 528 Hart Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC 20510, and,
The Honorable Senator Cory Booker, 359 Dirksen Office Building,
Washington, DC 20510.

If you write to your Congressman refer to House Bill HR-1475!

The Honorable Senator Cory Booker
359 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

August 11, 2015

Dear Senator Booker;

*As your constituents, we urge you to become a co-sponsor of **S-1982**. A bill to "authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance.*

Many of your constituents, veterans and family members, feel that this magnificent Memorial which is to honor the veterans of the Korean War falls short of doing so in one very important omission. Nowhere in that memorial do we honor those 36,574 American military veterans that made the supreme sacrifice - of which 837 were citizens of New Jersey, giving their lives to ensure that the free people of the Republic of Korea would not suffer the tyrannies of Communism. They paid the ultimate price which underscores the Memorial's theme, "Freedom is not Free."

*That is why we are asking you to lend your support to this effort of enhancing the Korean War Veterans Memorial in our Nation's Capital to authorize a glass Wall of Remembrance. We hope that you will not hesitate to join your colleagues in honoring those 36,574 veterans who hailed from every State and Territory including 837 from New Jersey and become a co-sponsor of **S-1982**.*

Respectfully,

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

HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC INFORMATION

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)

FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR

Nominations for this year's Former New Jersey State Trooper of the Year Award are currently being accepted through September 30, 2015. All nominations should be forwarded to the FTA office in West Trenton, N.J. by the September 30th deadline. Candidates will only be considered from members who are in good standing with the Former Troopers Association.

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 October 15, 2015. The presentation of the award will be made to the successful recipient at the 2015 FTA Fall General Membership Meeting on November 7, 2015.

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.

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

5 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW YOUR CELL PHONE COULD DO

For all the folks with cell phones. (This should be printed and kept in your car, purse, and wallet. Good information to have with you.)

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST - (Emergency)

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish

the emergency number for you, and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

SECOND - (Locked Keys in Car)

Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone:

If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their cell phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other 'remote' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

THIRD - (Hidden Battery Power)

Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys ***3370#**. Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time.

FOURTH - (How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?)

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following Digits on your phone: ***#06#**. The serial number will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

If your phone is stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

and finally,

FIFTH - (Free Directory Service for Cells)

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial: **(800) FREE 411** or **(800) 373-3411** without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now.

This is the kind of information people don't mind receiving, so pass it on to your family and friends.

Submitted By: Captain Jack Caldwell, #1629 (Ret)



The Fighting 96th! Celebrating 35 years! Pioneers in the NJSP. Congratulations ladies! And in honor of our classmate Bette Sacher Welch we are wearing Team Bette shirts. God Bless you Bette.

Submitted By Captain Joseph Curry, #1701(Ret)

Bob Delaney Elected to Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Trustees

Becomes First Referee Ever Elected to Board

Wednesday, July 1, 2015 -

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. –The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame today announced that veteran NBA official and current Vice President of the league’s referee operations, Bob Delaney, has been elected to the Board of Trustees. He is the first referee to serve on the Hall of Fame’s Board. He will serve as one of 30 members on the Board of Trustees.

“The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame honors the game and being the first referee to be a Board of Trustee member is humbling,” said Delaney. “The opportunity to represent the officiating community is a great honor. I embrace this responsibility with dedication, commitment and enthusiasm to my fellow Board Members and the Hall of Fame.”

As referee in the NBA for 24 years, Delaney became one of the most respected in the game. A native of New Jersey, he spent 14 years in law enforcement prior to his officiating career. His tireless and ground breaking work with Post-Traumatic Stress providing education and awareness for military, law enforcement, firefighters, first responders and their families has gained international recognition. In 2011, Delaney was recruited by Commissioner David Stern to serve as an NBA Cares Ambassador and in 2014 the Hall of Fame named Delaney a recipient of the Mannie Jackson Basketball’s Human Spirit Award.

“Bob Delaney is one of the most well-respected referees the game has ever seen,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. “This is because of the tremendous man he has proven to be both on and off the court. He represents the game with the utmost integrity and we are very pleased to have him joining our Board of Trustees.”

The Board of Trustees serves as the group responsible for preserving the fundamental mission and financial well being of the Basketball Hall of Fame. They serve as ambassadors for the Hall promoting its core mission, which is to celebrate the greatest moments and people in basketball. Made up of individuals that work in or have worked in the game, as well as business leaders that have supported the game, the Board also elects all Governors of the Hall.

A complete list of Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Trustees members can be found in the attached release.

