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A CHANGING OF THE GUARD!

The phrase “changing of the guard” often refers to a situation in which a dramatic or big change takes place, where new people are replacing others in positions of importance, such as the “Changing of the Guard” at Buckingham Palace! Few realize just how important someone is until a dramatic change takes place. And while I’m not comparing the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers to the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, we have certainly experienced a dramatic change within our organization.

With that in mind, I’d like to recognize just how important the actual administration of our Association really is. As the guy whose been responsible for that facet, I can honestly attest the past couple years have been an eye-opener. Few can imagine the breadth of work that’s been done in our tiny office. When I first started to look at everything, I was amazed. Just consider all the new applications that are processed throughout the year, now add the 700 to 900 renewals that are primarily done from November through May. Add to that the registrations for the Florida Winter Party, the three Troop Old-Timer Get-Togethers, the annual FTA Picnic, preparing for the General Membership Meetings, Director and committee meetings, incoming mail, all the letters and correspondences that have to be prepared and mailed out, the emails, the visitors who stop by to chat, all while the telephone calls continue to come in. And that’s just for the FTA. Now add the additional work generated by the Heritage Foundation that includes some of the same, plus the processing of donations that come in. Imagine just how difficult all that work is to organize, let alone complete. But thanks to Gail Carrigan, it’s been getting done since she started working in the FTA Office some eighteen-years ago.

It’s safe to say that your average employee comes to work, puts in their hours, and at the end of the day, goes home satisfied that they put in a good day’s work. Well that’s just not Gail Carrigan, and she’s never been just an average employee. It didn’t take very long to realize that Gail couldn’t possibly handle that workload alone, especially as a part-time employee. As such, in the Fall of 2018, President Soranno and I began looking for someone to help ease the workload Gail’s been carrying for far too long. Ultimately, we hired Gail’s daughter Patti Maldonado, a former Secretary at Division, and Gail began acclimating her into the office operations. Thank God, Patti was a quick study.

A serious car accident in the early evening of March 4th left Gail with very serious injuries and the prognosis of a long recovery ahead. Thankfully, Gail’s lifelong tutelage and ethical example instilled in her daughter the importance of stepping-up in times of need. Unfortunately, at the time the office was swamped with work and there was no way Patti could handle the load alone. Along came a shining light to the rescue, Patti’s daughter Marissa. Fresh out of college with a Master’s Degree to her credit, Marissa eagerly stepped in and helped shoulder the load in true “Carrigan Girl” fashion. Well, Marissa’s moved on to pursue her career, hopefully in the NJSP, and we wish her good fortune and many thanks for her service. The workload’s become manageable for the time being, and with the anticipated rollout of our new FTA Web Site, we expect a lot of the tedious work to be automated within that electronic platform.

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Throughout everything that has taken place over the past five months, I've been very fortunate to be able to rely on our "Carrigan Girls" to keep the administration of our Association running in an efficient and professional manner. For the most part, Gail has only been a phone call away and her advice and counsel have been greatly appreciated. While she certainly misses the job and all the friends she's made over the years, she realizes that her recovery and rehab is slow, and as such she has decided to



Gail, Marissa & Patti - The "Carrigan Girls!"

retire and turn the reigns over to the very capable hands of her daughter Patti. While it certainly breaks our hearts to know that Gail won't be the voice answering the FTA telephone, we fully expect her to be attending our functions and events for many years to come. Who knows, we may even get her to take a vacation, maybe to the Florida Winter Party. In the meantime, you can be sure that the voice on the other end of your call to the FTA office will be there in true "Carrigan Girl" fashion, it's just Patti!

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

COLONEL'S COMMENTS



I hope that this edition of the FTA Newsletter finds you all well. As I have with previous articles, I will briefly outline a few topics that have taken place over the course of the past three months.

As you may recall, the 159th State Police Class entered the Academy on January 21, 2019 with 164 recruits. On July 12, 2019, we welcomed 117 new troopers into the ranks from this class. For those of you that are wondering what badge number we are up to, Trooper Patryk Zdunek #8382, Netcong Station, now holds the distinction as The Outfit's most junior trooper. We were thrilled to be joined at this graduation by members of the 59th Class who were able to witness 100 State Police classes join the Division since they received their badges on February 5, 1962. Those troopers in attendance from the 59th Class included Robert Ferguson #1743, Milton Fischer #1744, Stanley Dutkus #1740, Paul Likus #1753, and Phil Pelligra #1760. As with all State Police Class graduations, this day marked a special day for our State Police family, and we look forward to both the 160th and 161st classes coming on board in 2020.

The Trooper Youth Week program continues to thrive and serve as a model program around the nation. This summer we hosted the 108th and 109th Trooper Youth Week classes at Sea Girt and as always, these young men and women received an "up close and personal" view of what academy life is like. A total of 202 teenagers completed the program and both groups were extremely motivated and came together quickly in realizing that

teamwork is what drives success. We were honored to have Trooper Ben Rollins of the Georgia State Police join us for one week as he intends to develop a similar program in Georgia where it does not currently exist. One highlight for me personally was to witness retired Captain Russ MacArthur #1508 present his grandson with his Trooper Youth Week certificate on stage. Thanks for being there Captain!

For those of you that have not heard, on July 31, 2019, the Federal Bureau of Prisons contacted the Division to advise me that Thomas Manning died on July 30, 2019 in their West Virginia Penitentiary. Thomas Manning was serving a life sentence for his conviction in the murder of Trooper II Philip J. Lamonaco #2663 who was killed in the line of duty during a motor vehicle stop on December 21, 1981 on Interstate 80 in Warren County. The investigation, prosecution and conviction of those responsible for Trooper Lamonaco's murder continues to serve as one of the most phenomenal and collaborative investigative efforts undertaken by our Outfit.

Our mission continues to expand, and this is certainly the case with the upcoming opening of the American Dream mall at the Meadowlands. In addition to retail stores and restaurants, this tourist attraction will have the largest indoor waterpark in the world and will also have an indoor amusement park. Once it is fully operational, the American Dream is anticipated to draw 40 million visitors a year. We will serve as the primary law enforcement entity for this complex and now have a new State Police station built within the American Dream. I trust this new responsibility will be a phenomenal opportunity for Jersey Troopers to interact with visitors from all over the country and world.

Congratulations to the FTA on the upcoming 60th Anniversary FTA picnic. I look forward to seeing you all there. Until that time, I wish you all nothing but health and safety for you and your families and hope you remain proud of the simple truth, "Once a trooper, always a trooper." Stay safe out there.

Colonel Patrick J. Callahan #5243

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. Rhonda and I just returned from an unforgettable trip to Italy and Greece. It was truly an amazing itinerary and we were blessed to share it with George and Sandy Wren, Bill and Joan Trump, Dave and Carol Scureman, and David and Lynda Smith. I recommend that everyone experience the beauty of Europe.

