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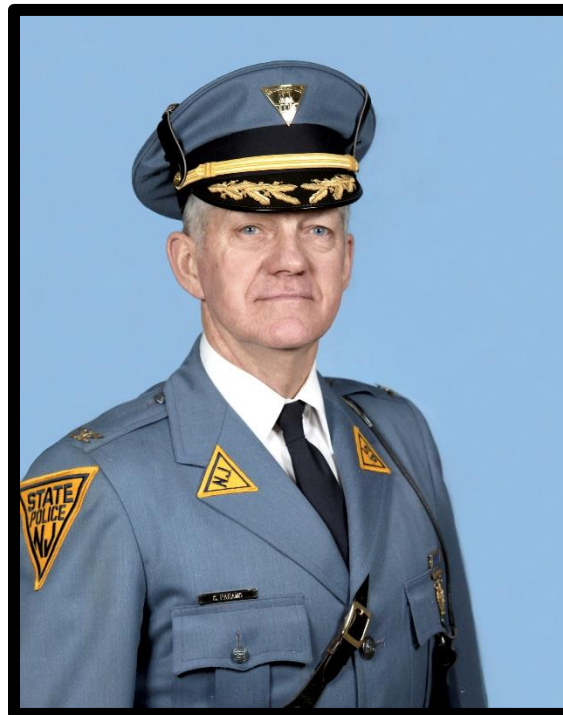
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THE PASSING OF A COLONEL

The July 30, 2017, passing of Colonel Clinton L. Pagano, #1116 (*Ret*) gave many Active and Retired Jersey Troopers a moment to pause and reflect on their State Police service, and how, because of the Colonel their career paths progressed into specializations and stature few would ever imagine possible in the law enforcement profession. Throughout his 14-year tenure as Superintendent, his vision of “functional expansion” grew the New Jersey State Police into the most recognized and diversified law enforcement agency in the United States, quite possibly the world, an Outfit we all are very proud to have been a part of. In the summer of 2007, I had the privilege of interviewing Colonel Pagano regarding his life and career for my book *Jersey Troopers II*. I offer you an insight into what the Colonel shared with me.

As a youth with his two Clinton carried horses from until school, and then again at horse stables. Their Father were only toddlers from sustained from being kicked by drug on, Gladys maintained a family values and doing the Lincoln Junior High School where Clinton was active in he graduated in June 1946, and Army where he was posted Infantry and sent to the duty in the Asiatic Pacific many others, the horrors of the Clinton. During his postings to in the aftermath and bombs, he was infected with a hands literally rotting to the PFC Pagano was honorably States Army on September 18,



brothers Girbert and Lester, before daylight each morning night at his Mother, Gladys’ Girbert died when the boys complications of an injury a horse. As the depression positive outlook, focused on right thing. The boys attended and Cliffside Park High School track and field. A good student, enlisted in the United States with Company “B,” 8th Army Philippines to begin his tour of Theater of Operation. Like Pacific Theater had its affects both Hiroshima and Nagasaki devastation of the atomic toxic substance which left his bone. After receiving therapy discharge from the United 1947.

In the late summer of 1950, Clinton applied for enlistment in the New Jersey State Police as a member of the 38th Class. Passing the entrance exam and intense selection process he was ordered to report to the West Trenton Training Academy on Sunday, September 17, 1950. However, on the Friday before reporting he received a telegram

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stating he was ineligible, directing him not to report. On Monday, he went to the Academy and met with the commandant who advised he was not eligible due to his military disability. As he was leaving, Clinton was approached by Gertrude Raulf, an academy secretary who advised him to keep trying, because the commandant was making a mistake.

The outbreak of the Korean War was a call to arms. Clinton, his brother Lester, and three friends all enlisted together in the United States Marine Corps Reserve on September 25, 1950. Three weeks into his basic training at Parris Island, Recruit Pagano received a correspondence from the New Jersey State Police detailing his eligibility status and requesting he re-apply upon returning to New Jersey.

After basic training Private Pagano was immediately sent to Airman School in Memphis, Tennessee and then onto the Naval Aviation Technical Training Center in Jacksonville, Florida. There he received extensive training in aviation electrical systems. Completing his training, Private Pagano began working as an aircraft mechanic on F4U Corsairs, and later worked at Wright Aeronautical at Wood-Ridge, New Jersey. On May 21, 1951, Private Pagano was promoted to Corporal and remained in that status until his release from active duty on September 22, 1951.

Several months later in January 1952, Clinton entered our intense selection process. He received his appointment to the New Jersey State Police as a member of the Class #41, and was ordered to report to the West Trenton Training Academy on Sunday, March 30, 1952.

Thirteen weeks later Recruit Pagano and fifty-nine of his fellow classmates graduated the Training Academy and became sworn members of the New Jersey State Police.

Following their June 24, 1952 graduation, Trooper Clinton L. Pagano, #1116 was assigned to Region "B" and posted at New Brunswick Station where he began his patrol in central New Jersey seated firmly in the saddle of a motorcycle.

Three months later, on September 28, 1952, Trooper Pagano married Audrey Gaus. They ultimately settled in Hunterdon County and were later blessed with three sons; Clinton Lewis, Jr., born in April 1954, Timothy John, born in August 1960, and Daniel Joseph, born in August 1965.

Trooper Clinton Pagano wasn't the only son of Gilbert and Gladys who enlisted in the State Police, the younger-Lester A. graduated as a member of Class #42 on December 1, 1952, and two years later, the elder-Gilbert D. graduated as a member of Class #47 on December 20, 1954.

Beginning his career patrolling Region "B" at New Brunswick Station, then on to Hopewell, next Hightstown Station, and then back to Hopewell where he worked as a Station Detective, Trooper Pagano saw the April 1, 1955, reorganization of the State Police from Regions to Troops facilitating his transfer to Troop "C." While still at Hopewell Station, Trooper Pagano was recommended for assignment to the Troop "C" Criminal Investigation Section and Identification Bureau, and designated and Investigator.

On October 1, 1962, Investigator Pagano was promoted to Detective 2/C, relieved of his assignment at the Troop "C," and transferred to the Criminal Investigation Section, Division Headquarters. While there he was assigned to the Attorney General's Office and later to the Supreme Court as a confidential investigative aid focused on organized crime and corruption.

February 11, 1962, befell a dark day for the three Pagano brothers when they lost their beloved mother Gladys at age sixty-three. Throughout her life, Gladys was a strong and independent woman who instilled in her sons the leadership, integrity, and sense of rightness required of a New Jersey State Trooper.

On January 26, 1967, Detective 2/C Pagano was promoted to the grade of Detective 1/C. A year and a half later, on July 1, 1968, he was relieved of his assignment at the Attorney General's Office and returned to the Criminal Investigation Section as Administrative Officer. Then on February 10, 1969, Detective 1/C Pagano was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and continued in his assignment as Administrative Officer of the Criminal Investigation Section.

May 26, 1972, saw Lieutenant Pagano's promotion to the rank of Captain, assigned as Supervisor of the Narcotics Bureau, Division Headquarters. A year later he was elevated to the position of Assistant Supervisor of the Criminal Investigations Section.

On October 10, 1975, Governor Brendan T. Byrne nominated Captain Pagano as the 9th Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police. Following submission to the New Jersey State Senate, Captain Pagano received unanimous approval and he was sworn into office on October 24, 1975 by Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes.

When Colonel Pagano took the reins of the State Police he was faced with two issues that would greatly impact the Outfit. The first was a consent decree which set specific goals for minority recruiting. Although the document directed the need for minority recruiting Colonel Pagano already realized the need for diversity within the Outfit. As such, he instituted focused minority recruiting efforts aimed at surpassing the quotas established by the federal government.

The second issue was a newly ratified labor agreement with the State Troopers Fraternal Association which greatly impacted the continuation of barracks duty. As such, on April 24, 1976, the long-standing tradition of living in the barracks was replaced with eight hour rotating shifts. In-essence, a reorganization of the Division took place to accommodate patrol and specialization needs.

In association with this reorganization, Colonel Pagano realized the need to conduct a review and update of the Standard Operation Procedures, some of which dated back almost to the inception of the Division. This update greatly improved Division operations and served as a catalyst towards many future programs that propelled the Outfit into the forefront of law enforcement.

In December 1977, Colonel Pagano expanded the drive started by his predecessors towards making the Division a more professional police organization. His signing of a formal contract with Seton Hall University afforded academy graduates twenty-nine college credits towards degrees approved by the University that conformed to standards established by the Middle Atlantic States Association.

A licensed pilot and aircraft aficionado, Colonel Pagano was instrumental in expanding the Division's Helicopter Bureau by organizing the State's first Air Medical-Evacuation program. When Colonel Pagano became Superintendent the State Police had five helicopters which were primarily used for traffic control and transportation. During his tenure, he doubled the size of the fleet to ten helicopters and one fixed wing aircraft.

