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REMINISCING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD!

They say the proverb “hindsight is always 20/20,” permits one to reflect on the facts of the past while standing in the present. However, given the facts of this our 2020th year, most would rather forget the facts and just move forward. 2020 Has been a most tumultuous year. The year started out with the coronavirus outbreak in Wuhan, China reaching the United States in mid-January. But that paled in comparison to the ongoing political fighting between Democrats and Republicans following the December impeachment of President Donald J. Trump, #45, by the Democratically controlled House of Representatives, followed by an acquittal in the Senate on February 5th. By mid-March the coronavirus, now deemed COVID-19 was showing up in most states which caused a shutdown of the nation across the board. Virtually everything was closed, while hospitals and emergency responders treated those infected. Personal protection and medical equipment were scarce, and industries and entrepreneurs across the country jumped into action to supply a product chain previously out-sourced to China and other nations.

At the behest of medical professionals, Governors across the country initiated educational, business and industry shutdowns, and “Social Distancing” became the order of the day. Unfortunately, as this national emergency ran its course, political leaders drew on an opportunity to use the pandemic as a means to oust our sitting president in the upcoming November election. In doing so to pushback against the President’s “law and order” position, Democratic leaders have sought to fan the flames of racial discord and anarchy in their support of radical organizations such as Antifa and Black Lives Matter. Protests in major cities historically controlled by Democratic administrations have quickly turned into destructive and deadly riots. Professional sports players, their team owners and leagues have even jumped on board and divided the citizenry even further.

Here in New Jersey, the high caliber of law enforcement has remained mostly steadfast towards enforcing the law and maintaining the peace, even though our Attorney General seeks to publicly disclose the identities of Active and Former law enforcement disciplined with five or more days suspension, prospectively, beginning this year. However, members of the NJSP, DCJ and JJC will be disclosed retroactively, dating back twenty-years to January 1, 2000, regardless of the reported offense or any confidentiality agreements previously executed, because this is, and I quote, “not only a moral moment, but one of professionalism, transparency, and accountability where a national crisis has caused a willingness to listen.” WOW!

In case you haven’t heard, your Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers and N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation have joined the NJSP State Troopers Fraternal Association, Non-Commissioned Officers Association, and Superior Officers Association, the FOP, PBA and others in a collective, legal effort to prohibit the Attorney General from feeding the radical, anti-police movements at the expense of any Jersey Trooper or law enforcement officer, Active or Retired! We will keep you apprised of our progress on our FTA Web Site!

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On a lighter and more celebratory note, we still have three-months left in 2020, hopefully they will prove to be much more positive and successful. Unfortunately, with the exception of our annual Florida Winter Party every other FTA related event this year has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As of this writing, we are contemplating, holding the FTA Fall General Meeting on Saturday November 7th via Zoom Video Conferencing. We will make that determination based on the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and will send out a bulk emailing notice as we get closer to that date. Additionally, the annual NJSP Winter Party & Open House at Division Headquarters, scheduled for Saturday, December 12th is also pending. We will let you know once that determination is made.

While 2020 has been a deadly and destructive era on many fronts, positive and exciting progress has been made by the NJSP 100th Year Anniversary Committee. I anticipate that 2021 will be a nostalgic and proud year for everyone affiliated with the NJSP – past, present, sworn and civilian, Active and Retired! Some of the events already scheduled include a 1st Patrol Re-enactment at the Statehouse followed by a Colonel’s Inspection in January-February (weather permitting); an enhanced State Police Chase in May; an enhanced Colonel’s Cup Golf Outing at Trump National – Bedminster in June; a Pass & Review Parade at Division Headquarters in July; an enhanced, all-inclusive FTA Picnic at Division Headquarters in August; the 100th Year Anniversary Dinner Banquet, FTA Cocktail Party & Breakfast at the Hardrock Casino in Atlantic City in October; a presence and involvement at the Army / Navy Football Game at the Met Life Stadium in December; and a Memorial for Colonel Schwarzkopf at West Point! I’m sure our NJSP presence will be very visible and acknowledged in 2021 throughout New Jersey. Make sure you’re a part of the celebrations, wear the Blue & Gold, and show your pride in our Outfit of Jersey Troopers!

In the months leading up to 2021, you will see logo merchandise bearing the Official “NJSP 100th Year Anniversary Logo.” This logo is trademarked, and only approved for manufacture and sale by certain State Police related vendors. Proceeds from the sale of this merchandise will be donated to offset the expenses of the various events celebrating the NJSP 100th Year Anniversary Celebration. Please do not purchase any merchandise bearing the NJSP 100th Year Anniversary Logo, or for that matter any NJSP Logo Merchandise from an unknown or unlicensed vendor. Additionally, there will be collectors’ items offered for a limited time, including a commemorative Winchester rifle, knife, campaign hat, 100th Year Anniversary Table-top Book, prints and more. We will keep you posted as items are released for purchase.