Colonel Callahan and his staff continue to strongly support our organization and make us all feel like family and ensure that we remain an integral part of the Division. As such, we continue to participate in the planning stages of the Division's 100th Anniversary in 2021.

Although summer is a time to enjoy, your Board of Directors continue to work closely with the SP Unions, FOP, and PBA on the issues most important to all of us. There are continued discussions related to COLA, HR-218, and Health Insurance. I am optimistic that we will be successful in our endeavors and provide some type of relief to all members.

It is that time of year again and our 60th Anniversary will be celebrated at the FTA Family Picnic on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at Liberty Lake in Bordentown, NJ. Please take the time to enjoy a great day with family, reminisce with old friends, and party with new. This year, active members, along with all State Police affiliated organizations, plan to support and participate in this milestone celebration.



Long overdue, it is exciting to report that we will be rolling out a new website for the Former Trooper Association that will be more user friendly, modern, and incorporate all three of our entities. I want to thank members of the committee and Jim Vincent for their hard work and tenacity to bring this to fruition.

I want to personally welcome retired members DSG Robert J. Delaney and LTC Michael A. Fedorko to the Heritage Foundation as Trustee Directors. Their dedication to the FTA, the New Jersey State Police, and lifetime of experiences bring a new dimension to that board and opens up many opportunities to satisfy the goals and objectives of the Heritage Foundation.

It is with deep disappointment that I had to accept the resignation of the face and voice of the FTA, Gail Carrigan. Gail is recovering well, but extremely slow. Therefore, she will be unable to continue as our office manager. However, we are extremely fortunate that she passed the torch to her daughter, Patti Maldonado. As they say, "The apple didn't fall far from the tree." We all wish her well and appreciate all that she has done over the years. In my mind, Gail will always be a fixture of this organization.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic. Again, may God bless you all and the entire State Police family.

Warmest Regards,
Nick Soranno

FTA FALL MEETING REMINDER

The FTA Fall General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019, 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

You may have noticed that I decided to publish this newsletter issue a couple weeks early in the hopes of getting the word out for our upcoming festivities. This, our Sixtyth-Year Anniversary has without a doubt been one of the busiest years in recent memory. The annual Association Picnic will be the centerpiece of our celebration, and I would like to acknowledge the work and effort that the Board of Directors and Picnic Committee have put in to make this event a very festive occasion. All Active and Retired Jersey Troopers, NJSP Civilian Employees, and their Families are invited to attend. Rekindle old friendships, hold a class reunion, make it a family outing, or just come for the camaraderie we all experienced during our careers. All three Associations – the STFA, NCO and the SOA have agreed to participate, and I'm sure members of the Survivors of the Triangle, SPMA, and the Pipes and Drums of the Blue & Gold will be in attendance. This is a great opportunity to come on out, enjoy the celebration, partake in some good food and drink, and even show off your moves to the music of The Cameos, or just smile and enjoy the day. I have no doubt that everybody who attends our Saturday, September 21, 2019, 60th Anniversary Picnic will have a great time.

In preparation for the occasion, the Board decided to move the event to the Liberty Lake Picnic Grounds, 1195 Florence-Columbus Road, (Bordentown) Mansfield Township, NJ. Liberty Lake is a much larger, family oriented venue, offering supervised activities for all ages. The kids and the grand-kids will have the time of their lives, so make sure you bring the whole family. There are pools, playgrounds, a lake, horseshoes, a climbing wall and much, much more. So bring the kids, pack your bathing suits, and enjoy everything that's there to be offered. **Please use the registration form on page #34 of this publication for early registration which must be received before September 10th. Those paying at the gate will incur a \$5.00 surcharge (see the flyer on page #12).**

All three of our organizations are all in on this event; the FTA as host of the celebration has pulled out all the stops to make this a very enjoyable and festive celebration; True Blue and Gold will of course be on hand, offering the largest selection of logo merchandise possible; and lastly, our charitable arm, the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation will be there to execute their first ever 50/50 Cash Raffle. Prizes include; three - \$500 Cash Prizes, a \$1,000 Cash Prize, a \$2,500 Cash Prize, and a Grand Prize of \$5,000 Cash, that's \$10,000 in prize money! Raffle tickets are currently on sale for \$20 per ticket, but be aware, there are only 1,000 tickets to be sold. This is a "Walk Away Raffle," so no prize monies will be accepted back to the Heritage Foundation from any winner! If you're interested in being a potential winner contact any member of the FTA Board of Directors, the True Blue and Gold Store, or the STFA, NCO or SOA offices to purchase a ticket. Remember, you can't win if you don't play! Good Luck Everyone!

Shortly after the Picnic, the FTA will be rolling out our new interactive Web Site! No, it's not Facebook or anything like it, but it will be a state of the art site that we have been planning for a few years now. This new web site will feature an interactive application and renewal process that you as the Member will complete, confirm and submit, along with your dues payment via our secure Paypal account. The site also features interactive registration for our functions and events, like the Picnic, Troop Get-Togethers, Florida Winter Party, and more, all offering easy registration and participation payment with only a few clicks of a mouse and the peck of some keys on your computer keyboard, tablet or smartphone. These features alone will save you and us valuable time, energy and money in the long run, while facilitating accurate information and accounting across the board. Yes, many of the current features on the FTA Web Site will be included, such as: the Bulletin Board, Documents and Information, Last Patrol, Bessie's Corner, Past Newsletters, Sponsors and more. Current forms will be incorporated into the site for completion and submission therein. We will be sending out a bulk emailing as the web site is rolled out for your information and use. Yes, we understand that not everyone has access to a computer or the Internet. As such, we will make arrangements to continue processing renewals and event registrations via the U.S. Mail for those few who do not have access to the Internet.

As you well know, I continue to keep in contact with our own 'Marathon Man,' and 2016 recipient of the FTA Former Trooper of the Year Award, Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (*Ret*), and here's the latest updates from John:

On April 15, 2019, I ran the 123rd Boston Marathon. This was a wire to wire race, jumping out to an early lead, maintaining that position until crossing the finish line 4:01:12 later. As in Genesis 19:26, and unlike Lot's wife, I never looked back. Even after a fall, and cramping in the later stages of the race, I was able to push forward and finish in style. But with "God" on your side, you can't lose. He comes in many ways, and in this case, he was represented by Dave Mc Gillivray, race director of the Boston Athletic Association. His endorsement on my racing Bib provided overwhelming support. Photographs include the "World Stage" award ceremony at the grand ballroom, Fairmont Hotel. My guest presenter was none other than Bill Evans, Boston's Police Commissioner during the 2013 terror attack, and finally the 1st place age group (75-79) award. I want to thank everyone for their support, and I look forward to future races.