When Colonel Pagano became Superintendent no one could have realized that his term would last for the next fourteen years. His tenure was marked by great expansion and improvements to the Division, all deemed to meet a rapidly changing criminal environment. Credited with diversifying the Division of State Police in many sophisticated and controversial areas, Colonel Pagano's sought to absorb other enforcement venues within state government. "Functional expansion" was the term he coined while addressing the troops during a briefing as he explained why the Division of State Police would ultimately incorporate the Highway Patrol, Marine Police, State Capitol Police, and Alcohol Beverage Control Enforcement Bureaus into the rank and file of State Police.

He was also named as the State Director of Civil Defense and Disaster Control, which later became incorporated into the State Police Emergency Management Section. The advent of casino gaming offered a new challenge for law enforcement and Colonel Pagano sought to defeat it. However, with its approval by the citizenry, he became instrumental in establishing the rules and regulations to ensure compliance of state statutes under the Casino Control Act, and that Troopers would police the casino industry.

Although the consent decree of 1974 dictated minority recruiting initiatives it did not address the need for female recruiting. Colonel Pagano realized that it was only a matter of time before the lack of female representation in the ranks would become an issue, so he initiated "Project 96," an all-female 96th Class.

Following the litigation surrounding mandatory retirement, the Colonel instituted the "Well Trooper" program to facilitate a healthier work force, and upgraded the physical fitness status of every member of the State Police subsequent to the establishment of "bona fide occupational qualifications."

As the organization's responsibilities grew so too did its authorized strength. When Colonel Pagano took office the Division's workforce included 1,764 sworn troopers and 808 civilian workers. Those numbers grew by 56% to 2,579 sworn troopers and 79% to 1,450 civilians when he left service. Those numbers grew thanks to an improving economy in the early 1980's which brought about additional funding for new troopers. As such, a plan to hire a thousand troopers in a thousand days commenced in 1985 with the start of the 102nd Class.

Colonel Pagano is especially credited for his tenacity and determination in the four-year investigation following the murder of Trooper Philip Lamonaco, #2663. His unwavering focus to bring those domestic terrorists responsible for the senseless murder was without doubt in keeping with the finest traditions of the New Jersey State Police. When Thomas Manning, the last fugitive in the case was finally captured on April 24, 1985, Colonel Pagano proudly stated, "If there is a bottom line to this whole tragic incident, it's that you do not murder a New Jersey State Trooper and expect to walk away from it." In a statement issued by Governor Thomas Kean, he stated, "My special congratulations are extended to Colonel Pagano who was, in truth, the driving force behind the tireless efforts to locate and take Manning into custody."

After fourteen years of commanding the Division of State Police, Colonel Pagano's reign as Superintendent ended with the February 6, 1990 announcement by newly elected Governor, James J. Florio that he would replace Colonel Pagano as head of the State Police with his former Deputy Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel Justin J. Dintino. In turn, Colonel Pagano would become Director of the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles. Ten days later, on February 16, 1990, Colonel Pagano was unanimously confirmed by the State Senate, leading to his being sworn into office on February 27, 1990. However, Colonel Pagano's tenure at the DMV was short lived and he resigned from that office a year later, on February 5, 1991. Citing his interest in pursuit of employment in the private sector, Colonel Pagano left state service, but not with the foreclosure that he may one day return to state government or enter politics.

Retired from State service, Colonel Pagano joined the Princeton based insurance firm of Reciprocal Management Corp. The firm oversaw the New Jersey Citizens Reciprocal Exchange (NJ CURE), a not-for-profit auto insurer; the Licensed Beverage Insurance Exchange (LBIE), which provided liability coverage to alcoholic beverage licensees in New Jersey, and administered the Massachusetts Employers Insurance Exchange. As a Vice President, Colonel Pagano's duties were primarily with NJ CURE and LBIE.

In November 1992, Colonel Pagano entered the realm of casino gaming when he accepted a position as Executive Vice-President of Compliance at Capital Gaming International, Inc. In that capacity, the Colonel supervised compliance issues at casino venues worldwide. The Colonel continued in that capacity until January 1999 when he resigned to begin a more relaxed pace of retirement.

In December 1992, Colonel Pagano accepted a position as a member of the Board of Directors of Digital Products Corporation of Florida. Digital Products Corp produces ankle bracelets and related computer software for keeping track of prisoners on probation or parole. In February 1996, Colonel Pagano assumed the position as Digital's Chairman following federal securities fraud conviction of the company's leading shareholder, Robert Brennan. The Colonel remained in that position until January 1997 when he resigned from the company.

In 2000, Colonel Pagano accepted a Director position at Gary Player Golf.com, Inc., a telemarketing company that sold golf equipment. He remained in that position until the company was dissolved in 2003.

After the dissolution of Gary Player Golf.com, Inc., Colonel Pagano entered the entertainment business as a consultant, signing on with Manex Entertainment, Inc. Manex had won an Academy Award for its visual-effects work on the movie *The Matrix*. Under the management of Chairman and chief Executive Gary Kucher, Manex had entered into an agreement to transform abandoned Trenton steel factories into film studios. Upon Kucher's resignation from the company in 2004, Colonel Pagano assumed the position of Chairman of the Board, where he remained until accepting the position as Director and Member of the Security Board of U.S. Helicopter Corporation in September 2004.

The Colonel had come a long way, from currying horses with his two brothers on their mother's farms in northern New Jersey to becoming the second longest tenured Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police. Throughout his

term the Colonel continuously strove to expand the auspicious of the State Police, always seeking to increase its manpower and scope of operations to ultimately achieve the independence of State Departmental status once again.

During his career Colonel Pagano served on numerous committees within the International Association of Chiefs of Police, including; the Penal Code Implementation Committee (1978-1979), Advisory Committee for International Policy (1979), the Vehicle Identification Study Committee (1980), the Terrorism Committee (1988), as a member of the Executive Committee (1987 and 1988), as Chairman of both the Firearms and Explosives Committee (1981 and 1987), and as the General Chairman of the Division of State and Provincial Police (1981-1982).

In addition to the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Colonel Pagano also served in many other law enforcement organization, including; the New Jersey Narcotics Officers Association, the International Narcotics Association, the Federal Criminal Investigators Association, the New York and New Jersey Detectives' Crime Clinic, and the Harvard Associates in Police Science.

In the 1980's, Colonel Pagano co-authored the following articles which were published in the *Police Chief* magazine:

- With Justin J. Dintino and Frederick T. Martens, "Organized Crime Control Efforts: A Critical Re-assessment of the Past Decade," 1981, *Police Chief*.
- With Justin J. Dintino, "Applied Intelligence: From Theory to Practice," 1983, *Police Chief*.
- With Justin J. Dintino, "The Investigative Function: Reassessing the Quality of Management," 1984, *Police Chief*.

During his tenure as Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, Colonel Pagano received a number of community, volunteer, and educational awards, including; the New Jersey Alliance of Italian-Americans Outstanding Citizen Award (1975), the Fermi Federation Man of the Year Award (1979), the Gene Carte Memorial Award from the National Criminal Justice Association (1980), the Award of the Eighties from the National Council on Alcoholism (1982), the Air Force Association Special Citation Award (1982), the Seton Hall University Presidents Medal (1983), the "Others" Award presented by the Salvation Army to individuals who have given of themselves to the service of humanity (1986), the Garden State Law and Public Safety Award (1987), Induction into the Italian-American Hall of Fame (1987), the First Community Service Award from the Knights of Columbus (1988).

Colonel Pagano remained very active in his retirement, busying himself with family and various business ventures. He and his wife Audrey raised their three sons, and enjoy keeping up with their seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

During a 1986 newspaper interview, Colonel Pagano explained how fortunate he was to have gotten the only job he ever wanted. Rising through the ranks to ultimately lead the organization, Colonel Pagano advised "there is nothing he would rather do than the job he held for nine years." His tenure as Superintendent spanned fourteen years, an era highlighted by "functional expansion" and successes on many fronts.

Thank you Colonel Pagano, for everything!

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe upcoming fall and holiday season.

On July 30, 2017 we lost a great one when COL Clinton L. Pagano #1116 passed away. In my 33 year tenure with the State Police I worked for six different Superintendents. By far COL Pagano was the one with the most vision and had the State Police grow in many different directions to what it is today. God bless you Sir.

I would like to speak about the current status of the “two party system” in these United States. This article is not a political statement but only my opinion of the changes that have occurred in the past 40 to 50 years. We used to have a basic two party system years ago, the Democrats and the Republicans and sometimes there was an independent or a person from the Libertarian Party running for office. Almost always the winner of an election was either a Democrat or Republican. Now I think most politicians hide behind a party affiliation because they are either conservative, liberal or somewhat moderate and in between. When President Trump won the election in November it showed me that the “people” are fed up with Washington DC and the way they do business. The liberals are still reeling over the loss of their candidate Hilary Clinton.