About the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame:

Located in Springfield, Massachusetts, the city where basketball was invented, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame promotes and preserves the game of basketball at every level – professional, collegiate and high school, for both men and women on the global stage.

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TROOP ‘H’ – HOBOKEN HOLDS ITS FIRST GATHERING

May 15, 2015 - **Troop ‘H’ – Hoboken** a name given to a group of former and active troopers born, raised or lived in the city of Hoboken had their ‘first’ gathering at ‘Biggies Clam Bar’ once known as the famous ‘Clam Broth House’ on Newark Street in Hoboken. Heading the list at the gathering was retired LTC Frank Wladich #1137, 41st class who told the members in attendance how he talked about having a gathering of former and active troopers having lived in Hoboken with Major Julian Castellano #4862, 111th class. Retired Captain Joe Paulillo #2028, 68th class and Lt. Pat Aramni #2843, 88th class took the lead and made the gathering possible.

Sixteen of the 31 members names found were able to attend the gathering. Mark Falzini, New Jersey State Police 'archivist' was even able to discover that 4 members were in the 'first' New Jersey State Police class that graduated on September 1, 1921: Frank Juiano #51, John Lamb #55 and George Sweeten #95 who happens to be the grandfather of Kim Aramini, Pat Aramini's wife. Troop 'H' – Hoboken is planning on meeting in the fall so anyone that has a name of a former or 'active' trooper please contact, Joe Paulillo either by email joepaul2028@gmail.com or call 609.351.5294.



Sitting l-r: Steve Mecurio, Gary Aramini, Bill Logan, Frank Wladich, Joe Paulillo, Pat Aramini. Standing l-r: Tony Denichilo, Nick Bucci, Al DellFave, Jim Dooley, Frank VanWie, Joe Scardigno, Jack Schaffhauser, Julian Castellano.

BESSIE'S CORNER



The end of summer is fast approaching, a few more trips to the beach, one more holiday BBQ, and kids back to school. Before you know it, the hustle and bustle of upcoming holidays will have us rushing once again.

While you still have a little bit of time for sun and relaxation, why not make sure all of your important papers and information is up to date. Do your loved ones know where to find all the information they need? Has your life situation changed? Need to update beneficiary information? The time to do those things is NOW. These things are much too important to put off.

When an unplanned event happens, knowing where all the required information and paperwork is located can make things so much easier for your family. Talk to your loved ones, make sure they know who to contact and what that contact information is, where to find your important information. Have questions or concerns yourself? Feel free to contact me by phone at 609-649-3221 or by email: BJones@ftanjsp.org and I will be happy to assist in any way I can.

Enjoy the last few beach days of the season, eat a hot dog and hamburger or two because the cooler weather will be here before we know it! Hope to see you all at the November meeting. Have a happy and safe Labor Day. Take a moment to visit the FTA website for updates and other information of interest and be sure to visit Bessie's Corner where you will find all kinds of useful information. <http://ftanjsp.org/>

Let's Talk Express Scripts MEDICARE Prescription Drug Plan

Coming up on the BIG 65? Remember retirees and their spouses MUST enroll in Medicare upon turning 65. Failure to do so will result in losing your State Health Benefits. So be sure to register with Medicare approximately 3 months before your 65th birthday and provide proof to the NJ Division of Pension and Benefits. This will ensure no loss of State Health Benefits coverage.

Retirees and/or covered spouses/partners who are eligible for Medicare will be enrolled through Express Scripts in Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. Express Scripts is the prescription drug plan administrator for these retirees and coverage in the Express Scripts Medicare Prescription Drug Plan is similar to the Express Scripts plan for non-Medicare eligible members — i.e. members pay the appropriate copayment for either a retail

or mail order prescription drug order. Have questions? Click on this link for answers to the most asked questions.

[link to info](#)

Feel free to contact me by phone or email if you have additional questions or concerns. 609-649-3221, or email: BJones@ftanjsp.org

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 2015 FTA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS were presented at our Spring General Membership Meeting on May 2, 2015. We are glad to present the third 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 is: D'Shawn Adams, the son of Leon Adams, #1730. D'Shawn is senior at Lecanto High School, Lecanto FL, and will be entering the University of South Florida in the fall where he will be studying Biomedical Sciences. D'Shawn had a GPA of 4.99 out of 5.0 and is the Captain of the varsity basketball team.