As you may recall in my last issue, I announced that John has agreed to take the 159th State Police Class for a run that was subsequently scheduled for June 13, 2019. Everything was set, our 2016 Former Trooper of the Year and World Renown Marathon Winner, would test the best of the best trained recruits to see if they could keep up with an esteemed graduate of the 59th State Police Class, some 100 Class their senior. Then in the early morning hours of June 12th upon his arrival at Orlando International Airport, John was told he had been bumped off the Spirit Airlines flight he booked and paid for on April 27th. Then Spirit placed John on a flight scheduled for later that evening, which they subsequently cancelled a few hours before its scheduled departure, leaving John no way to make the scheduled academy run. I attempted to reschedule the run for the following week, but the Academy Staff advised the training schedule was just too full and they could not accommodate the change. Unfortunately, it was a let-down for both the recruits and for John.

While you might think that a set-back like that would slow a guy down, you couldn't be more wrong. Knowing his scheduled appointment with the 159th Class, John focused on preparing for a five-mile run. He didn't even consider entering other races that might affect his performance with the recruits. However, while talking to a fellow runner about the missed opportunity in New Jersey, his friend suggested that John come to the Florida Sunshine State Games. John agreed that he would like to attend and cheer the runners on, but that wasn't the actual suggestion. John had until midnight and could still enter the Games as a participant. Wow, this was a track and field event and John had been training for a five-mile run. Oh well, why not. John was in. A few days later on June 16th John ran in the 1500-meter race and won First Place, a Gold Medal in his age group (M 75-79) with a time of 6:32:11, a very competitive time to say the least.



John is scheduled to compete in the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, Utah, October 7-19, 2019, Track and Field events. Specifically, he will be competing in the 400 Meter, 800 Meter and 1500 Meter races.

Congratulations John and best of luck at the World Senior Games. We'll be rooting for you, every step of the way!

JERSEY TROOPER SAVES MAN FROM SEA ISLE SURF!

In 2009, after much contemplation, I wrote in the final chapter my book *Jersey Troopers II: The Next Thirty-Five Years*, "The service of a Jersey Trooper is not one of pomp and grandeur, but of dedication and perseverance, encompassing long hours and patrols far from home. It's a calling measured by many successes and few rewards, a career of duty and integrity, where every member is asked to do the unexpected, in an expected fashion."

Since taking over as editor of this publication a decade ago, I've attempted to acknowledge and give praise to those Jersey Troopers, Active and Retired, on duty or off, who bring great credit unto themselves and positive press to The Outfit. Well this case is no different, except for one small feature, the recipient of this accolade happens to be my son, DSFC George J. Wren, III, #6017.

While walking along the sandy beach in the vicinity of 2nd Street in Sea Isle City, a somewhat indignant call of a woman's voice rang out, "Save Him, Save Him!" Pivoting to see who was raising the commotion, he saw a woman approaching, pointing to the surf repeating her call, "Save Him, Save Him!" Reeling around, George immediately fixated on the lone figure struggling about 75 yards from the beach. This was our local beach, our spot on the Atlantic, a beach George grew up on, it's where he learned to swim and surf, where he trained eighteen-years ago for the State Police Academy, and George knew exactly where the figure was. The water there was deep, the current

swift, certainly not a place for a novice swimmer. Within a few seconds, George assessed that the man in the water was struggling and quickly losing his futile fight against an unforgiving ocean.

Grabbing a nearby surfboard, George took control of the situation, ordering others out of the water as he quickly paddled out to the man who was now thrashing about in the oncoming waves. It was clear, the gentleman, who appeared to be in his 60s and well above 200 pounds was fighting for his life, and he was fading fast. Sliding off the surfboard as he approached, George directed the man to, “just hold onto the board and relax, don’t try to climb onto the board.” The panic-stricken man immediately grabbed the surfboard and feverishly tried to climb on, but as expected the board flipped over dumping him back into the water where he began his struggle again. The man was terrified, and George knew that he had to instill some confidence in him, so out came the command voice, “Listen, I’m a Trooper, I’m not going to let you die. Just do what I say, and I’ll get you back to the beach.” Immediately the panic subsided, and gentleman nodded that he would follow George’s directions.

Through a series of maneuvers, George was able to get the gentleman partially supported by the surfboard so he could get him back to the beach. Once there he could see that the man was completely spent. He was exhausted and breathing heavily, but he was conscious. As George and his family tended to him, George strongly urged that they call an ambulance and have him taken to the hospital for an evaluation, but they abided by his refusal. Again, adamant to error on the side of caution, George stressed to the man’s wife to keep a close eye on him for the next day or so, as he may experience symptoms of dry drowning or a possible heart attack due to the extreme stress he had just endured. She acknowledged she would, and thanked George for his help and the incident quietly ended. Returning to our home nearby, George explained the incident that had just occurred, and as usual, brushed off the encounter as just another day.

A week and a half later, George received a call from DSG John R. Delsordo, #6261, at Woodbine Station, explaining that the wife of the gentleman George had pulled from the surf had contacted the station and spoke with Detective II Matthew J. Hanlin, #7307. She wanted to learn the identity of the Trooper who saved her husband’s life, 62-year-old George Moon from Lindenwold, N.J., and she requested George’s contact information so she could call him. While she wasn’t sure of the Troopers last name, she did remember his first, and DSG Delsordo knew exactly who she was talking about. George confirmed the incident and furnished his cellular telephone number, indicating that he would be glad to hear from her. The Detectives had learned from Mrs. Moon that within an hour of George’s departure from the beach, she took her husband to the hospital because his condition wasn’t improving. Emergency

room personnel quickly determined that George Moon was in the midst of having a heart attack. After undergoing treatment and observation for a few days, George Moon returned home from the hospital where he is currently recovering from his August 3rd near fateful encounter with Mother Nature and resulting heart attack, thanks to the quick, decisive actions and advice from a Jersey Trooper who just happened to be walking by at the right time.

I’ve always said that I was prouder the day my Son graduated from the New Jersey State Police Academy than the day I did, and throughout his career, he’s made Sandy and I even prouder at every turn. He’s the epitome of everything that’s expected of a Jersey Trooper. It’s truly a calling, “easily measured by many successes and few rewards, a career of duty and integrity, where every member is asked to do the unexpected, in an expected fashion.” In George’s case, I’ve never doubted him, not for a second. **OUTSTANDING JOB GEORGE!**

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



DSFC George J. Wren, III, #6017 (pic courtesy NJSP)

FEATURED MEMBER

I've been researching and writing articles for True Blue & Gold for ten-years now, and from time-to-time I've come across the written words of authors that just tell the story the way it is. There's no sense in trying to reword or improve on their work, and plagiarism just doesn't fit into my vocabulary. I've always tried to acknowledge those who did the work and deserve the credit. Well this is one of those times that I'm happy to reprint the words of a fellow author, in part with credit and permission, as they relate to the formal presentation of a local coveted award bestowed upon our 2018 Former Trooper of the Year, Captain Edward H. Marinelli, #1334 (Ret). Read on and enjoy!