My biggest concern is the Media, TV stations CBS, ABC and NBC and also the major newspapers like the New York Times and Washington Post. The media is supposed to report all the news but they seem to only report what they want us to hear and appears to be their liberal opinion and as President Trump states; “Fake News”. When President Obama was in the White House, the Media always reported what a great job he was doing and very little was said when he made a mistake or did something that was against the wishes of conservative Americans. Now that we have a conservative President in President Trump, the Media criticizes the President no matter what he does and doesn’t give him any credit for any of the good or popular decisions he makes. Fox News appears to be the only Media outlet that gives a more conservative outlook to the news. Yes, I watch Fox News but also turn to CNN and MSNBC to see how they present a news subject.

Another area that has turned almost completely liberal is Hollywood. An example is the three talk show hosts, Stephen Colbert (CBS), Jimmy Kimmel (ABC) and Jimmy Fallon (NBC). All they have been doing in their monologs is bash President Trump, every night without fail. They didn’t bash President Obama when he was President and only gave him accolades. My favorite talk show host was Jay Leno. He would tell a few jokes about both former President Bush and former President Obama but he kept it to a minimum. He had a much better monolog than the three present talk show hosts.

An additional concern of mine is our colleges and institutions of higher education. It is obvious to me and most conservatives that the liberals have taken over most schools of higher education. Our children are only shown the liberal way of thinking. The liberals have taken over and it can be seen when most all conservative speakers are denied the right to speak by demonstrations in violation of the 1st Amendment of our Constitution.

You have to give the liberals credit (and the Democratic party) they have taken over the Media (except for Fox News), the colleges and Hollywood. Conservatives did not do a good job to counter their progress. If the liberals ever get complete control of the US Congress, the White House and the US Supreme Court at the same time they will probably go after the 2nd Amendment (our right to bear arms). Hopefully this will never happen but if it does, the conservatives have the police and the military on their side. We threw the British out in 1776 and if needed the conservatives will throw the liberals out of power, one way or another. Thankfully we have the Electoral College that our founding fathers created to make the Presidential election fair to all the States. The popular vote is geared to the West coast and Northeast liberal concentration.

I hope that I haven’t “offended” anyone with my comments and I know it isn’t the “politically correct” statements to make but I am not a “politically correct” person and never was. We now have a President that is trying to “drain the swamp” in Washington DC. I wish him all the luck in the world.

Remember if you have to call our office, the number is 609-882-2000 ext 2220. If no one is there, leave a message and someone will get back to you.

May God Bless You All
Sal Maggio, President FTA

FTA FALL MEETING REMINDER

The FTA Fall General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the State Police Museum and Learning Center - Log Cabin, Division Headquarters. Coffee and donuts will be served before the meeting and all attendees are invited to lunch immediately following.

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

On June 15, 2017, I had the pleasure of meeting with the families of our newest Jersey Troopers, from the 157th Class. I've done this presentation several times in the past and it's always and enjoyable time for all concerned. While I do openly have fun with the family members throughout my presentation, I think it's very important that they all know, just how vital their support is not only to *their* Jersey Trooper, but to the entire State Police Family, Active and Retired. On behalf of the Outfit, I welcomed them into our State Police Family and invited them to attend and participate in our future activities and events.

A month earlier, another member of our State Police Family made a presentation on behalf of the Outfit, one befitting the the high office and the continuous support of not only our State Police, but the entire law enforcement community across our great nation. As such and with permission, I am honored to reprint the following Personnel Order:

The following **Superintendent's Order** within the division is hereby ordered effective 0001 hours, Saturday, May 16, 2017.

In 1921, our first Superintendent H. Norman Schwarzkopf, issued badge #1, established the New Jersey State Police. The 1st Training Class of New Jersey State Police recruits were all issued a badge number – referred to as a troop number – prior to their arrival at the training academy. The trooper issued badge number 45 never graduated from the academy and that badge number has never been issued to a member of the New Jersey State Police. Beginning with the 2nd Academy class, badge numbers have been issued in sequential order to the men and women only upon their graduation from the New Jersey State Police Academy.

The shape of our triangular hat badge and shoulder patch were derived from the three points of our motto "Honor, Duty, Fidelity," revised from the West Point motto of "Duty, Honor, Country." On our badge, this motto is depicted not only by its shape but also by the star in each corner of the insignia.

On May 15, 2017, National Peace Officers Memorial Day, Colonel Fuentes, accompanied by several deputy superintendents, were invited to the White House to meet President Donald J. Trump. During that meeting, Colonel Fuentes presented out nation's 45th President with an authentic New Jersey State Police hat badge 45 and pocket badge number 45 on behalf of the proud men and women of the Division. As this badge had never been issued, Colonel Fuentes presented badge number 45 to President Trump to honor our 45th President for his continuous support of law enforcement across our great nation.

The New Jersey State Police "Roll Call" roster will forever reflect badge number 45 being honorably issued to President Donald J. Trump.

BY ORDER OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
Joseph R. Fuentes
Colonel
Superintendent



LTCs Patrick J. Callahan, #5243 and Jeffrey D. Mottley, #5300 join Colonel Joseph R. Fuentes, #3190 at the Resolute Dest following the presentation of Bagged #45 to President Donald J. Trump!

I continue to keep in contact with our own ‘Marathon Man,’ Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (*Ret*), and here’s his latest update of April 19th; “Had a poor race at Boston this year. A 4th place finish is not what I planned upon, but that’s the nature of the game.”

While John was undoubtedly disappointed in his Boston Marathon result, others in Florida had a different story to tell. Published in the *TC Palm* magazine on April 26th was a lengthy article befitting John’s accomplishments titled: *Leader of the pack. It’s impossible to stop 76-year-old marathon runner Johnny Ouweleen.* Check out this story on [tcpalm.com](http://www.tcpalm.com/story/specialty-publications/vero-beach/2017/04/26/leader-pack/100664016/): <http://www.tcpalm.com/story/specialty-publications/vero-beach/2017/04/26/leader-pack/100664016/>.

On September 24, 2017, John will return to Berlin Germany for the Berlin Marathon (2nd time), and finally end the season on November 26, 2017, at the Space Coast Half Marathon, where he will attempt his World Record race. We’ll be rooting for you John, every step of the way!

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

FEATURED MEMBER(S)

A VERY NOTEWORTHY BIRTHDAY GIFT

From time to time we all hear stories about noteworthy actions our Jersey Troopers have done in the past, we proudly smile, give a congratulatory slap on the back, and move on, leaving the past in the past. Rarely, does anyone question what happened after the event. Well, when Lisa Leisinger, wife of Major Carl Leisinger, #2226 (*Ret*) began planning a 70th birthday party for her husband, she reached out to Carl’s close friend, Trooper I William T. Trump, #2516 (*Ret*) to help her revisit a fateful event of 39 years past.

Lisa recalled how in 1978, Carl came upon a motor vehicle accident on Route #73 in Maple Shade on his way to work at Division Headquarters. Stopping immediately, Carl saw a woman in the median trying to give a baby mouth to mouth resuscitation. Her feverish attempts weren’t working and the baby was not breathing. Carl took the baby in his arms and began administering mouth to ‘nose and mouth’ resuscitation. In short order, the baby responded and began breathing. Lisa advised that the baby had reportedly been thrown through the windshield of the car and landed in the median. The woman was the mother of the child. Another infant was in the car, but not injured. That was the last time Carl saw any of these people.

Carl Leisinger ultimately received the Meritorious Service Award, the infamous “Blue Max” for saving the life of that ten-month-old baby on Route #73 in Maple Shade that fateful morning in 1978. Lisa told Bill that she was having a party for Carl on Sunday, June 25th to celebrate his 70th birthday. Lisa knew that Bill does private investigation work and asked him if he would locate the child that Carl saved, so she could invite him to attend the party. Lisa was pretty sure that the baby’s name was Barron Baumgardner Jones and that he should be around 40 years-old. She also recalled that the baby’s mother’s name as Reba Baumgardner Jones and she should be around 70 years-old. That’s all she had.

Bill told Lisa that it was going to be extremely difficult to locate this individual, because so many years had passed, and that there are so many last names of Baumgardner and Jones throughout the United States. He told her that he would do his best, but not to get her hopes up.

For several days, Bill didn’t have any success locating Barron, so he started concentrating on his mother. While searching some of computer sites, Bill came across Reba Jones, but the name of Baumgardner was not associated with the name Jones. This particular Reba Jones’ age would make her 70 years-old, but she was deceased. He obtained all of her listed past addresses, and found one of the addresses was in New Jersey. He continued performing searches that included people that lived in these addresses with her, and low and behold, he came across someone by the name of Barron Baumgardner Jones who lived with her at one time. Bill obtained all of Barron’s current and past addresses. He had numerous past addresses, making Bill think this guy must be a fugitive. However, a United States Air Force Base was listed as one of his addresses. That explained it, he was a member of the military and moved

around the country. Bill found a current address and telephone number for Barron, and called Lisa. He gave her all the information, and she called Barron. It was him and he agreed to come to Carl's party. The rest is now history.