The remaining 24 scholarships of \$500.00 each were awarded by transcript marks, and a random drawing at the May 2nd meeting. They included: Andre Maglione, #3907's Granddaughter, Riley Zoldi; Gregory Trotte, #4586's Daughter, Dominique M. Trotte; Richard Furlong, #1807's Granddaughter, Lindsay Scholten; Harold Brigham, #1918's Granddaughter, Lauren A. Brigham; Anthony Gatto, #2444's Grandson, Anthony M. Gatto; Pedro A. Velez, #2632's Granddaughter, Gianna G. Ricchezza; Kenneth Richter, #2506's Grandson, Maxwell A. Oge; William Fox, #2241's Grandson, Dillon W. Fletcher; Michael Clayton, #4680's Son, Mathew Clayton; John Genz, #1568's Grandson, Kevin Honeker; Allen Kazanowsky, #2174's Grandson, Matthew Kazanowsky; Thomas La Belle, #4390's Daughter, Alexis La Belle; Leonard Walden, #2133's Granddaughter, Olivia Butera; Laurent Gauthier, #1842's Granddaughter, Abigail Gauthier; Richard Sudowsky, #1768's Grandson, Matthew Brown; James Corbley, #3963's Son, Ryan J. Corbley; Bryan O'Keefe, #4559's Daughter, Kelly A. O'Keefe; Kevin J. Burke, Jr., #4021's Son, Kevin J. Burke, III; Richard Abbott, #3352's Daughter, Jennifer A. Abbott; Dean Sassaman, #2802's Granddaughter, Devon Austin; George T. Coyle, #1528's Grandson, Daniel Hansen; Beth Hallam-Hartlage, #3492's Son, Brandon M. Hartlage; Colonel Clinton L. Pagano, #1116's Granddaughter, Olivia Pagano; and John Baird, #4426's Daughter, Brook N. Baird. Congratulations to each and every recipient!

The Former New Jersey State Troopers Association will be awarding scholarships for the upcoming school year ending in June 2016. Only those students that are seniors and are graduating from High School in June 2016 need apply. Also the student must be a child, grandchild, step child, or a step grandchild of a member in good standing of the FTA.

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 available on our web site under "forms," and at our office. Completed applications must be received at the address at the end of the application no later than April 20th of the year the student is a senior in high school. **Scholarship winners will be selected at the May 7th 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**

On May 2, 2015, the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Education Fund, Inc., announced the 2015 scholarship awardees. They are as follows: Kevin J. Burke, III (Sponsor - Kevin J. Burk, Jr., #4021); Ryan Connor Galik (Sponsor - Robert Galik, #4166); and Alex R. McQuade (Sponsor - Richard McQuade, #4987).

By way of a lottery, each received a \$1,250.00 scholarship. Each awardee displays a true commitment to their educational growth and tremendous potential in the higher education setting.

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Education Fund, Inc., has been committed to provide educational scholarship opportunities and interest free educational loans to eligible State Police family members for several decades. The scholarship program will continue to offer scholarships to any child or grandchild of a New Jersey State Trooper (Active or Retired), who is living or deceased as set-forth in its By-laws. The program consists of (3) annual scholarships being awarded, each in the amount of \$1,250.00. 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. 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 to 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 2016 drawing are due prior to April 30th, 2016. Applications for scholarship and “interest free” loans can be found on the FTA website.

COMICS & CONSIDERATIONS

TO KILL AN AMERICAN

You probably missed this in the rush of news, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper, an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American.

So an Australian dentist wrote an editorial the following day to let everyone know what an American is. So they would know when they found one. (Good one, mate!!!!)

An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani, or Afghan.

An American may also be a Comanche, Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as ‘native’ Americans.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses.

An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American lives in the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each person to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return.

When Afghanistan was over-run by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country!

As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

The national symbol of America, The Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America.

Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of September 11, 2001, earning a better life for their families. It's been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 different countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and other blood-thirsty tyrants in the world. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself.

Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place, they are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

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

THE TICKET

A motorcycle police officer stops a driver for shooting through a red light. The driver is a real bastard, steps out of his car and comes striding toward the officer, demanding to know why he is being harassed by the Gestapo!

So the officer calmly tells him of the red light violation. The motorist instantly goes on a tirade, questioning the officer's ancestry, sexual orientation, etc., in rather explicit offensive terms. The tirade goes on without the officer saying anything.

When the officer finishes writing the ticket he puts an "AH" in the lower right corner of the narrative portion of the ticket, and hands it to the 'violation' for his signature. The guy signs the ticket angrily, and when presented with his copy points to the "AH" and demands to know what it stands for.

The officer says, "That's so when we go to court, I'll remember that you're an asshole!"