CHAMBER HONORS MARINELLI, M.L. RUBERTON

The Hammonton Gazette – May 29, 2019
By Stephen Pistone – Gazette Staff Writer

The Greater Hammonton Chamber of Commerce celebrated the successes of the local business community and the dedication of the owners that comprise it during its 2019 Installation and Awards Banquet at Cathedral Event Center on May 21...

The evening concluded with the two most prestigious awards given out by the Greater Hammonton Chamber of Commerce each year: the "Business of the Year Award," which was presented to M.L. Ruberton Agency, which has been in Hammonton since 1910, and the "Nice Going Award," which was given to longtime resident, former mayor of Hammonton, retired New Jersey State Police Captain and former owner of local business, Toni's Custard, Edward Marinelli, for his countless years of public service, especially for the town of Hammonton.

The final honor handed out during the banquet was the "Nice Going" Award. First awarded in 1972 to Ralph Continisio, the award is annually presented to a member of the community who improved Hammonton's quality of life by playing a key role in the town's civic, charitable or community organizations and events. This year, [Chamber President Benjamin] Ott nominated Edward Marinelli, a lifelong Hammonton resident who has given back to the community as an elected official, a law enforcement officer, a member of the armed services and as a civilian...

"To say that Ed fits the criteria for this award, is an understatement. A veteran, a mayor, honored state trooper, planning board, zoning board and somewhere in there, running Toni's Custard with his family. Plus, he has been a great ambassador with his standard handshake greeting: 'Ed Marinelli. Hammonton, New Jersey,'" [John] Runfolo [Chamber Executive Director] said about Marinelli.

Throughout his eventful career, regardless of where it took him, Marinelli said he always made it a point to promote his hometown of Hammonton.

"No matter where I go, especially when I'm out of town, and the topic of discussion suddenly turns to Hammonton, I suddenly convey to them that Hammonton is the best little town in South Jersey, and also it is the Blueberry Capital of the World," Marinelli said.

During his acceptance speech, Marinelli listed off some of his many notable achievements, such as serving as mayor of Hammonton, serving with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, his time operating Toni's Custard, his 33-year



career as a New Jersey State Trooper, which recently earned him the 2018 former Trooper of the Year from the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers.

However, Marinelli said that all of these achievements and honors received pale in comparison to one special.

“These great days, they are wonderful – tonight is wonderful – but I must say I’ve had a day that tops them all: August 31, 1957. I married Antoinette DeMeglio ... That certainly marks the day that made me what I am today. Her and my family were behind me all the way in almost all my endeavors,” Marinelli said.

Sounds to me like the Greater Hammonton Chamber of Commerce certainly picked the right name for that award, “Nice Going” Captain Marinelli! Congratulations, and Thank You for your Service!

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

BUSINESS UPDATES

N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

The Heritage Foundation is proud to announce the addition of LTC Michael A. Fedorko, #2375 (Ret) and SGT Robert J. Delaney, #2853 (Ret) to our Board of Trustee Directors. We all know these two gentlemen, and we know them well. And while I would love to list in detail all their accomplishments, this format just isn’t big enough to do them justice. Let me just say that they both have accumulated a plethora of experience in law enforcement, the military, executive management, and of course fund-raising and benevolence. Oh yea, Bobby knows a little something about basketball. Please join us in welcoming Mike and Bobby to our Heritage Foundation. On behalf of our Heritage Foundation Board and the entire Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, we sincerely thank and appreciate their willingness to assist our Heritage Foundation and look forward to their extensive knowledge and experience in the furtherance of our fund-raising and charitable benevolences. Remember, the Heritage Foundation is the ‘Non-Profit,’ charitable arm of our Association, and all donations are tax deductible.



TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC.



Our Logo Merchandise Store continues to do a fine business, and our Internet sales operation is shipping our merchandise daily. Our staff is prepared to do another outstanding job at the upcoming FTA Picnic, and as soon as the picnic is over, they will begin restocking our inventory in preparation for the fall season. Keep in mind that before the next newsletter is published, the Christmas Season will be in full swing, so shop early to get that special gift. The 2019 NJSP – FTA calendars will be out in early November so don’t forget to get yours before the supply runs out. Remember the calendars are only sold in our store and are not available online. Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the longstanding assistance of one of our members, Trooper I Ronald J. Raslowsky, #3441 (Ret). Ron has been a great friend to the FTA over the years, furnishing the temporary trailer for the time we were in the parking lot at Division while the Log Cabin underwent repairs. Well Ron’s volunteered his services and equipment again, this time with the transportation of logo merchandise for off-base events, such as the FTA Picnic and Family Day at Sea Girt. Thanks to Ron True Blue and Gold is in a much better position to offer a larger selection at greater quantities to our off-site venues. Thank Ron for your very generous assistance. As always, 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.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

In April 2018, I wrote an article surrounding our official corporate name and how over the years we became known simply as the Former Troopers Association. In celebration of our 60th Anniversary, I'd like to acknowledge those five former Jersey Troopers who established our Association and set the professional standards for which this organization operates. Today, thanks to their hard work and perseverance, our Association is a model that others follow. As such, I think it only fitting that I once again offer a copy of the first published notice of our existence, thanks to The Triangle!



NEW ASSOCIATION

Incorporation papers have recently been filed establishing a new non-profit organization, THE ASSOCIATION OF FORMER NEW JERSEY STATE TROOPERS.

John Genz, Chief Security Officer, E. R. Squibb & Sons, Inc., of New Brunswick, a former ace sleuth of the State Police, who retired two years ago with the rank of Lieutenant, has been elected President and Major (Ret.) Douglas C. Borchard, Pompton Lakes, Vice-president. Other elected officers are Staff Sergeant (Ret) William Lewis, Carlstadt, Secretary; Sergeant (Ret.) Herbert Lauterwald, North Plainfield, Treasurer; and Lieutenant (Ret.) John A. Zeis, Morristown, Attorney and Legal Advisor.

The objectives of the new association include assistance, advice and counsel to former New Jersey Troopers, and to advance

the science of police profession through their combined years of service and experience; a placement bureau to quickly place in business and industry future retiring or physically disabled Troopers forced into retirement is also planned.

At the present time, more than 700 former Troopers, including retired, disabled and others who left the Division in good standing, are listed as being eligible for membership in the new group, and all will be contacted by the Secretary shortly. Other than special meetings to be called by President Genz, two meetings will be held each year, in the Spring and in the Fall. The latter meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual State Police Banquet, usually held in Atlantic City each year.

Good luck, men, and keep us posted. Remember, the Rocking Chair column is yours.

The Triangle c.1960

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FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

TROOP 'A' OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER



The Troop 'A' Old-Timers Get-Together was held on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at the Frog Rock Golf and Country Club, 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. Good Ole' Captain Ed Marinelli, #1334 (*Ret*) coordinated the occasion, which drew only 64 attendees, smallest turnout in recent memory! FTA President – Nick Soranno presented Captain Marinelli with a bottle of wine in appreciation of his many years of service to Troop 'A' and the Former Troopers Association. Every Trooper who started their career reporting to Troop 'A' should be attending. See you all next year!