Bill confided, that in all the 22 years he has been doing Private Investigation work, this has to be one of the most satisfying finds he's ever done. Bill acknowledged that he and Carl have been good friends for over 40 years, and that Carl and Lisa are two of the most upstanding people he knows. Bill is very thankful that he was able to locate Barron for Lisa, and that Barron agreed to attend the birthday party for a man he never really knew, but one who gave him the rest of his life. For Lisa to do this for Carl was just outstanding, and Carl's receipt of the Blue Max for this heroic action was more than deserving. Barron Baumgardner Jones currently works at the Pentagon and resides in the State of Maryland.

Trooper I William T. Trump, #2516 (Ret)
Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 (Ret)



Bill Trump, Barron Baumgardner Jones and Carl Leisinger

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

As you know, from time-to-time I receive copies of newspaper articles, chronicling the history of our members. Some are quite dated, others more recent. They cover the gambit of newsworthy events and individual information reminiscent of our esteemed Outfit of Jersey Troopers. Two of which are included below for your reading enjoyment.

AUTO THIEF SHOTS TROOPER NEAR CAMDEN, DRAGNET OUT

September 30, 1963:

State Trooper Henry Budniak, 32, saw a car parked off the Route 130 traffic circle in Brooklawn, N.J., at 5:50 A.M. yesterday.

Its lights were out, but its windshield wipers were sweeping away the rain. It was parked at an abandoned service station.

Budniak drove into the service station. The suspicious car roared off down Route 130. Budniak chased it.

The car almost immediately spun around in the road, Budniak jumped from his patrol car.

The driver of the other car got out, too, with a pistol pointing at Budniak's head.

Shot in the Head

"Get your hands up." The driver ordered, "and turn around."

Budniak, put up his hands and turned around.

The driver grabbed at Budniak's pistol from the rear but the driver's own pistol went off. The bullet struck Budniak in the back of the head.

Budniak, his skull fractured, ran across the road and got behind a utility pole. Several more shots were fired at him as he ran.

His pistol was still in his holster. He drew the weapon and returned several shots as the fugitive got into the patrol car and roared off.

The trooper managed to walk to Murphy's Coffee House a block down the road, Blood was running down his head and the back of his neck.

Expected to Live

A patron took the trooper to Underwood Hospital, Woodbury.

Doctors said the bullet had struck a glancing blow. It did not penetrate the skull.

Barring complications, doctors said, Budniak will live. His condition is listed as fair.

The shooting started a manhunt by 40 troopers. All state trooper leaves in the area were canceled.

Three suspects picked up yesterday were taken to the hospital. Budniak was unable to identify any of them.

Car Had Been Stolen

The patrol car stolen from Budniak was found a few hours later in the parking lot of the New York Shipbuilding Corp. in Camden.

The car Budniak chased had been stolen from in front of the home of its owner, Alfred Bancroft, 110 Washington Ave., Collingswood.

Budniak, a member of the Route 130 traffic patrol, has been a trooper for eight years.

He was transferred to the Mantua barracks from Tuckerton a month ago.

The second article is one of historical nature regarding the life of a local hometown hero, DSFC Charles E. Dammann, #1283 (Ret). However, the article doesn't cover the whole story. According to DSFC Dammann, he joined the NJ State Grange in Atlantic County at the age of 15, and he still remains a member at 92 years young! Keep in mind that the New Jersey State Grange was instrumental to starting the NJSP to patrol areas with no Police presence.

Historic Galloway

New Jersey State Trooper

Charles Dammann

Welcome to Historic Galloway, The Current's weekly feature that looks back through Galloway Township history. Each week we get a chance to learn or reminisce courtesy of Sarah Snow, librarian for the Galloway Township Historical Society, who shares information and early photos online and in print.

By SARAH SNOW

The handsome New Jersey State Trooper in this photo from 1954 is Charles Dammann, a Galloway original born on a farm on Leipzig Avenue in 1924. He served on that force for 25 years, retiring as a sergeant detective 1st class. Before that Mr. Dammann served our country in the Navy during World War II as a radioman gunner – that's the guy who sits behind the pilot of a dive bomber and handles both

communications and the machine gun.

All five of the Dammann brothers served in the military. As a teenager, young "Chubby" made deliveries for the Cologne Fruit Growers Union, (Chubby is a lifelong nickname given Charles as a newborn by his grandfather). In his retirement Mr. Dammann has continued to work for a casino in security and also for the Atlantic County Emergency Management Office.

This hometown hero still resides in Germania, continuing a 160-year old Dammann family tradition.

Do you have any old pictures, documents or items from Galloway's past? We'll be glad to scan and copy them. Other items can be loaned or donated to the museum.

The Historical Society Museum is located in front of the Municipal Complex, 300



Submitted

Charles Dammann

E. Jimmie Leeds Road.

See gallowayhistory.org and [facebook.com/groups/historic-galloway](https://www.facebook.com/groups/historic-galloway).

Call 609-287-2440.

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BUSINESS UPDATES

N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

The Foundation Directors are pressing forward to facilitate the charitable benevolences to be offered in several areas of our future endeavors. We are well on our way!

Along with our pursuit towards the installation of a columbarium to the Memorial Garden, the Heritage Foundation has accepted the administration of the former FTA Scholarship Program. While you may not notice much more than a name change in the program, this transfer offers a great tax-break incentive for our organization. As you may well know, Hurricane Harvey has devastated the golf coast of Texas. In support of our brother law enforcement officers, the Heritage Foundation has donated \$1,000 to Houston-



area law enforcement people who have suffered severe losses from the floods. If you wish to donate, make your check out to: Assist the Officer, Inc., and indicate on the check that the donation is for "Hurricane Harvey Relief for Law Enforcement," Mail your check to 1600 State Street, Houston, TX 77007. Remember, the Heritage Foundation is the 'Non Profit,' charitable arm of our Association, and that all donations are now tax deductible.

TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC.



Our Logo Merchandise Store continues to do a great business, and our Internet sales operation is expanding every week. We've updated and redesign our Internet Store to an Ecom site which should make your online shopping a bit more pleasurable. Please join me in welcoming aboard Roxann Sachleben to our Sales Staff. Now that our inventory has been a bit depleted thanks to the FTA Picnic, Jackie Snyder has been busy ordering a new line of winter stock to satisfy your shopping needs. Visit our store in the front of the old Wilburtha Station, or check us out on our Ecom store via the FTA website link at www.ftanjsp.org.

FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

TROOP "A" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER



The Troop "A" Old-Timers Get-Together was held on Thursday, April 27, 2017, 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 some 77 attendees. Bill Lau, #1333 won the bottle of wine for the lowest badge number. At only \$20.00 per person in good standing, every Jersey Trooper who started their career reporting to Hammonton Headquarters should be attending.

36TH ANNUAL STATE POLICE CHASE & FAMILY OPEN HOUSE



This year's event, originally scheduled for Saturday, May 27th, took place on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Division Headquarters, West Trenton, NJ. The Chase drew 215 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.

TROOP "B" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER



The 2017 North Jersey FTA gathering was held on June 8, 2017, at the La Strada Ristorante in Randolph, NJ. 55 Members attended the gathering! The food and drinks were great, and everyone had an enjoyable time. Emil Deak, #1091 won the bottle of wine for the lowest badge number. If you live in North Country and you haven't attended this event, try to come next year, you will be surprised.

21TH ANNUAL NJSP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 21th Annual New Jersey State Police Memorial Association Golf Tournament, the "Colonel's Cup," took place on July 5, 2017, at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course, West Windsor, NJ. 98 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 June 15, 2017, at Mastoris' Diner, Bordentown, NJ. Open to all Troop "C" Jersey Troopers, Active or Retired, Civilian Support Staff, and NJSP Family, this year's event drew about 50 attendees.

FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PICNIC



The FTA Annual Picnic was held on Friday, August 18, 2017, at the German-American Club Picnic Grounds, Hamilton, NJ. The weather looked bleak in the early morning, but the rain held off and the seasonal temperatures in the mid 80's with average humidity, afforded attendees a nice opportunity to enjoy our annual picnic, just ask any of the 400 retired and active Jersey Troopers, associates, and family members who attended. While this year's picnic certainly lived up to the fine food and drink it's been known for, it also brought forth an afternoon of entertainment thanks to the return of the fabulous Cameos! Their repertoire of musical hits certainly kept the crowd entertained. All in all, a great time was had by all who attended!

A special thanks once again goes out our Mounted Trooper, Lt. Ted Schafer, #5207. In true Jersey Trooper form, Lt. Schafer delighted the masses, showing up at the picnic atop his daughter's horse Jake to provide rides to all of the children and a warm heart to everyone who cherishes our State Police history. We would also like to thank Division Staff Officers for attending, and the Aviation Bureau for flying in to join us with the festivities and display one of our State Police choppers. As always, the Pipes and Drums of the Blue and Gold gave an outstanding rendition, lending the skirl of the pipes and beat of the drums to the occasion. Congrats to those from the 98th Class who utilized the picnic to celebrate their 35th anniversary. Congrats also go out to members of the 99th 92nd 73rd 74th 52nd 33rd and 34th Classes on their 35th 40th 50th 60th and 70th year anniversaries respectively.