Two months later they're in court. The 'violation' has a bad driving record with a high number of points and is in danger of losing his license, so he hired a lawyer to represent him.

On the stand the officer testifies to seeing the man run through the red light.



Under cross examination the defense attorney asks, "Officer, is this a reasonable facsimile of the ticket that you issued to my client?"

The Officer responds, "Yes sir, that's the defendant's copy, his signature and mine, same number at the top."

The attorney then asks, "Officer, is there any particular marking or notation on this ticket you don't normally make?"

"Yes sir," the Officer replies. "In the lower right corner of the narrative there is an "AH," underlined."



"What does the "AH" stand for, officer?" asks the attorney.

"Aggressive and hostile, Sir."

"Aggressive and hostile?"

"Yes Sir."

"Officer, are you sure it doesn't stand for asshole?"

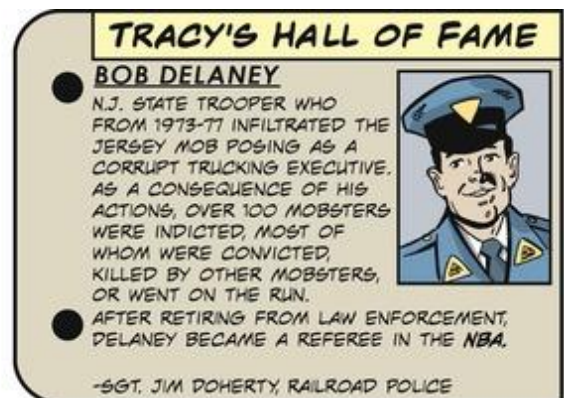
"Well sir, you know your client better than I do."

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How often can one get an attorney to convict his own client?

Submitted By: Captain Sal Maggio, #2177 (Ret)

*Here's part of a Dick Tracy comic strip that paid tribute to one of our guys on January 19, 2015!*



*Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence.  
~ George Washington*

*Old minds are like old horses; you must exercise them if you wish to keep them in working order.  
~ John Adams*

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## **LETTERS TO THE FTA**

*Dear Former Troopers Assoc.,*

*Thank you so much for the Plaque in memory of Andy. It is greatly appreciated. I also want to thank all of you for being there for me.*

*Agnes & the "Snellgrove" Family*

*Dear FTA,*

*For all the kindness you have shown, we thank you very much. For sympathy in sorrowing days, for friendship's healing touch, with gratitude our hearts are full. Though words cannot convey, the tender thoughts and thankfulness we hold for you today.*

*From the family of Bette Welch*

April 14, 2015

Former Troopers Association,

*The Burlington County Animal Shelter would like to thank you for the generous donation made in memory of Elizabeth Welch. Your kind consideration in selection the Burlington County Animal Shelter is greatly appreciated.*

*Every year the Burlington County Animal Shelter provides temporary care and treatment to hundreds of animals due to abandonment and cruelty. With the continued support of the community, the shelter will be able to provide this service for many years to come.*

*On behalf of the shelter staff, please accept our condolences for your loss.*

*Thank you for the memorial donation and for the support in the work of the animal shelter.*

*Sincerely,  
Holly Funkhouser Cucuzzella, DrPH, MCHES, HO  
Director, Health Department*

April 23, 2015

FTA,

*We took my grandson, Luke, to the Christmas Open House, in December 2014. I am reminded of the great time that we shared every time I look at this photo. As the State Police helicopter transporting Santa Claus landed, my wife took this photo of Luke on my shoulders. As they say, a picture is worth 1000 words. I don't think that words could describe what Luke was feeling as he watched Santa Claus land. On behalf of my wife (Linda), my son (John) and Luke, thanks for a great day.*

*Tom Cambria #3168*

Dear Former New Jersey State Troopers Association,

*A very special thank you for your donation to the Survivors of the Triangle! My name is Betsy Tortella and my husband CJ is a trooper. We hosted, along with family and friend a guest-host at Babe's Bar & Grill in Gibbstown this past month for the Survivors...forgive me for not personally thanking the gentlemen who dropped the donation off. Your support speaks volumes!*

*The Tortella, Moorhouse, Bobbitt and Smith families*

Dear Members of the Former Troopers Association,

*What a beautiful display for my dad. He was a trooper always in his heart. He was so happy to see you honor him in such a wonderful way. I deeply appreciate everything. Thank You.*

*Love,  
Donna Long*

Dear Mr. Maggio,

*I am honored to have been selected for the Former New Jersey State Troopers Association award. I plan to use the money to pursue an engineering degree at TCNJ. Please accept my sincere gratitude to all members of the Scholarship Committee.*