38TH ANNUAL STATE POLICE CHASE & FAMILY OPEN HOUSE



This year's event took place on Saturday, May 18th at Division Headquarters, West Trenton, NJ. The Chase drew a great cadre of runners to participate in this noble event on a beautiful day. Following the race, the annual Spring Family Open House greeted runners and guests to Division Headquarters to take in some sun and fun.

TROOP 'B' OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER



The 2019 North Jersey FTA gathering was held on June 6th at the La Strada Ristorante in Randolph, NJ. Past President Sal Maggio coordinated the occasion, drawing 62 attendees! The food and drinks were great, and everyone had an enjoyable time. If you live in the North Country and you haven't attended this event, try to come out next year, you'll be pleasantly surprised.

23RD ANNUAL NJSP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 23rd Annual New Jersey State Police Memorial Association Golf Tournament, the "Colonel's Cup," took place on June 17, 2019, at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course, West Windsor, NJ. A great turnout of golfers participated in this annual 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 19, 2019, at the American Legion Post #129, Toms River, N.J. This year's event was held in a new location and was attended by 62 paid attendees. The event was coordinated by Ernie Volkmann and Ken Wondrack. FTA President Nick Soranno braved the heavy traffic from the north country and addressed the group. Also in attendance was VP George Wren from Cape May County. We must also thank Ray Miller, Past Commander Post #129, who assisted in setting up this event. The food and drink were great, the stories were told and retold, and the attendees had an enjoyable get-together. We look forward to having a greater turnout next year for this annual event.

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REGISTRATION: Mail in Registration Form are on page #38 of this publication.

PREREGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 10, 2019!



SAVE THE DATES



THE 4TH ANNUAL STFA FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019, at the Metedeconk National Golf Club, 50 Hannah Hill Road, Jackson, NJ. Come on out and support the STFA Foundation in the quest to support others. For more information: Visit: <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/STFAGolf2019.pdf>



THE 15TH ANNUAL “SURVIVORS CUP” MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT will take place on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 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/SurvivorsCup2019.pdf>

THE 2019 STATE POLICE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



The annual State Police Holiday Open House is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2019, 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 Holiday 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 2020 calendars, and don’t miss out on this opportunity to purchase that special gift for that special active, retired, or “future” Jersey Trooper.

THE 2020 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY



The Florida Winter Party will be held on Tuesday, March 10th and Wednesday, March 11th 2020, at the Crown Plaza Melbourne Oceanside, which is still a Holiday Inn facility. Additional information and the registration form for this event will be posted in the upcoming December 2019 issue of this publication and on our Web Site.

HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC. INFO.

POINT PLEASANT NATIVE APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE!

On May 1, 2019, New Jersey once again had bragging rights as Point Pleasant Native, James M. Murray was sworn in as the 26th Director of the United States Secret Service. And while many New Jerseyans drew a proud smile upon hearing about Agent Murray's appointment, none were prouder than his Mother Patricia and Father, Trooper I James F. Murray, #3919 (*Ret.*).



Director James M. Murray (Pic Courtesy US Secret Service)

management ranks, becoming the Resident Agent in Charge of the Atlantic City Resident Office where he was responsible for all Secret Service activities in the Atlantic City district. In early 2012, Agent Murray was again promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the James J. Rowley Training Center where he was responsible for the fiscal and operational oversight of the 500-acre training academy.

In 2015, Agent Murray became a certified member of the Senior Executive Service and has been appointed to numerous positions within that service. Most recently, he served as the Assistant Director of Protective Operations. In that role, Agent Murray was responsible for the overall coordination and implementation of the Secret Service's protective mission which encompasses all Secret Service protective divisions.

A native of Point Pleasant, Agent Murray earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Scranton and a Master's Degree from Seton Hall University. He is also a graduate of the American University Key Executive Leadership Program and the 2016 FBI Leadership in Counterterrorism (LinCT) FVEY Fellowship Program.

***Congratulations Director James M. Murray (USSS),
and Thank You for your Exemplary Service to our Country!
A special Congratulations and Thank You also goes out to his parents,
Patricia and James for raising such a fine Son!***

VISITATION PROGRAM

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers in cooperation with the New Jersey State Police developed the Visitation Program in 2009. The program 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 Association. The Association currently maintains lists of retired volunteers in north, central and southern New Jersey to draw upon for visits. Visits can be scheduled via a request from any FTA or family member, or a friend. In respecting the privacy of our members these visits will only be conducted with his or her approval. The FTA is also looking for additional retired volunteers to assist with visits to our members. Visitation requests and/or volunteers may contact the Former Troopers Association office by telephone at 1-609-882-2000 X:2220. Your assistance in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

BESSIE'S CORNER

Bessie's Corner will return in December!

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FTA 2019 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers in conjunction with the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce the awarding of twenty-five scholarships requisite to the Association's 2019 Scholarship Program. Announcement of the scholarship recipients took place at the Association's Spring General Meeting on May 4, 2019, at the New Jersey State Police Museum and Learning Center – Log Cabin, Division Headquarters, West Trenton, New Jersey.

The 6th Annual Debra Chesko, \$1,000 Memorial Scholarship was awarded to the outstanding applicant in honor of our former FTA Benefits Consultant, who graciously assisted our members in their benefits requests, especially our surviving spouses in their times of need. Debra passed away in 2012. This year's Annual Debra Chesko Scholarship was awarded to Matthew R. Geleta, Son of Joseph M. Geleta, #4054. Matthew is a Senior at New Egypt High School, who has achieved a Grade Point Average of 3.77 with a total of twenty-one Honors and/or AP Courses. Matthew is a National Merit Commended Scholar, National Honor Society President, Student Council President, Editor of the School Newspaper, Varsity Soccer, Track and Tennis, NJ Boys State, as well as numerous other activities and volunteer programs. He plans to Attend Rutgers University or The University of North Carolina, majoring in Political Science.

This year the Association Board decided to award four additional Memorial Scholarships in memory of four outstanding members of the Association who have passed away. The Clinton L. Pagano, #1116, \$500 Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Thomas F. Lanzetti, Grandson of Salvatore F. Lanzetti, #3902, who is currently undecided as to a college, but will be studying Computer Science; The Louis H. Taranto, #1594, \$500 Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Trent G. Tighelaar, Grandson of George R. Tighelaar, #2267, who will be attending Temple University, majoring in Bio-Chemistry and Neuroscience; The William F. Yodice, #2165, \$500 Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Jillian G. Kelly, Granddaughter of Daniel J. McAlee, #2216, who will be attending Monmouth University with an undecided major; and The Joseph J. Rogalski, #2677, \$500 Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Reagan R. Czech, Granddaughter of Edward G. McCloskey, #2178, who will be attending the University of Massachusetts, majoring in Marine Biology.