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



Visit: <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/FTAPicnic2017.pdf>

SAVE THE DATES

THE 13TH ANNUAL “SURVIVORS CUP” MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT will take place on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course, 725 Village Road, Princeton Junction, NJ. 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: <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/SurvivorsCup2017.pdf>



THE 2015 STATE POLICE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



The annual State Police Holiday Open House is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 16, 2017, at the State Police Museum and Learning Center, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. As always, **ALL** Enlisted, Retired, and Civilian Employees (past and present) and their families are cordially invited. Come out and help usher in the arrival of the Christmas Season to Division Headquarters.

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

In addition to a huge assortment of food and refreshments, this year we will make available an even larger selection of State Police and FTA Logo merchandise. In addition to our fine selection of T-Shirts, sweats, hats, and assorted memorabilia, we now offer an expanded selection of clothing, State Police related books, prints, jewelry and more. Don’t forget to obtain your SP/FTA 2018 calendars. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to purchase that special gift for that special active, retired, or “future” Jersey Trooper.

THE 2018 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY



The Florida Winter Party will be held on Tuesday, March 6th and Wednesday, March 7th, 2018, at the Crown Plaza Melbourne Oceanside, which is still a Holiday Inn facility. Additional information and the registration form for this annual event will be posted in the upcoming December 2017 issue of this publication.

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.)

NEW EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS BEGINS IN 2017 TAX YEAR

Under a new State law, veterans may qualify for an exemption of up to \$3,000 on their New Jersey tax return for income earned in 2017. This exemption, part of a bill passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Christie last October, is in addition to other exemptions or deductions for which veterans may qualify. The exemption is available for all veterans who received honorable discharges or who were released under honorable circumstances from active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, a reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of New Jersey in a federal active duty status. Veterans may claim the exemption when they file their Tax Year 2017 returns. The exemption does not apply to 2016 income. For more information, contact the [New Jersey Division of Taxation](#).

HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC INFORMATION

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 73RD CLASS AUGUST 25TH 1967 TO AUGUST 25TH 2017



On Friday August 25th, 13 classmates from the 73rd SP Class got together for lunch at the Tavistock Country Club Haddonfield NJ.

LR Front row. Dick Keller, Mike Lyons, Rob Fuller, Val Littles, Alec Garden, Ted Stremppack, Paul Heusser.

Second row: Dan McAlee, Joe Caloiaro, Joe Zarrella, Joe Calabrese, Paul Morrison, and John Murphy

Great time had by all!

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) 882-2000 x:2220 for an order form.

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

FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR

Nominations for the 2018 Former New Jersey State Trooper of the Year Award are being accepted January 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018. All nominations should be forwarded to the FTA office in West Trenton, N.J., by the August 31st 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 in September 2018. The presentation of the award will be made to the successful recipient at the 2018 FTA Fall General Membership Meeting on November 3, 2018.

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 wellbeing of retired members and to lift the spirits of those who may be seriously ill, homebound, or in need of some old fashion camaraderie by their fellow Jersey Troopers. Visits are scheduled utilizing both active duty uniformed personnel and representatives from the 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 1-609-882-2000 X:2220. Your assistance in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

THE WINDFALL ELIMINATION PROVISION

This article is the first in a series for the Blue & Gold regarding provisions in Social Security law. The Windfall Elimination Provision affects retired, enlisted members of the Division. The Windfall Elimination Provision's calculation and effect cause a surprise when we are confronted with estimates of our Social Security Benefit. This piece is intended to provide explanations and links to information for us to become better informed.

OUR EXPERIENCE

During our State Police careers, we did not contribute to Social Security. Without getting bogged down in fine details, the WEP became law in 1983. The idea behind the new law was to eliminate what was perceived as an unfair advantage bestowed upon some Social Security beneficiaries. NJ Troopers, other State's employees and Federal Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) retirees who did not contribute to Social Security were among that group. It was considered a "windfall" if those who were receiving a pension based on work where they did not contribute to Social Security could claim a normal share of SS benefits. The result was a new formula resulting in a lower benefit amount if you did not have thirty years of substantial earnings. That is the basis for the law that created the WEP and was signed into law by President Reagan in 1983.

THE NUMBERS

Social Security calculations are straightforward and not negotiable. A retiree who has contributed to SS for their entire work life has one set of calculations. Workers who receive a pension where Social Security taxes were not paid on that work, like NJ Troopers, have another.

Social Security payments were never meant to be the sole source of retirement income. The Social Security system was begun to create a safety net for retirees and the way benefits are calculated is progressive for lower income wage earners. With smaller career Average Monthly Income, lower wage earners receive a greater percentage of their AMI. I will say it again; a person with a smaller AMI will have a calculation that results in a larger percentage of total Average Monthly Income (AMI) being paid in a benefit. Conversely, wage earners with greater AMI receive a smaller percentage of the career AMI. It works like this; the first \$885 of average monthly earnings is multiplied by 90%, the next \$885-\$5336 by 32% and lastly any amount above \$5336 by 15%. Each of the delineated income ranges is called a "bend point" in Social Security terms. The formula above results in workers with lifetime lower AMI receiving a greater percentage of their lifetime AMI.

Prior to the law change in 1983, when New Jersey Troopers applied for Social Security benefits, our lifetime of Social Security contributions were generally smaller than lifetime Social Security contributors. In terms of time, anywhere from 20-30 years while serving the Outfit, we did not contribute to Social Security. Of course many members had a contribution history from previous employment, part time jobs or a combination of both. However, in most cases, our lifetime Average Monthly Income under Social Security was low. As was discussed in the preceding paragraph, when we then initially applied for Social Security benefits, we were calculated as being long term, low wage earners. That resulted in non-Social Security covered wage earners receiving the higher percentage of their Average Monthly Income (AMI). On paper, we looked like career, low-income AMI applicants. The "windfall" was that we were receiving another pension from work where SS taxes were not paid and the benefit was being calculated so a greater percentage of our AMI would be replaced.

The new 1983 WEP formula addressed those beneficiaries who were receiving pensions from employment where Social Security was not paid. The advent of computers and digital records supplied by the states has made tracking pension payments from non-Social Security employment easy.

The new WEP formula for those reaching age 62 in or after 1990; the 90% figure for the first \$885 average monthly earnings became as low as 40%. For those who reached age 62 between 1986 and 1989, the transition to the WEP was phased in at percentages starting at reductions of 80% of your first \$885 and decreasing 10% each subsequent year to where the multiplication factor became 40% in 1990. If you had 21 years or less of substantial Social Security earnings, your benefit would be 40% of the first AMI of \$885. If you turned 62 in or after 1990, your SS benefit would be reduced if you had less than thirty years of substantial earnings where you paid Social Security tax. In our case, we were no longer being treated as lifetime, low Average Monthly Income wage earners. This link will take you to a table detailing substantial earnings. <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10045.pdf> In this publication you will find charts which detail what are substantial earnings and enumerate how Social Security covered work, from

21 to 29 years will result in an increase in your benefit, reducing the effect of Windfall Elimination Provision. A person with 30 years of substantial Social Security earnings is not subject to the WEP.

For those members who are not yet receiving Social Security, there is an online calculation available from the Social Security Administration. This website addresses specifically calculations for WEP affected applicants. This is the link for that WEP calculation;

<https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/AnypiaApplet.html>

Hint; to use this calculator, you need to know your lifetime, Social Security wages. Online you can visit <https://www.ssa.gov> and sign up for an online account. Once you have access, you will discover an online record of all wages, by year that you paid into the Social Security Trust Fund. Anyone, either before age qualifying, during the application process or as a beneficiary can access and use the online system. Once registered, you can manage most aspects of your account. That includes contact address, email address and direct deposit destination. To find your own "normal" Social Security retirement age, use this link;

<https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/ageincrease.html>

Concluding this discussion, the Windfall Elimination Provision is an important and complicated issue. The law, enacted in 1983, directly affects all enlisted retirees and those to retire. The law as it currently exists, requires retirees to be familiar with Social Security claiming strategies and plan long term. There are proposals to change/modify/eliminate this, what some call draconian law. They are in the legislative mill which grinds slowly and most often results in small or no change. It is important to focus on what is now the law and make it work best for you. Knowledge is, has, and will be your best offense.

Roland C. Lauther #3027 (Ret)

Social Security Administration and Other Resources

Full Retirement Age <https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/1943.html>

The Windfall Elimination Provision and How it Can Affect Your Benefit

(<https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/wep-chart.html>)

WEP Online Calculator <https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/anyPiaWepjs04.html>

Social Security Beneficiaries Affected in 2006 <https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/ssb/v68n2/v68n2p21.html>

National Educational Association

GPO FAQs <http://www.nea.org/home/17739.htm>

National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare

<http://www.ncpssm.org/Document/ArticleID/970>

HOLE IN THE DOOR

On Wednesday, I approached my car on the passenger side to place my computer bag on the front passenger seat. As I reached to open the door I noticed there was a hole right under my door handle. My first thought was, "Someone has shot the car!" I began to think about it and inspect it a little closer and the "light" slowly began to dawn. I phoned a friend who owns a body shop, and asked if he had any vehicles with damage to the doors that looked like a bullet hole.