*Sincerely,  
Max Oge*

June 5, 2015

Dear Mr. S. Maggio & Scholarship Committee,

*I want to truly thank you and the Former NJ State Troopers Association for awarding me this very generous scholarship. I felt very honored to be selected from this applicant pool. My grandfather served proudly the State Police and we still truly respect the service and protection that is provided to us from all of our State Troopers.*

*I plan to use this money towards my education at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, this fall and will continue to try to emulate my grandfather's integrity.*

*Sincerely,  
Matthew Brown  
(Grandson of Richard Sudowsky, #1768)*

Dear Mr. Maggio and Scholarship Committee,

*Thank you for the \$500 scholarship you awarded to me. I will be attending Ramapo College of New Jersey as a business major in the fall.*

*Sincerely,  
Ryan Corbley*

Dear Mr. Maggio,

*I am writing to thank you for the scholarship that you and the retired troopers association have given me. I will be putting this money towards a laptop that I will be using as I study Marketing and Digital Media at Juniata College. Thank you again for the scholarship. I am honored to receive this gift.*

*Sincerely,  
Lindsay Scholten*

FTA,

*Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient of the Retired NJ Troopers Scholarship. It is an honor and the money will be put to good use as I start my life at West Point.*

*Go Army Beat Navy!*

*Dillon Fletcher*

Dear Former State Trooper Association NJ,

*Thank you so much for taking the time to read and select my application. It is such an honor to receive the scholarship as I know I will be needing it as I head off to Stevens Institute of Technology this coming fall. Thanks again, it means so much to me, and enjoy your summer.*

*Sincerely,  
Olivia Butera*

*Dear Former NJ State Trooper Association,*

*I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the incredibly generous scholarship I was awarded. It will be going toward my education at North Carolina State University, where I will be majoring in Environmental Science as a global scholar. This scholarship is especially sentimental to me because I would not of received it if my Grandfather who I love very much, was not a former NJ State Trooper.*

*Thank you so much,  
Riley Zoldi*

*June 9, 2015*

*Dear Former Troopers Association,*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your scholarship committee for choosing me as a recipient of the New Jersey State Police Former Troopers Association Scholarship Award. It is truly an honor to be selected to receive this award and I will definitely put this money to good use as I attend the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida, this coming fall. I will be majoring in Pre-Medicine and will be pursuing an advance degree in Pharmaceutical Medicine.*

*By receiving this scholarship, it will enable me to continue to concentrate on what is extremely important to me, my education. Your generosity has allowed me to advance one step closer to my goal and has inspired me to help others and eventually give back to the community with my chosen career.*

*Thank you again for your gracious consideration with this scholarship award.*

*Sincerely,  
Lauren A. Brighman*

*Dear Former Troopers Association,*

*I am eternally grateful and privileged to have received a \$1000 dollar scholarship from your organization. Often in high school, I have felt overlooked academically. It is with great honor to not only have been recognized by your organization but to be a recipient as well. Furthermore, I was also chosen as the top candidate, which only increased my confidence your organization has provided for myself. Nonetheless, your organization has helped instill confidence in me that is worth as much as a financial reward. I can know that no matter what academic or financial stress is upon myself, that this organization believes in me and that I will help me continue on and face any challenge. I will leave my personal email if anyone wishes to contact me. Again, I am eternally grateful.*

*Sincerely,  
D'Shaun Adams*

*Plans: I will be attending the University of South Florida and plan on participating in their 7 Year Medical Program at their Honors College. My major is Biomedical Sciences and I plan on minoring in nutrition. My interest at the moment is Sports Medicine.*

June 22, 2015

Dear FTA,

*I would like to thank you for your support in helping fund the educational expenses of graduating seniors. My son, Kevin, was one of the recipients of the \$500 FTA scholarship. It was presented to him by his proud grandfather, Capt. John Genz, #1568 (Ret), at the Donovan Catholic High School award ceremony held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Church in Toms River, NJ (photo attached). As you know, Kevin's great-grandfather, Lt. John Genz, #602, was the first president of the FTA. I am sure he was looking down from heaven with a tear and a smile. I am honored and proud to be an associate member of this outstanding organization founded in part by my beloved grandfather.*

*Sincerely,  
Karen (Genz) Honeker*

June 22, 2015

Entire Staff of Former Troopers Assoc:

*For the great job you have been doing for years.  
THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU.....WELL DONE!!!*