Seven other outstanding students were awarded \$500 scholarships, including: Jordan A. Ferraris, Grandson of Albert J. Safko, #1793 (Deceased); Andrew J. Gyongosi, Son of Kenneth V. Gyongosi, #4697; Jamie F. Kobus, Granddaughter of Joseph B. Kobus, #1507; Ashley A. Martin, Granddaughter of William A. Martin, #1787; Corrine E. Mills, Daughter of John F. Mills, #4208; Faith B. Schusler, Daughter of John J. Schusler, #3816; and Chole F. Zoldi, Granddaughter of Andre D. Maglione, #3907.

Thirteen other students were awarded \$500 scholarships by random selection, including: Audrey M. Hlavaty, Granddaughter of Anthony Simonetti, #2036; Marielle R. Kowal, Daughter of Peter A. Kowal, #4398; Ethan M. Maglione, Grandson of Andre C. Maglione, #3907; Elizabeth G. Mele, Granddaughter of Benito J. Mele, #1220 (Deceased); Claire E. Murdock, Granddaughter of William A. Napierski, #1267; Natalie L. Parker, Daughter of Howard Parker, #4651 (Deceased); Steven T. Perna, Grandson of William J. Gronikowski, #2243; Joseph A. Pipczynski, Grandson of William A. Napierski, #1267; Camryn E. Rachuba, Granddaughter of Frank R. Syzmal, #3152; Jeffrey M. Shurts, Son of William V. Shurts, #4002; Morgan D. Staub, Granddaughter of Raymond A. Staub, #1989; Claire E. Storms, Granddaughter of Lawrence S. Pollin, #2352; and Cameron R. Thistle, Grandson of Robert M. Scott, #2223.

Congratulations to each and every awardee!

If you have any questions, please call a committee member: Ernest Volkmann – Chairman @ (732) 254-5322, Ken Wondrack @ 732-223-5259, Michael McLaughlin @ (609) 820-3040 or Dave Scureman @ (201) 323-6795.

Information on the Association’s 2020 Scholarship Program will be posted in the December 2019 newsletter.

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 (5) annual scholarships being awarded, each in the amount of \$1,500.00. 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 2020 drawing are do prior to April 30, 2020. Applications for scholarship and “interest-free” loans can be found on the FTA website.

2018/2019 Scholarship Awardees were; Jaret Anthony Miller (Lt. Eric Miller #5301), Denise Angelia Inqui (Capt. Salvatore Inqui #5283), Katherine Grace Chambers (Peter Baker #1600), Christian Thomas Smith (Raymond S. Smith #1618) and Jake Thomas Zimmerman (Lt. Michael Zimmerman #5235).

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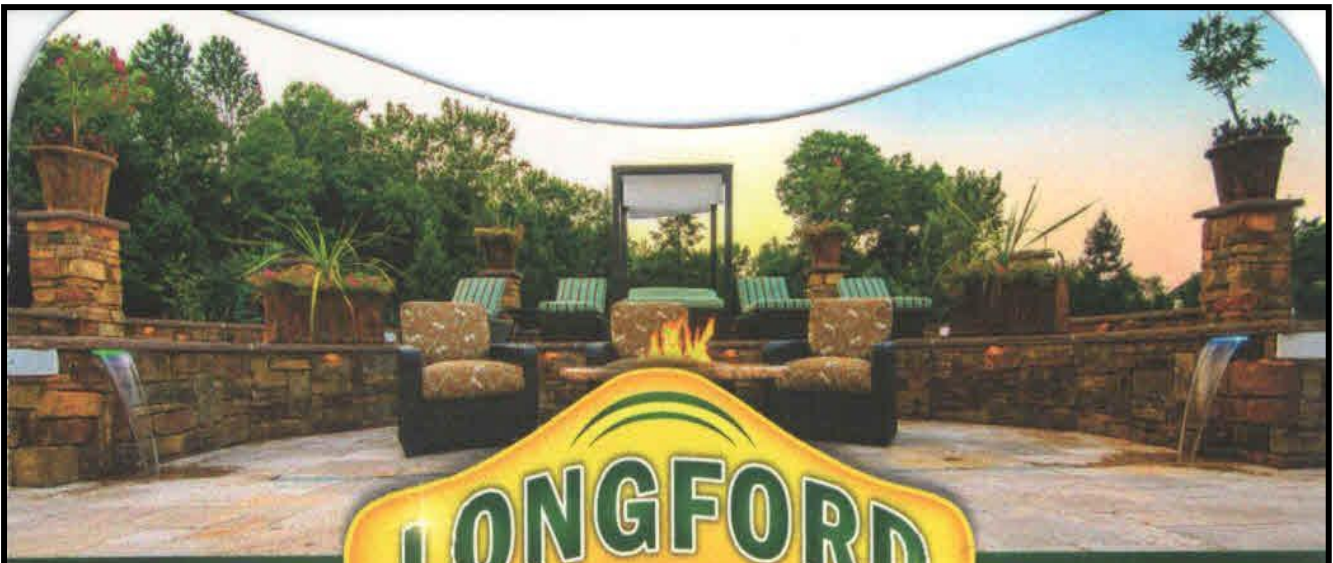
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LETTERS TO THE FTA

June 20, 2019

Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, Inc.
Attention: Scholarship Committee

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for awarding me the 2019 FTA \$500 Scholarship Award. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

I will be majoring in Elementary Education this fall at the University of Delaware with hopes of becoming an elementary teacher. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses, and it will allow me to concentrate more of my time for studying.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise you I will work very hard and eventually give something back to others, both as a teacher and possibly a scholarship to future students like myself.

*Sincerely,
Faith Schusler, Daughter of John J. Schusler, #3816*

June 25, 2019

Dear Mr. Volkmann,

Thank you for selecting me to receive the 2019 FTA scholarship. As you may know, my grandfather is a member of this organization. I have always been proud of his service and feel grateful to my grandfather, Daniel McAlee, for introducing me to this organization. I am attending Monmouth University this fall and plan to use the money towards a computer for school.

*Sincerely,
Jillian Kelly, Granddaughter of Daniel McAlee, #2216*

June 25, 2019

Dear Mr. Volkmann,

Thank you very much for awarding me the #500 scholarship award. I appreciate it so much and will be using it to pay off the book fees my freshman year. My grandpa is very proud of me and thank you again for your consideration.

*Sincerely,
Claire Storms, Granddaughter of Larry Pollin, #2352*

June 29, 2019

Dear Mr. Volkmann,

Thank you so much for honoring me with this very generous scholarship. My grandfather is very proud and also thanks you.

*Sincerely,
Chloe Zoldi, Granddaughter of Andre D. Maglione, #3907*

July 1, 2019

Dear FTA,

Your wonderful. Thank you to the former troopers.