COLONEL'S COMMENTS



Greetings from Division Headquarters in West Trenton on what is a beautiful Friday morning as I write this. Although we continue to combat this COVID-19 pandemic, civil unrest and the clean-up in the wake of Tropical Storm Isaias, it is my hope that this edition of the FTA Newsletter finds you and your families well.

I would first like to extend a heartfelt thank you to George Wren who has done a phenomenal job in publishing the FTA Newsletter for the past 11 years. This edition marks George's 33rd consecutive newsletter and also his last as he has decided to pass the publishing torch on. George's dedication, creativity and consistency will certainly be missed, and we welcome the "newcomer" who will have big shoes to fill. On behalf of the entire Outfit George, thank you!

The 160th State Police Class graduated on September 4th and we now have an additional 165 new troopers in our ranks. For those of you that are wondering, the honor of our most "junior trooper" now belongs to Trooper Joseph Zito #8547 who is assigned to Netcong Station. It should also be noted that for the first time in our history, we had a fourth-generation trooper graduate from the 160th Class. Trooper Brian Turner #8535 carries on a long line of service in the Outfit following in the footsteps of his great grandfather Jack Turner #573, his grandfather William Turner #1595, and his father, William Turner #3674. Congratulations to the entire Turner family!

This class endured perhaps one of the most unique training experiences in the history of the State Police as they were able to successfully mitigate the challenges which arose out of COVID-19. The fact that we partnered with The College of New Jersey where the recruits were able to have their own individual sleeping quarters while also socially distancing for classroom and PT activities was a testament to the Academy Staff's creativity and ingenuity. For those that are unaware, when this class reported to TCNJ in the beginning of June having been detached to various details supporting OEM's pandemic response, they were tested for COVID-19 and were not permitted to go home on the weekends. The first time they saw their family members in more than 3 months was on their graduation day. The steadfast commitment of the members of the 160th Class reaffirmed for me that the future of the Outfit is in good hands.

The selection process for candidates for the 161st class is underway, and we are nearing the end of the oral interview process. It is anticipated that the 161st Class will start in November of 2020. The early stages of the selection process for the 162nd class are also in full swing and are anticipated to enter the Academy in 2021. The Division anticipates opening the online application process for the 163rd class in 2021 as well so if you know anyone interested in becoming a Jersey Trooper, please direct them to monitor www.NJTrooper.com for information regarding the selection process.

I was recently pleasantly surprised to receive a letter from the granddaughter of our third Colonel, Colonel, Charles H. Schoeffel badge #84, as she was offering to donate a handwritten letter to our museum from Charles Lindbergh to her grandfather who was "Major Schoeffel" at the time.

Lindbergh's letter was in appreciation for the phenomenal effort the State Police made in the investigation surrounding the kidnapping and death of his son, Charles, Jr. on March 1, 1932, and how proud the Major must be of the New Jersey State Police. We gladly accepted this offer and anticipate receiving the letter soon to add to our already robust Lindbergh display at the museum. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to Colonel Schoeffel's granddaughter, Kathe LaFlamme, for her generosity and understanding of how much The Outfit's history, pride and tradition means to us all.

This point seems like a good place to wrap up my comments for this edition. I remain honored and humbled on a daily basis to serve in this capacity and to witness the ongoing tremendous dedication and commitment by the men and women of this incredible Outfit. I remain assured of one constant and that is the Jersey Troopers of the past, present and future were, are and will, respectively, have played a part in something much larger than themselves and certainly part of one of the most premier law enforcement agencies on the face of the earth. To the Sergeant on "The Book," please sign me out on A.D.L.! God bless you all and stay safe out there.

Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, #5243

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the summer with your families and remained safe and healthy from this terrible virus. The world, as we knew it, is much different now and we are all trying to cope with the changes. I have found that our State Police training and experiences, as always, have guided us with a response to these daily challenges.

This year has put everyone's life on hold, not knowing what tomorrow is going to bring. I am sure that we all have lost someone special. Families have made the best of this situation by doing more family-oriented activities. The FTA has not been immune to these changes. We have been forced to cancel all activities and meetings. As president, it was difficult to read the many death announcements of our members and to cancel the events that have been part of our culture for decades.