*Ronald E. Ayers, #1140*

June 25, 2015

To the Former Trooper's Association,

*Thank you for your donation.*

*I was quite surprised to receive such a wonderful donation today. This complete computer system with printer will help us bless another child this coming holiday season.*

*The FTA is always supportive of our organization. Thank you with all of my heart for your continued generosity.*

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*If you have questions about this receipt, please contact us.*

*Sincerely,  
Nathan R. Brown - Executive Director*

Dear Captain Maggio and the Former Troopers Association,

*I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude for allocating a scholarship to me from the New Jersey Former Trooper's Association. I greatly appreciate this financial aid award and it will be invested well into my education here at the College of New Jersey. The New Jersey State Police has been a very big part of my life and family for as long as I can remember, and I am forever grateful for your generosity in my education. Once again, I want to thank you and the Former Troopers Association.*

*Full Regards,  
Kevin J. Burke, III*

Dear Mr. Maggio,

*I would like to thank you for choosing me as the recipient of the 2015 Former New Jersey State Troopers Association Scholarship. I am very grateful for this award that will help pay for my next four years at Towson University.*

*Sincerely,  
Abigail Gauthier*

June 28, 2015

Dear Mr. Maggio,

*As school has now come to a close, and all the end of the year activities such as finals and graduation have reached their conclusions, I would like to take this time to thank you and the committee who have awarded me this scholarship. This generous scholarship will allow me to purchase books and other tools I will need to help me further my education at Georgetown University.*

*Not only will this scholarship help me personally in college, but it will also help my family as well. As you know college is an expensive burden, and this award will help alleviate some financial stress from my family as well.*

*While in college, I will do my best to uphold the values represented by this scholarship. This includes being charitable and helpful to others along with working together to achieve a common goal.*

*I thank you again for this opportunity!*

*Sincerely,  
Matthew Kazanowsky*

July 20, 2015

Dear Mr. Maggio,

*I was very happy to learn that I was selected as a recipient of a \$500.00 scholarship award. I am writing to thank you for your generous, financial support towards, my educational goals.*

*I am enrolled as a Criminal Justice major at Rowan College beginning in September and I plan to pursue a career with a local, state or federal law enforcement agency after I graduate in 2019. I may consider following family tradition and pursue third generation with the New Jersey State Police.*

*Your financial generosity has allowed me the opportunity to be one step closer to my goal and has inspired me to continue to serve my community well and hopefully someday help others the way you have generously helped me.*

*Sincerely,  
Anthony Gatto*

Mr. Maggio & the Former NJ Troopers Scholarship Association,

*Thank you very much for awarding me the \$500.00 scholarship. I really appreciate your consideration.*

*Sincerely,  
Gianna Ricchezza (Grandaughter of SFC Pedro Velez #2632)*

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**LT. WALTER W.  
SCHULER, #796**



**SCHULER, WALTER W., #796** passed away on 27 August 2015, just three weeks before his 100th birthday. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 February 1942 and proudly served until 1 October 1970. He served at various barracks throughout northern New Jersey and had many fond memories of his time patrolling the backwoods and mountain ranges of north Jersey. He received an outstanding commendation for his investigation of a murder in Blairstown, N.J. and the subsequent shooting of a New Jersey State Trooper on 25 November 1959. He was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Essie, and is survived by his daughters Carol and Grace Schuler.

**SFC STANLEY P.  
SZOT, #1233**



**SZOT, STANLEY P., #1233** passed away on Thursday, 27 August 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 August 1953 and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 October 1979. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, two daughters Amy Torchia and Cathy Traflet, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**SGT ROBERT J.  
MISHAK, #3798**



**MISHAK, ROBERT J., #3798** passed away on 19 August 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 4 March 1983 and retired at the rank of Sergeant in 2008. He is survived by his mother Frances Mishak, his fiancé, Lisa Romaine, his daughters Kristine, Melissa and Robyn, a brother Francis, and a sister Ann Marie Gill.

**SGT WILLIAM J.  
DEY, #1819**



**DEY, WILLIAM J., #1819** passed away on 21 August 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 3 September 1963 and served until 1 October 1978. During his time he attained the rank of Sergeant. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife Cathy, daughters Carolyn Tizzano, Karen Parry and Karhleen Dey Kraemer. He is predeceased by his son Lieutenant William J. Dey. He was a life-long resident of Hightstown, NJ and was very active in local civics and in the Masonic Lodge.