Steve Perna, Grandson of William J. Gronikowski, #2243

July 14, 2019

Dear FTA Board of Directors,

I am writing to sincerely thank you for selecting me as a 2019 scholarship recipient. I am honored and very appreciative of the generous award. I will be attending the University of Connecticut where I will be studying Business and running on the Women's Track and Field team. I am very proud to be associated with the New Jersey State Police and knowing my grandfather, Joseph Kobus, is a retired Captain (badge #1507). The scholarship money will definitely be put to good use during my studies.

*Thank you again,
Jamie Kobus, Granddaughter of Joseph Kobus, #1507*

July 15, 2019

Dear Mr. Volkmann,

I really find it quite intriguing that you personally knew my grandfather. I bet you and he were great friends. I just wanted to thank you for awarding me the State Police Scholarship. I can assure you that it will be put to great use. I appreciate it so much. Thank you again.

*Sincerely,
Joseph Ferraris, Grandson of Albert J. Safko, #1793 - Deceased*

July 23, 2019

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I want to thank you for awarding me the FTA scholarship. It will be put to good use as I start college at Rowan University. It is such an honor to receive this award.

*Thank you,
Jeffrey Shurts, Son of William V. Shurts, #4002*

July 23, 2019

To All the FTA,

I want to thank you so very much for the beautiful plaque of my dear husband, Richard O'Leary #1722. Also again, thank you for the life membership. You have been so supportive during Rick's illness and in his passing. He now is guarding the streets in heaven. Words cannot express my gratitude for all your prayers. May God bless each and every one of you.

*Affectionally,
Avis (Travis) O'Leary*

July 23, 2019

FTA President Soranno and Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for awarding me with a generous scholarship. I plan to use the money for my education at TCNJ as an Education and English major. I truly appreciate this great honor.

*Sincerely,
Corrine Mills, Daughter of John F. Mills, #4208*

July 25, 2019

Dear Captain Soranno,

I have just received my Life Membership Card for the Former Troopers Association.

On behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank you for the support and kindness you have shown us during this most difficult time.

*God Bless you all,
Joanne Rosemont*

July 26, 2019

Dear Capt. Volkmann and Capt. Soranno,

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for awarding me the generous scholarship. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. My Grandfather Frank Szynal (#3152) is very grateful.

Respectfully,
Camryn Rachuba, Granddaughter of Frank R. Szynal, #3152

August 12, 2019

The Former NJSP Association,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your flowers, fruit baskets and many, many cards filled with prayers and good wishes for a speedy recovery. I have loved this job and the many, many friends I have made over the years. I was not only helping the Troopers I have worked with during the years, but their extended families. I miss all of you. I have been very fortunate to work for, and amongst the elite of the NJSP. I will see you at our functions, but I will leave you in good hands with my daughter, Patti.

God Bless,
Gail

August 20, 2019

Dear FTA NJSP,

I first wanted to thank you for your generous gift. I am so excited to attend Berklee College of Music in Boston this fall. Your gift has helped to make this possible. My grandfather, Robert Scott, loved being a police officer, and he always has great stories to tell us! It is such an honor to be chosen by his former colleagues.

Sincerely,
Cameron Thistle – Grandson of Robert Scott, #2223

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McCARTY, ROBERT R., #2492, passed away on Saturday, 6 April 2019. 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 Lieutenant on 1 July 1995. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps with the 2nd and 3rd 155 MM Howitzer Battery where he attained the rank of Corporal. He is survived

by his wife Barbara, his son Robert R. Jr., daughter Kierstan Jill, and grandchildren Emeline and Robert R. III, a brother Bill and sisters Lois and Cindy.

95th Class and retired at the rank of Detective Sergeant First Class on 1 July 2002. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Viet Nam War. He is survived by his wife Martha.

**DSFC ROY DANIELS,
 #3374**



DANIELS, ROY, #3374, passed away on Thursday, 4 April 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 29 June 1979 as a member of the

**SFC BRYAN U.
 McCOY, #3988**



McCOY, BRYAN U., #3988, passed away on Saturday, 6 April 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 21 June 1984 as a

member of the 101st Class and retired at the ranks of Sergeant First Class on 1 December 2006. He is survived by his wife Rosie, children; Jenna Scioli, Sasha McCoy, Courtney Gately, Matthew McCoy and Kyle Thompson, and a grandson Luke. He is also survived by a sister Gwenn Vartanian.

**SFC NEIL GILLIGAN,
#2017**



GILLIGAN, NEIL, #2017, passed away on Sunday, 14 April 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 13 September 1965 as a member of the 68th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 December 1990. He proudly served in the United States Army. He is survived by his wife Kathy, a son Michael, stepsons Andrew John and Michael Aranowicz, grandchildren Emily and Ian Gilligan.

**SFC JAMES L.
DRAKE, #2067**



DRAKE, JAMES L., #2067, passed away on Thursday, 18 April 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 December 1965 as a member of the 69th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 July 1996. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He was predeceased by his daughter, Beth Ann Drake and his grandson George Drake. He is survived by his wife of 51 years Barbara; his children Kevin and Amy Potter; his grandchildren James, Evangelina, Scarlet and Vivian and a sister Ann.

**DSFC JOHN T. WILD,
#2726**



WILD, JOHN T., #2726, passed away on Wednesday, 24 April 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 5 March 1971 as a member of the 84th Class and retired at the rank of Detective Sergeant First Class on 1 July 1996. He received the Trooper of the Year Award in 1980. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Dorothy, his son John and his daughter Kelly and her husband Andrew.

**SFC JAMES N.
MATTEO, #1452**



MATTEO, JAMES N., #1452, passed away on Saturday, 27 April 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 19 August 1955 as a member of the 49th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 March 1981. He proudly served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. Upon retirement he had a lengthy career in the Casino industry holding various high-level positions in Atlantic City, Puerto Rico and The Mohawk Casino in New York. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Shirley and a brother Nicholas L. of Marlton, New

Jersey, also three daughters Cheryl of Frisco Texas, Jeanine of Marlton, New Jersey, and Jamie of Senola, Georgia. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

MAJOR LANUEL J. FERGUSON, #3184



FERGUSON, LANUEL J. #3184, passed away on Tuesday, 7 May 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 19 January 1978 as a member of the 93A Class and retired at the rank of Major on 1 January 2006. Prior to his career in the State Police he attended Delaware State University where he was noted as a football star and was inducted into the Delaware State University Football Hall of Fame. He was predeceased by his parents, Dewey Ferguson, Sr., and Mattie Westbrook Ferguson, four brothers Elreese, James, Robert and Dewey Jr., and one granddaughter Cynthia Brown. He is survived by his wife Cynthia, two children Nicole and Jamal, five grandchildren Horatio, Nya, Brandon, Shah'wy and Sakim.