However, in light of these times, it is my honor and privilege to announce the scholarship recipients and that this year's Former Trooper of the Year Award will be presented to Major Albert Della Fave #4040. Congratulations to Al and his family, along with all the scholarship recipients.

Hoping we can put this most difficult year behind us soon, we are all preparing and looking forward to the Division's 100th Year Anniversary. Besides being part of the planning committee, the FTA, along with the members of the corporate consortium, are working towards having the renovation of the courtyard and the columbarium at the Museum and Learning Center completed for next year's festivities and celebration.

I am very pleased to announce that the FTA and our Heritage Foundation, as Intervenors, has joined the three SP unions, PBA, FOP, and many others in filing a legal response to the Attorney General's directives to unmask the disciplinary actions of all NJ law enforcement, since 2000. This is wrong, especially for our retirees, and we will continue to fight this together. Personally, I want to thank the FTA legal team, especially Jay Sabin, Esq., who is working very closely with our corporate counsel. Without their guidance, expertise, and professionalism, we, the retirees, would not have a voice or a seat at the table.

We have all lived our lives under the rule of law and provided respect to everyone. Our training instilled that in us from the very beginning and it carried throughout our careers and into retirement. I am so proud to have stood shoulder to shoulder with each of you as a brother Trooper.

Presently, our profession is under attack, but we will get through this as we have with other challenges in the past. I am confident that the American people will stand together to support all law enforcement and protect our history and the Constitution.

Lastly, I would be remised if I did not personally thank my friend and FTA Vice President George Wren for all the work he has done, over the past 11 years, as editor of this Newsletter. His dedication and professionalism in all that he does is remarkable. I know that he has set the standards for the future and his voice will still be heard in featured articles.

I hope to see you all at the 100th Year festivities in 2021. Rhonda and I wish all of you the best and may God bless you, your families, the New Jersey State Police, and the United States of America.

Warmest Regards,
Nick Soranno

FTA FALL MEETING REMINDER

Subsequent to the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, the FTA Spring General Meeting was previously postponed as announced via the March 22, 2020, FTA/COVID-19 UPDATE. As meeting restrictions are still in place, we will hold both the Spring and Fall General Meetings together on Saturday, November 7, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m., via a ZOOM Video Conference Meeting. A final announcement and directions to participate in the meeting will be posted on our FTA Web Site Announcements Box and on the Bulletin Board two-weeks before the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings Everyone. On behalf of the Officers, Directors, and our Staff, I hope your are well and weathering the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in true Jersey Trooper fashion. For those who have been exposed to the virus and are fighting through it, and especially to those who have succumb to this highly contagious virus or lost those close to you, our prayers are with you and your families.

I would like to personally thank our Officer Manager, Mrs. Patricia MalDonado for her service during this pandemic. Patti graciously offered to continue to keep our FTA Office open from her home during this trying time. It's thanks to her generosity and work ethic that many of you received continued assistance during our the shut-down. I guess it's safe to say that the apple dosen't fall far from the Gail Carrigan tree! Well, the office is back open again, and while we have been experiencing Internet connectivity problems lately, Patti is back at her desk taking care of business!

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of our Former Troopers Association, our N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, and every Jersey Trooper, Active and Retired, to thank our attorneys who represented us in our fight to prohibit the Attorney General from publically disclosing the identities of any law enforcement officer or Jersey Trooper for what he deems "Major Discipline," denoted simply as 5 days or more suspension, regardless of the actual infraction and irrespective of any confidentiality agreement entered into between the parties. As the Certifier and witness of our two organizations in this legal matter, I can personally attest that our FTA/Heritage Foundation attorneys, Carl J. Soranno, Esq., and Jay Sabin, Esq., of the Law Offices of Brach-Eichler, LLC, offered the Appellant Court Panel clear, concise, legal arguments backed by law and precedent, followed by distinct reasoning in the protection of those who have and continue to serve and protect, Jersey Troopers! Thank you Gentlemen for an 'Excellent representation!' Hopefully, the Appellant Judges will rule in our favor and we can put this threat to our law enforcement community's safety behind us, all in the sake of appeasing a liberal

mob running ramshod over our country, using Black Lives Matter and Antifa to instill fear in the citizenry. We will keep you up to date on the outcome of this important legal decision!