"Yes, I see it all the time. Thieves have a punch and place it right under the door handle, knock a hole through, reach in and unlock it, just as if they have a key. No alarms, broken glass, or anything." I then placed a call to my insurance agent and explained it to him. I was puzzled that they left my GPS and all other belongings.

Here is where it gets scary!

"Oh no, he said, they want the break-in to be so subtle that you don't even realize it. They look at your GPS to see where "home" is. Or check your address from Insurance and Registration documents in your glove box. Now they know what you drive, go to your home, and if your vehicle isn't there they assume you aren't, and break into your home."

He said they will even leave a purse or wallet and only take one or two credit cards. By the time you realize there has been a theft, they may have already had a couple of days or more to use them. (I didn't realize my situation for two full days!) They even give you the courtesy of re-locking your doors for you.

Periodically, walk around your car, especially after you park in a shopping center or other large parking area. Report thefts immediately...your bank w/missing check numbers, your credit card agencies, police, and insurance companies, etc.

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

BESSIE'S CORNER

Bessie's Corner will return in the December issue!

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

NJ FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The NJ Former Troopers Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce its acceptance and continued administration of the former FTA Scholarship Program. As with all FTA related benevolences, this scholarship program will hereinafter be administered by the Heritage Foundation. The scholarship program is particularly important as it directly benefits the continuing education of FTA Members' descendants, a specific part of our Mission Statement. Upcoming scholarships will be for the school year ending in June 2018. Only those students that are seniors and are graduating from High School in June 2018 need apply. Applicants must be a child, grandchild, step-child, or step-grandchild of a Member in Good Standing of the Former Troopers Association.

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

Applications will be available at www.njftheritagefoundation.org and at www.ftanjsp.org. Completed applications must be received no later than April 15th of the year the student is a senior in high school. **Scholarship winners will be selected at the May 4th Former Troopers Association Spring General Membership Meeting.**

The FTA is proud to announce the May 6, 2017 scholarship awards presented at the Spring General Membership Meeting. The 4th Annual DEBRA CHESKO \$1,000.00 Scholarship Award in honor of Debra Chesko was awarded to Ryan LaBelle, son of Thomas T. LaBelle #4399. Ryan is graduating from Toms River High School North and is

ranked sixth in a class of 314 students with a GPA of 5.0625. He has maintained straight A's throughout his high school years along with notable extracurricular and athletic achievements. He will be attending Pennsylvania State University in the fall studying Business and Accounting.

Twenty-four additional \$500 scholarships were also awarded during the open meeting from 39 applications received by the FTA Scholarship Committee, they included: Natalie M. Perna, Granddaughter of William J. Gronikowski, #2242; Ruth E. Kisby, Granddaughter of William R. Kisby, #2571; Tyler G. Jannarone, Grandson of George C. Kroll, #1893 (Deceased); Emily Galik, Granddaughter of William Galik, #881 (Deceased); Meghan E. Kazanowsky, Granddaughter of Allen T. Kazanowsky, #2174; Molly C. Furlong, Daughter of Joseph R. Furlong, #3699; Paige B. Caine, Granddaughter of William E. Hutnik, #2868; Katherine M. O'Keefe, Daughter of Bryan O'Keefe, #4559; Francis J. Walsh, Grandson of Gerard DePerna, #1246 (Deceased); Christopher Genz, Grandson of John Genz, #1568; Connor Reilly, Son of Patrick Reilly, #3570; Bryan N. Trevors, Son of Chris Trevors, #4250; Kaitlin Kelly, Granddaughter of Daniel McAlee, #2216; Elyse Fearon, Daughter of William Fearon, #5147 (Deceased); Connor Mills, Son of John F. Mills, #4208; Stephen Hawthorne, Grandson of Richard J. Furlong, #1807; Caitlyn Hughes, Daughter of Colin Hughes, #4627; Ryan Abline, Son of Michael Abline, #4503; Mina M. Work, Granddaughter of Timothy O'Riordan, 3046; Nicholas E. Fanelle, Son of Edward Fanelle, #3696; Seamus A. Coyle, Son of George T. Coyle, Jr., #4434; Colleen Wetzelsberger, Daughter of Robert Wetzelsberger, #4255; Rachel Laird, Granddaughter of John Laird, #1998; and Nicholas Tapia, Son of Carlos Tapia, #3461. Congratulations to each of the scholarship awardees. Checks were distributed to the recipients in late May.

If you have any questions, please call a committee member: Ernest Volkmann – Chairman @ (732) 254-5322, Sal Maggio @ (908) 850-5021, Ken Wondrack @ (732) 223-5259, George Coyle @ (732) 254-6646, or George Wren @ (609) 425-6390.

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

The Association of the Former New Jersey State Troopers Educational Fund, Inc. has been committed to provide educational scholarship opportunities and interest free loans to eligible State Police family members for several decades. The scholarship program will continue to offer scholarships to any child or grandchild of a New Jersey State Trooper (Active/Retired), who is living or deceased as set-forth in its By-Laws. The program consists of (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 benefitting from the drawing will receive a formal notification by the Treasurer of the Fund along with a check payable to the applicant. If for any reason the applicant should change their mind about pursuing or continuing a college education, the money shall be returned to the Fund.

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

All applications must be mailed to the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Education Fund, Attention: Robert Kilmurray, Secretary, 1741 Daniel Court, Wall, New Jersey 07719. Applications for the 2018 drawing are do prior to April 30, 2018. Applications for scholarship and "interest-free" loans can be found on the FTA website.

2016/2017 Scholarship Awardees were; Kevin Honeker (John L. Genz #1568), Jake Maxwell (John Genz #1568) and Travis Kirk (Stephen Kirk #3411).

COMICS & CONSIDERATIONS

*Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.
We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream.
It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.*
~ Ronald Reagan



**"THE INSULTING THING IS IT APPEARS THE THIEF
DIDN'T TAKE ANYTHING."**

*Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom,
must like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.*
~ Thomas Paine

*I am for doing good to the poor, but I differ in opinion of the means.
I think the best way of doing good to the poor, is not making them easy in
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~ Benjamin Franklin

*When the people fear government, there is tyranny;
When the government fears the people, there is liberty.*
~ Thomas Jefferson

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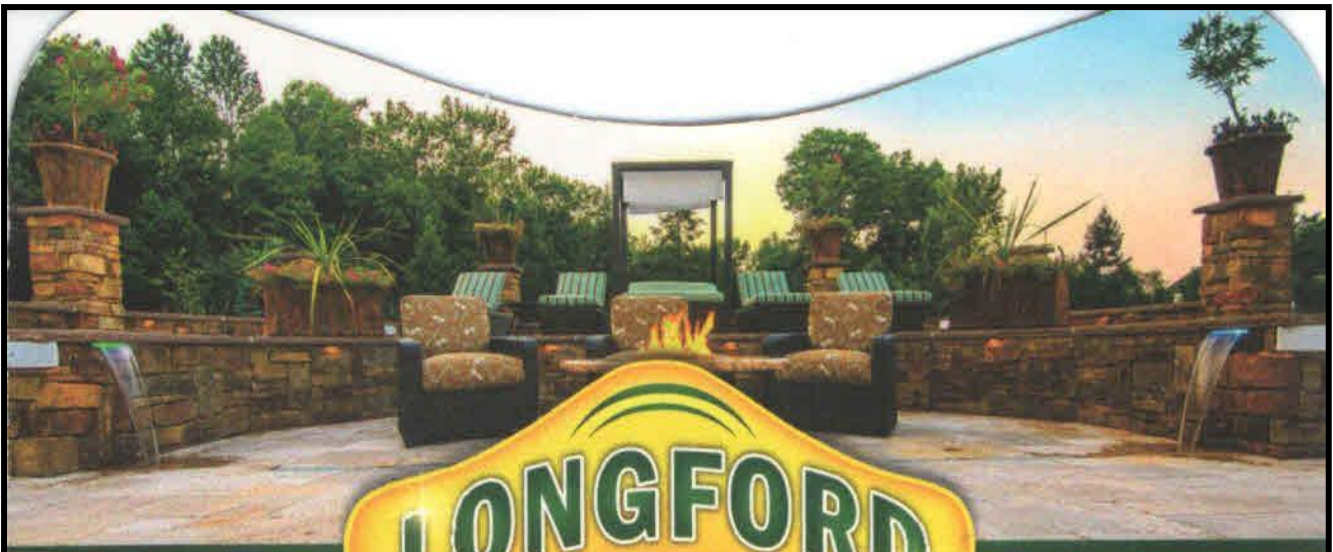
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LETTERS TO THE FTA

April 15, 2017

New Jersey Former Troopers Association,

Enclosed you will find a memorial gift to honor Joe Osinski. Joe and his wife Elsie were active and valued members of our chapter that keeps alive our Norwegian heritage. Joe served 31 years with the New Jersey State Police, rising to Lieutenant and Station Commander, Bass River, Garden State Parkway. Elsie predeceased Joe, and his survivors include 2 daughters – Carol-Jo Osinski and Susan Morelli from Williamsburg, VA.