**SFC ALBERT A.  
HUJDICH, #1709**



**HUJDICH, ALBERT A., #1709** passed away on Monday 17 August 2015. He enlisted in the New

Jersey State Police on 2 October 1961 as a Member of the 58th Class and retired on 1 September 1985 at the rank of Sergeant First Class. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and was in the Korean War at the battle of Inchon and the Chosin Reservoir. He received two Purple Heart Medals for wounds received in action at these two battles and the Meritorious Service Medal the Combat Action Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He continued to serve in the Marine Corps Reserves for 11 years and then in the New Jersey Army National Guard for a combined total of 32 years of military service. He was active in the Former New Jersey State Troopers Association serving as the Sergeant-At-Arms and assisted in all activities including the annual picnic, Troop get-togethers and wounded warrior gathering at Sea Girt Academy. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Catherine, his three children Cindy Braddock, Diane Ross and Brian Hujdich, two grandchildren Pamela Fasnella and Gregory Braddock and two great-grandchildren Allie and Anthony.

**TROOPER MARTIN J.  
BEDELL, #1626**



**BEDELL, MARTIN J., #1626** passed away on 27 May 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 August 1960 as a

member of the 56th Class and served until 12 April 1963. He proudly served in the United States Army National Guard. He was predeceased by his wife Shirlee Bedell. He is survived by his daughter Lisa Cassidy and his companion Jocelyn Young.

**LT. MICHAEL P.  
FEURA #1932**



**FEURA, MICHAEL P., #1932** passed away 19 July 2015 at his home in Elizabeth, Colorado. He was born and raised in New Jersey. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 17 August 1964 as a member of the 65th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 October 1985. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1953 until 1955 with the 25th Infantry Division. Following his retirement he moved to Colorado and began his second career as a private investigator. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Jeanne, four daughters Sheri Michaelson, Cynthia Deering, Suzanne McGlynn and Michelle Feura, 17 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and a sister Beverly Thompson.

**LT. ROBERT A.  
WILSON, #2813**



**WILSON, ROBERT A., #2813** passed away on Friday 24 July 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 17 December 1971 as a member of the 86th Class and retired after 25 years of service at the rank of Lieutenant. After retirement he worked for the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, retiring after 15 years. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Viet Nam War. He is survived by his wife Shirley and four children; Jennifer, Jason, Amanda and Craig.

**DSFC ALBERT A.  
KORMONDY, #2298**



**KORMONDY, ALBERT A., #2298** passed away on Wednesday, 1 July 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 17 May 1968 as a member of the 75th Class and

retired at the rank of Detective Sergeant First Class on 1 October 1995. He proudly served a tour of duty in the United States Army as a military police officer. During his time in the New Jersey State Police he was assigned with the Division of Gaming Enforcement. He was very active in sports and won many commendations for his athletic ability. He is survived by his wife of 44 years Patricia, two sons, Albert and Andrew and two brothers, Peter and William.

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**SSGT ROBERT E.  
POLHAMUS, #1117**



**POLHAMUS, ROBERT E., #1117** passed away on 19 June 2015 in St. Lucie, FL. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 24 June 1952 as a member of the 41st Class and retired at the rank of Staff Sergeant on 1 November 1975. He proudly served in the United States Navy in 1942 and served in the South Pacific as a member of a Naval SBD squadron during WWII. During his State Police career he served in Troop "C" and Troop "E." He is survived by his wife Edith (Cindy), two daughters Debbie and Sandy, two sons Gary and Keith, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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**TROOPER GLENNY  
ALMONTE, #7358**



**ALMONTE, GLENNY, #7358** passed away on 19 June 2015 as a result of a traffic accident. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 4 October 2013. At the time of his passing he was serving out of the Totowa State Police Station. He proudly served in the United States Army National Guard. He is survived by his parents Federico and Maria Almonte and a brother.

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**LT. E. BARRIE  
BORMAN, #1917**



**BORMAN, E. BARRIE, #1917** passed away on 21 June 2015 in Newark, DE. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 17 August 1964 and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 September 1991. He served as editor of the New Jersey State Police Newsletter for a number of years. He was responsible for the design of the

Gold and Blue diagonal stripes that are on every marked state police cruiser. This design was created after the state police did away with the black and white patrol vehicles and started using all white patrol vehicles. He also served on the NJSP banquet committee honoring all retirees for the current year. He is survived by six children, three sons Keith, Kirk and Doug; three daughters Stacy Voss, Marcy Parker and Tanya Borman, ten grandchildren and a brother Frank Borman.

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**SFC MARTIN M.  
FAKELMAN, #1636**



**FAKELMAN, MARTIN M., #1636** passed away on 7 June 2015 at his home in Forked River, NJ. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 August 1960 as a member of the 56th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 February 1987. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife Nino, a son Dennis, a daughter Denise and five grandchildren.