SFC WILLIAM E. ELLIOTT, #1026



ELLIOTT, WILLIAM E., #1026, passed away on Tuesday, 14 May 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 6 July 1951 as a member of the 39th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 July 1979. He proudly served in the United States Merchant Marines during WW II in France, England and Belgium, receiving the Distinguished Service Medal for meritorious service in sea operations. He was predeceased by his first wife Barbara Trainor Elliott. He is survived by his second wife of 15 years Gloria Gebely Elliott, one son, 2 grandchildren, 3 stepchildren and 3 step-grandchildren.

SFC ANTHONY J. SAMULIS, #3144



SAMULIS, ANTHONY J., #3144, passed away on Wednesday, 15 May 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 May 1977 as a member of the 92nd Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class in 2005. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Patti, three sons TJ, Danny, and Scott, and six grandchildren Finley, Paige, Jillian, Connor, Teagan and Victoria. He is survived by a brother Raymond.

DSFC ANTHONY C. GATTO, #2444



GATTO, ANTHONY C., #2444, passed away on Monday, 20 May 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 27

June 1969 as a member of the 78th Class and retired at the rank of Detective Sergeant First Class on 1 October 1995. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Florence, two sons Michael and Sergeant David J. Gatto, #4966 (*Ret.*).

DSG CHARLES M. CRESCENZ, #2480



CRESCENZ, CHARLES M., #2480, passed away on Wednesday, 22 May 2019. 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 Detective Sergeant on 1 June 1990. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Viet Nam War. He is survived by his wife Marie, two children Evan Bergstrom and his wife Gina Shaw, and Jeffrey and his wife Jessica, five grandchildren Anika, Adrian, Katio, Colin and Henry and four brothers Peter, Steven, Joseph and Christopher.

SFC JOHN L. BOLDEN, #3840



BOLDEN, JOHN L., #3840, passed away on Monday, 3 June 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 December 1984 as a member of the Highway Patrol Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 July 1999. He is survived by his wife of 53 years Nancy Lois, his children Kevin, Kyle and Kymbra. He is predeceased by his daughter Angelique, his siblings Mary Catherine, Solomon, Thomas Gloria James and Lucinda.

SFC JOSEPH P. NASTI, JR., #1650



NASTI, JOSEPH P., JR., #1650, passed away on Tuesday, 4 June 2019. 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 October 1986. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. Prior to his service in the New Jersey State Police he was a Bloomfield, N.J. Fireman for four years. He is survived by his wife of 53 years Ann Marie, a daughter Angela, grandfather of Nicholas and Kristoffer, and his twin brother Lt. Angelo M. Nasti, #1614 (*Ret.*).

LIEUTENANT RICHARD F. O'LEARY, #1722



O'LEARY, RICHARD F., #1722, passed away on Sunday, 23 June 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 2 October 1961 as a member of the 58th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 January 1989. He is survived by his wife Avis, sons Danny and Richie, 6 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and two stepsons Troy and Chris.

**LIEUTENANT
EDWARD R.
BLACKBURN, #1144**



BLACKBURN, EDWARD R., #1144, passed away on Wednesday, 26 June 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 December 1952 as a member of the 42nd Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 September 1985. He proudly served in the United States Navy. He is survived by his wife of 59 years Marian, a daughter Laure Zerfing, a son Edward, Jr., and two grandchildren Edward III and Dawson Zerfing.

**LIEUTENANT CARL
D. EARNEST, #1840**



EARNEST, CARL D., #1840, passed away on Tuesday, 25 June 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 2 March 1964 as a member of the 63rd Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 July 1991. He is survived by his wife Shirley, two sons Carl and Christopher and two grandsons.

**LIEUTENANT STEVEN
J. SGOURAKIS, #1549**



SGOURAKIS, STEVEN J., #1549, passed away on Friday, 12 July 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 15 July 1957 as a member of the 52nd Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 September 1985. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He is predeceased by his wife Christel and his parents Demetrios and Antigone Sgourakis, his brothers John and George, his sisters Mary Koulakis, Helen Wood and Evelyn Walraff. He is survived by his children Stefanie and Demitri.

**LIEUTENANT
ANGELO M. NASTI,
#1614**



NASTI, ANGELO M., #1614, passed away on Sunday, 21 July 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 29 June 1959 as a member of the 55th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 August 1984. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was predeceased by his twin brother SFC Joseph P. Nasti, Jr., #1650. He is survived by his wife Nancy and his sister Celia.

**SFC ROBERT O.
KAMPERT, SR., #1068**



KAMPERT, ROBERT O., Sr., #1068, passed away on Tuesday,

July 2, 2019. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 16 January 1951 as a member of the 40th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 June 1978. He proudly served in the United States Army during WWII. In 2016 he received the Medal of Honor from the French Foreign Legion. He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years Joan and a sister Ruth Moorhouse. He is survived by his 3 sons: Robert, Ronald and Thomas.

**LIEUTENANT
RAYMOND W.
STEPHAN, #1349**



STEPHAN, RAYMOND W., #1349, passed away on Wednesday, 17 July 2019. 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 Lieutenant on 1 September 1982. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War and received a Commendation Ribbon for Meritorious Service in combat. He is survived by three daughters, Carol Carr, Joyce Wendel and Gail Sweeney, eight

grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, his brother Robert and a sister Janet Bill. He was predeceased by his wife Frances and a brother William.

**CAPTAIN ROSS V.
BAYER, #1081**



BAYER ROSS V., #1081, passed away on Wednesday, 31 July 2019. 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 Captain on 1 September 1985. He was active with the Masonic Lodge and served as a Past Master of Princeton Lodge # 38 F&AM as well as Past Grand Master of the State of New Jersey. He is survived by his children, John II, Brant, Constance and granddaughters Krista and Jenna.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Rosemarie K. Hoy, devoted Widow of Captain Robert W, Hoy, #1289, passed away on May 20, 2019.

Hilda Garcia, loving Mother of SFC Jesus E. Garcia, #3634 (*Ret*), passed away on May 25, 2019.

Patricia Oriolo, loving Wife of Captain Nicholas A. Oriolo, #2401 (*Ret*) and Mother of DSFC Nicholas A. Oriolo, #6204, passed away on June 15, 2019.

Briella ‘Ella’ Bobal, cherished Daughter of Detective Edward J. Bobal, #6775 (*Ret*), passed away on July 10, 2019.

Eleanor Rhatican, devoted Widow of Lt. Robert P. Rhatican, #1592, passed away on June 17, 2019.

Timothy A. Cooke, loving Husband of Administrative Assistant Heather McElhinney Cooke – Office of the Deputy Superintendent and formerly of the Regional Operations Intelligence Center, passed away on June 23, 2019.

Gus Theodos, Newark Police Department (*Ret*), and respected Father of LTC Nicholas Theodos, #3463 (*Ret*), passed away on July 11, 2019.

Rudolph G. Langston, Philadelphia Police Department (*Ret*), and respected Father of SSGT Glenn Langston, #4400 (*Ret*), passed away on July 11, 2019.

Claire J. Winters, devoted Widow of Major Robert C. Winters, #1598, passed away on July 28, 2019.

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