Sincerely,
Darrell Heim – Treasurer
The Norse Federation

May 2, 2017

To Everyone at the Former Troopers Assoc.,

All of you who have experienced loss know the heartache. It was so comforting to have felt the "hugs" across the miles and sincere condolences.

Again, "Thank You" and use the enclosed for the Good of the Order (In memory of my husband Louis Nickolopoulos #1339).

May God Bless You All,
Sue

May 5, 2017

Dear President Maggio,

The plaque was received and naturally it brought tears to my eyes. I did email George Coyle when it arrived here.

It is such a thoughtful "remembrance." I will treasure the plaque the rest of my life and it will remain within the family.

May God Bless you and the Association,
Sue Nickolopoulos

May 7, 2017

Dear FTA,

I would like to thank the Former Troopers Association for all your help and thoughtfulness during this very difficult time.

Thank you,
Connie Stanwood & Family

May 11, 2017

To: Former Troopers Association,

Thank you for your support and everything you have done for my family during our difficult time. You all would have made my Father proud.

Sincerely,
Lynn Curry – daughter of John Stanwood

May 17, 2017

Dear Former New Jersey State Trooper Association,

In memory of my dear Dad, Joseph Thomas Osinski, who loved apple pie, baseball and the New Jersey State Police.

#1454
Carol-Jo Osinski
Daughter and Friend

May 21, 2017

Dear Chair Volkmann and Committee members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for awarding my granddaughter, Ruthie Kisby, a \$500 Scholarship as part of your program. Ruthie will be graduation high school this year and attending Clemson University in the fall. Her brother and sister, Caleb and Amanda, have also benefited from this program and will be beginning their final year of college at the University of South Carolina.

All three grandchildren wanted to make sure I convey their appreciation for this assistance in the pursuit of their college education.

My sincere thanks for all the good work you do for our members, children and grandchildren as well.

*Respectfully, FTA Scholarship Program,
William R. Kisby (Former Lt. NJSP Intelligence Bureau #2571)*

To: The Members of the Former NJ State Troopers Association,

I want to thank you for the generous check that I received for my college education. It will help more than you will know and I greatly appreciate it. It was very nice to read about your comments regarding how proud my Dad would be, but I know he would be as grateful as I am for all of your support. Thank you so much!

*Sincerely,
Elyse Fearon*

May 25, 2017

Dear Mr. Volkmann,

Thank you very much for your letter and scholarship. I am so excited and honored. I'm proud of all of the State Troopers in my family. Thank you again, this means a lot to me.

Emily Galik

June 16, 2017

Dear Mr. Maggio & FTA Scholarship Committee,

I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and the Former NJ State Troopers Association for awarding me with a \$500 educational scholarship. I will utilize the money to further my education at Ohio University, majoring in Journalism News & Information in pursuit of becoming a sportscaster for the NY Mets.

My family and I are deeply appreciative of your support and generosity, one day I hope to give back to others just as you have given to me.

*Sincerely,
Connor Mills
(Son of John Mills, #4208)*

July 3, 2017

New Jersey State Police – Mr. Volkmann,

I just wanted to formally thank you for the Scholarship. I actually got into this amazing but expensive school, Bucknell, so the money you gave me is greatly appreciated and will hopefully help keep me out of debt. I'm very proud of my Grandfather and his life in policework, and I promise not to let him, or you down as I pursue my dreams of researching molecular biology.

*Thanks so much,
Paige Caine*

July 3, 2017

To the Former Troopers Association,

A sincere thank you for the memorial plaque commemorating my husband's passing, for the membership card in the FTA and for the offer of assistance if needed. My family and I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

*Joan Aliotta and Family
(SGT Emanuel "Al" Aliotta, #1079)*

July 3, 2017

To Whom it may concern,

Thank you very much for selecting me as worthy for this scholarship. I will put it to good use and I truly appreciate it.

Ryan LaBelle

July 12, 2017

Dear Former Troopers Association,

Please find the enclosed donation I honor of Dan Mistichelli, nephew of Captain Gabe Mistichelli, State Police Badge #1112. Dan requested that his birthday gift be a donation to help others. Please send a copy of your Newsletter so that I may show Dan.

Thank you for your help.

Lill Tarentino
Daughter of Sid Spiegel, #1047

July 24, 2017

Sirs,

I would like to thank you for the scholarship money from the Former New Jersey State Troopers Association. I will be attending East Stroudsburg University in the fall and will use this money towards my expenses.

I hope to follow in my father's footsteps and enroll in the NJSP Academy after my graduation. Again, thank you for the honor in receiving the scholarship.

Nick Fanelle

August 18, 2017

Dear Former Troopers Association,

Thank you for the plaque honoring Ret. Sgt. William "Bill" Miller, Badge #1411, Class of 1948.

The honor guard and escort for the funeral and procession were greatly appreciated at the difficult time.

Sincerely,
Helen Miller and Family

August 18, 2017

Dear Sal,

Thanks to you and Nick for attending Dick's Memorial Service and repast. Please thank the Former Troopers Association for Dick's plaque with the lovely inscription.

I truly appreciate seeing so many State Troopers at Dick's Memorial last week along with the Honor Guard and Bagpipers.

Sincerely,
Aileen Wilson

August 18, 2017

The entire Pagano family would like to send its most heartfelt appreciation for the support rendered during the passing of Colonel Pagano. The thoughtfulness, caring and sincerity of the entire New Jersey State Police family was plainly evident. From the moment we met to speak about the arrangements, we know the entire process was in the best of hands. Words cannot express the gratitude that the entire family feels. The planning, organizing and execution of the entire process was flawless. Every last detail was thoroughly thought through and conducted with

the highest standards of honor and tradition. The various expressions of gratitude and honor were very professional and fitting and the respect shown to the Colonel and the family were genuinely humbling. A more fitting tribute could not have been scripted for the passing of Colonel Pagano. He would be imminently proud of the numerous demonstrations of support and tradition that reflect the spirit of the NJSP. To the entire NJSP organization, thank you.

*Most sincerely,
The Pagano Family*

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LAST PATROL

TROOPER LOUIS NICKOLOPOULOS, #1339



NICKOLOPOULOS, LOUIS #1339 passed away at his home in Florida on 21 March 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 August 1954 and resigned on 8 October 1961. He then served as Chief of Police for the Somerset County Park Commission. In 1980, he was elected Sheriff of Somerset County until 1986 and then he was appointed as Chairman of the State Parole Board. During his terms of office, he served as President of the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Association, President of the New Jersey State Sheriffs Association, and President of the Somerset County Chiefs of Police Association. While in his late teens he proudly served in the United States Army National Guard. He is survived by his wife of 37 years Susan and three sons James, Louis and Thomas.

LT JON E. MENDRES, #1943



MENDRES, JON E. #1943 passed away on 4 April 2017 in Buford, Georgia. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 17 August 1964 and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 August 1990. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife Blaine Brown Mendres, children Alliison, Jon E. Jr., Sean, Amber, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

SGT JOSEPH S. KOBYLINSKI, #1643



KOBYLINSKI, JOSEPH S. #1643 passed away on Thursday, 6 April 2017. He enlisted in the New

Jersey State Police on 1 August 1960 as a member of the 56th New Jersey State Police Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 March 1990. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and served at the American Embassy in Tripoli, Libya. He is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years Lina, two daughters Angela and Lita, a son Paul, a sister Victoria and a brother Stanley.

CAPTAIN DANIEL W. HUGHES, #1973



HUGHES, DANIEL W. #1973 passed away on 6 April 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 18 January 1965 as a member of the 66th New Jersey State Police Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 October 1996. He proudly served in the United States Navy. He is survived by his wife Margaret.

**SFC JOHN B. JACOBS,
#2659**



JACOBS, JOHN B. #2659 passed away on 18 April 2017, He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 13 November 1970 and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 March 1997. He is survived by his wife Ardie, three daughters Muffie, Carol and Sandy, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**LT WALTER F.
TREVORS, #1557**



TREVORS, WALTER F. #1557 passed away on Friday, 21 April 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 15 July 1957 as a member of the 52nd New Jersey State Police Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 March 1987, He proudly served in the United States Navy as a Corpsman and was attached to the United

States Marine Corps 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division and served in Korea. He was predeceased by his parents Katherine and George Trevors, his brother George, a Captain in the United States Navy, his wife Mona M. Trevors. He is survived by his wife Margaret, three children Chris, Dawn, Jennifer, three grandsons Colin, Bryan and Brendan.