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**TROOPER ANTHONY A.  
RASPA, #7425**



**RASPA, ANTHONY, A., #7425** passed away on 30 May 2015 at the CentraState Medical Center in Freehold. He suffered injuries in a troop car accident while on patrol on I-95 after striking a deer. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 4 October 2013 as a member of the 152nd Class. He was assigned to Troop "C" in Hamilton. Surviving are his parents, Salvatore and Elizabeth (Diaz) Raspa; three sisters, Maria, Stephanie and Christina; his paternal grandmother Mary Raspa, his maternal grandmother Nilda Diaz.

**LT. WILLIAM H.  
LONG, JR., #1295**



**LONG, WILLIAM H., JR., #1295** passed away on 23 May 2015. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 30 April 1954 as a member of the 45th Class

and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 August 1975. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during WWII and the Korean War. His entire life he was involved in New Jersey law enforcement. He had served as a police officer in Woodbury, police chief in Newfield, under-sheriff in Gloucester County, police chief at Stockton State College, and as a security officer for Robins Nest in Glassboro. He was predeceased by his wife Margaret V. "Peg" Long. He is survived by his daughter Donna L. Lloyd, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**CAPTAIN MICHAEL P.  
VISCONTI, #1352**



**VISCONTI, MICHAEL P., #1352** passed away on 5 May 2015. Captain Visconti enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 August 1954 as a member of the 46th Class. He served in the Troop "B" area and rose to the rank of Captain, serving as the Troop "B" Commander until his retirement on 1 September 1985. He proudly served an enlistment in the United States Navy. He was predeceased by a daughter, Kathleen Wistermayer, his parents Samuel and Mary Visconti, three brothers Samuel, Charles, Raymond and four sisters Rita, Rose, Ann and Joan. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Victorine, four sons,

Michael, Patrick, Peter, Daniel, seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren and two brothers Francis and Robert.

**TROOPER RICHARD J.  
PACHUTA, #7787**



**PACHUTA, RICHARD J., #7787** passed away on 25 April 2015 at his home. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 February 2015 as a member of the 155th Class. Prior to his State Police service he was employed at the New Jersey Department of Corrections. He is survived by his parents Mary Jane and Richard Pachuta and a sister Katie Pachuta.

**LT. JOHN J.  
POGORZELSKI, #2404**



**POGORZELSKI, JOHN J., #2404** passed away on 20 April 2015 at his home in North Carolina. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 7 February

1969 as a member of the 77th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 October 1995. He was predeceased by his wife Susan Ruth. He is survived by his daughters Julie and Karen, sons Daniel, Edward, Kenneth and 9 grandchildren.

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**SGT SANTO J.  
MAZZA, #1854**



**MAZZA, SANTO J., #1854** passed away on 15 April 2015 at his home in Egg Harbor, NJ. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 2 March 1964 and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 October 1987. He proudly served in the United States Air Force and served in Japan and the

Philippines. He is predeceased by a son Michael. He is survived by his wife Nancy, daughters Rebecca and Santina, and a son Christan.

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**FTA FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**KATHRYN V. GERKEN**, beloved Widow of Captain Charles E. Gerken, #717, passed away on April 5, 2015.

**DORIS P. MICCI**, beloved Widow of Captain George F. Mucci, #1075, passed away on April 21, 2015.

**DOROTHY A. KRECH**, beloved Widow of Captain Walter Krech, #933, passed away on April 21, 2015.

**JOSEPH McCONVILLE**, one of the first bagpipe instructors for the NJSP Pipe Band, passed away on May 4, 2015.

**DEPUTY CHIEF RAYMOND BLASCZAK, SR.**, Jersey City Police Department, and honored Father of SFC Raymond V. Blaszak, Jr., #2844 (*Ret*), passed away on May 19, 2015.

**JOSEPH J. CRAPAROTTA**, proud Son of Major Joseph J. Craparotta, #1631 (*Ret*), passed away on June 3, 2015.

**DEBORAH A. VENCUS**, cherished Sister of Lt. James P. Kanz, #3112 (*Ret*), passed away on June 21, 2015.

**FLORENCE M. HOLTZ**, cherished Sister of Colonel Justin J. Dintino, #1152 (*Ret*), passed away on July 5, 2015.

**GREG M. SZYMBORSKI**, cherished Son of Administrative Assistant Phyllis Szmborski, Trafficking South Unit, passed away on July 11, 2015.

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