**CAPTAIN CHARLES
F. FARRELL, #1324**



FARRELL, CHARLES F. #1324 passed away on 7 May 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 August 1954 as a member of the 46th Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 March 1987, He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps at the rank of Sergeant with 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. He was predeceased by his wife Marie in 1997 and his daughter Darlene K. Spirit and granddaughter Angela M. Spirit. He is survived by his daughter Pamela M. Small, three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

**SGT EMANUEL
ALIOTTA, #1079**



ALIOTTA, EMANUEL #1079 passed away on Friday, 7 April 2017 at the age of 91. 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 Sergeant on 1 October 1967. He was a veteran of WW II, served proudly in the United States Navy. He is survived by his wife Joan, two sons Christopher and George and five grandchildren.

**SFC LAURENCE A.
CAULFIELD, #2431**



CAULFIELD, LAURENCE A. #2431 passed away on 9 May 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 27 June 1969 and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 October 1994.

**SGT JOHN J.
MCGRATH, #961**



MCGRATH, JOHN J. #961 passed away on 14 May 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 August 1950 and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 28 October 1971. He proudly served in the United States Army Air Corps during WW II and was an Aerial Gunner. After retirement, he served as President of the Former New Jersey State Troopers Association and five times as Post Commander of the Maplewood VFW Post 10120. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Grace, six children Patricia, John Jr., Kevin, Maureen, Ellen, Margaret, thirteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a sister Mary Alice Sullivan.

**SGT DELBERT J.
HOFFMAN, #4531**



HOFFMAN, DELBERT J. #4531 passed away on 17 May 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 7 May 1987 as a member of the 107th Class and retired in 2007. He then worked in the Evidence Management Bureau of the New Jersey State Police in West Trenton. He is survived by his wife Lisa, his daughter Tara Pomparelli and two sisters Sharon Ketschek and Eileen Barbieri.

**LT GUSTAV M.
PRODELL, #1305**



PRODELL, GUSTAV M. #1305 passed away on Wednesday, 24 May 2017. 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 December 1982. He proudly served in the United States Navy. He is survived by his wife, B. Kellie Prodell, three daughters Janice, Mae Dorothy, Terri, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**MAJOR EDWARD R.
LEIBE, # 1211**



LEIBE, EDWARD R. #1211 passed away at his home on Friday, 26 May 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 August 1953 as a member of the 43rd Class and retired at the rank of major on 1 September 1985. He proudly served in the United States Army and did a tour of duty in Korea during the Korean War. He was assigned to a number of administrative posts as he was promoted through the years. He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Barbara on 19 February 2017. He is survived by his four children Linda, Lauren, Lisa, Eddie, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**LT ELLIS T.
WILFORD, #1354**



WILFORD, ELLIS T. #1354 passed away at his home on 2 June 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 August 1954 and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 December 1985. He proudly served in the New Jersey National Guard for 10 years. He is survived by his wife of 64 years Lora and four children.

**LT HANS C.
SCHLICHTING, #998**



SCHLICHTING, HANS C. #998 passed away on Friday 16 June 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 18 December 1950 and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 July 1977. He proudly served in the United States Army during WW II. He was predeceased by his brother Captain

Werner Schlichting, #965 in 1998, a member of the 37th New Jersey State Class who enlisted on 1 August 1950 and retired on 1 October 1972. He is survived by his wife of 63 years Carolyn.

**CAPTAIN JOHN H.
HARMS, #1066**



HARMS, JOHN H. #1066 passed away on 5 July 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 16 November 1951 as a member of the 40th Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 October 1982. During his State Police career, he served as the Commander of the Narcotics Bureau. He is survived by his wife Rita, a daughter Judith and a son Armand and four grandchildren Jeannine, Justin, John and Carly.

**SGT WILLIAM E.
MILLER, #1411**



MILLER, WILLIAM E. #1411 passed away on 11 July 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 May 1955 as a member of the 48th Class and retired in 1980 at the rank of Sergeant. Upon retirement, he served as Police Director in Milltown Borough from 1982 to 1984. He proudly served in the United States Navy during WW II. He is survived by his wife Helen, two sons Robert and Richard and two granddaughters Lisa and Julie.

**SFC DAVID E.
REHRIG, #3053**



REHRIG, DAVID E. #3053 passed away on 10 July 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 30 January 1975 as a member of the 91st Class. He

proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, 3rd Marine Division as a Sergeant during the Viet Nam War. He is survived by his former wife Suzanne, two daughters Laura and Brynne and a son Sean, five grandchildren.

**TPR RICHARD M.
WILSON, #1385**



WILSON, RICHARD M. #1385 passed away on Saturday, 15 July 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 December 1954 as a member of the 47th Class and retired on 1 January 1984 at the rank of Detective Sergeant First Class. He is the father of Lieutenant Gregory Wilson #3159 (RET), the grandfather - law of DSFC Peter Laying, # 5618. He is survived by his wife Dr. Aileen Wilson, six children, nineteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

**DSFC SAMUEL M.
HENDRICKSON,
#1483**



HENDRICKSON, SAMUEL M. #1483 passed away on Sunday, 16 July 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 16 December 1955 as a member of the 50th Class and retired on 1 October 1981. He proudly served in the United States Army Air Corps as a fighter pilot during WW II with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine; children Richard and Donna, four grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

**COLONEL CLINTON
L. PAGANO,
SUPERINTENDENT
#1116**



PAGANO, CLINTON L. #1116 passed away on Sunday 30

July 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 24 June 1952 and retired at the rank of Colonel/Superintendent on 14 February 1990. He proudly served in the United States Army and the United States Marine Corps during WW II and the Korean War. His career in the New Jersey State Police encompassed assignments of auto theft, narcotics and special investigations for the New Jersey Attorney General. He was promoted to Captain and placed in charge of the New Jersey State Police Narcotics Bureau in 1972. He was appointed by Governor Brendan Byrne as the 9th Superintendent of the State Police in 1975 and continued in this position under Governors Kean and Florio until 1990. Under his leadership as Superintendent, the State Police became a major investigative organization and expanded to over 90 functional areas including casino gaming which came into business in 1977. He professionalized the Civil Defense and Disaster Control service into the Emergency Management System. His service with the State police ended in 1990 when he was assigned to head the Division of Motor Vehicles. He was predeceased by his brothers, both members of the New Jersey State Police, Lester #1177 and Gerbert #1378 and his grandson Dylan. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Audrey, 3 sons Clinton Jr., Timothy, Daniel, 7 grandchildren, Clinton III, a member of the New Jersey State Police #6599, Cynthia, Olivia, Daniel, Christopher, Timothy and a great grandson Clinton IV and a great granddaughter, Morgan.

**SGT KENNETH A.
RICHTER, #2506**



RICHTER, KENNETH A. #2506, passed away on Wednesday, 26 July 2017. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 17 October 1969 as a member of the 79th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 November 1989. He proudly served in the United States Air Force. He is survived by his wife Marilyn, two daughters Mia and Lisa and one son David and six grandchildren, Max, Kayla, Ana, Emi, Logan and Madelyn.

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Margaret E. Allen, devoted Widow of Captain John E. Allen, #972, passed away on April 1, 2017.

Ruth A. Calandra, loving Wife of Sergeant Frederick J. Calandra, Sr., #1922 (*Ret*), passed away on April 7, 2017.

Ethel Dean, beloved Wife of Trooper Paul Dean, #2693 (*Ret*), passed away in April 2017.

James J. Dooley, III, respectful Son of Lt. James J. Dooley, Jr., #2439 (*Ret*), passed away on April 16, 2017.

Kathryn M. Kobiela, cherished Daughter of Captain Thaddeus G. Kobiela, #1209 (*Ret*), passed away on April 26, 2017.

Elizabeth I. Ciuba, devoted Widow of Captain Gerald Ciuba, #1602, passed away on May 2, 2017.

Gail Caulfield, loving Wife of SFC Laurence A. Caulfield, #2431, passed away on May 9, 2017.

Marie DeAngelo, cherished Mother of Major Annemarie DeAngelo, #3479 (*Ret*), passed away on May 24, 2017.

Joan A. Dreher, devoted Widow of Captain Thomas J. Dreher, Sr., #1434, passed away on May 29, 2017.

Officer Matthew Tarentino, Summit PD, respectful grandson of Lt. Sid Spiegel, #1047 (*Deceased*), passed away on May 29, 2017.

Alice Clause, loving Wife of Lt. Robert Clause, #946 (*Ret*), passed away on June 2, 2017.

Josephine M. Blaszak, loving Wife of Lt. Raymond V. Blaszak, Jr., #2844 (*Ret*), passed away on June 20, 2017.

Albert J. Mallen, Jr., respectful Son of Detective I Albert J. Mallen, Sr., #2753 (*Deceased*), passed away on June 26, 2017.

James J. Eddy, Philadelphia PD (Ret), respected Father of SSGT Kevin T. Eddy, #4289 (*Ret*), passed away on July 29, 2017.

Joseph Vozza, Jr., respectful Son of Lt. Joseph Vozza, Sr., #926 (*Deceased*) and Brother of Lt. Anthony Vozza, #3156 (*Ret*), passed away on August 6, 2017.

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