Never in my wildest dreams would I have ever considered running a Marathon in September, in Florida. No less the 124th Boston (Virtual). But here I am, completed 26.2 miles early this morning. When GOD gives you lemons, well you do what you do. 9/5/2020

As you well know, for most of the last eleven-years I've been reporting on the accomplishments and accolades of our own "Marathon Man," and 2016 recipient of the FTA Former Trooper of the Year Award, Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (*Ret*). Here's the latest updates from John:

In the April 2020 edition of the True Blue & Gold, I updated interested readers in the bizarre happenings in the world of Long Distance Road running. It went back and forth over the summer months with postponements leading up to eventual cancellation of both of my races. That being the 124 Boston Marathon, and Abbott World Marathon Majors "Wanda" Inaugural Age Group World Championship. (London). As a consolation, both races offered virtual races. Boston between September 5, and September 13th, 2020, and Abbott World on October 4, 2020. For those of you that are unfamiliar with virtual marathon races, it is a complete 26.2 mile road race that is basically done on the participant's choosing. In the case of Boston, he selects the day, course, starting time, aids, reporting values, etc. Reporting results are submitted via an app associated to the Boston Marathon web site.

Abbott World has not published their rules, but I suspect they will be basically the same. To my recollection, this is the first time in history that this procedure has been invoked by either of these historic race venues. I am pleased to report that I completed the 124th Boston Virtual Marathon on September 7, 2020. I await Abbott World in the upcoming month.

The future of the two races are of such. The 125th Boston Marathon, normally scheduled for the 3rd Monday in April (Patriots Day) 2021, has not been announced. The normal previous year registration (September 2020) has been cancelled and will not resume until race officials feel they can present a safe race. In the case of Abbott World, officials have identified a date for their 2021 race. Their normal date of the last Sunday in April 2021 has been cancelled, since they presently feel that they are unable to offer a safe race at that time. The new date will be October 3, 2021. Abbott World offered me a complete refund for 2020, or a deferral into 2021. I have opted for accept the deferral. So, as it currently stands, there is NO Boston Marathon for 2021, and Abbott World is scheduled for October 3, 2021. Pray that we rid ourselves of COVID-19 in the near future. God Bless!!!!

Make sure you all keep rooting for John, every race, every step of the way!

The 100th Year Anniversary will be commencing in less than a year. This will be a fantastic time for the New Jersey State Police and every Jersey Trooper Active or Retired. If anyone has any pictures or documents that you would like to share for consideration in the 100 Year Anniversary Book please email a copy of same to 100years@ftanjsp.org! I will make sure they get to the committee.

Over the years I've reported on an ongoing project that we feel is very important to our Retired Jersey Troopers and should be a serious consideration to our Active Troopers. In the coming months, our N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation expects to spearhead the installation of a columbarium project within the Memorial Garden at Division Headquarters. While we are close to finalizing the perimeters of the project, we are hopeful that our plan to install four above ground units capable of housing the ashes of 4,000 Jersey Troopers and their spouses, will begin in October. If all goes well, we should be able to complete the project before year's end. We'll keep you posted!

Before closing, I would like to correct a mistake that occurred in my April 2020, Comments From the Editor column, wherein I mistakenly listed Trooper I William T. Trump's Badge Number as #2416. His correct number is #2516. My sincere apologies to Trooper I Trump, his family, and anyone else who was offended by my mistake.

Lastly, after eleven-years of publishing this newsletter I have decided to hang up my Editor's Hat and pass the torch on to someone with new ideas, fresh perspectives, and the time to adequately publish this periodic publication. I have enjoyed the research, writing, and publishing of each of the thirty-three issues that started with the first True Blue & Gold Newsletter in December 2009. Over the course of those eleven-years, I've become more and more involved in our organizational business structure, and as a Vice President, Chairman, Liaison, and Editor, to name a few, many aspects of administering our FTA, our NJ Former Troopers Heritage Foundation, and our True Blue and Gold Logo Merchandise Store operations have come my way. Unfortunately, with each new task it has become more difficult to find the time for conducting research, writing, and publishing the newsletter.

True Blue & Gold has afforded me the greatest opportunity and privilege to meet Active and Retired Jersey Troopers residing throughout New Jersey, across the United States, and even foreign venues far from the Garden State. I've been blessed to be able to interview our most senior Jersey Trooper, Major Hugo Stockburger, #504 at 100 years of age, and addressed our most junior Jersey Troopers just prior to their graduation from our esteem State Police Academy. I've also met and become acquainted with some retirees that continued to excel after departing State Police service, like Sergeant Robert J. Delaney, #2853 (Ret) who became an outstanding NBA Referee, authored a couple books on Post Traumatic Stress Disorders, and volunteered to become involved in charitable fundraising, ultimately, volunteering to become a Trustee Director on our NJ Former Troopers Heritage Foundation; and Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (Ret), an Internationally Renowned Marathon Runner, who at eighty-years of young age still competes, and WINS! Lt. Ouweleen is an amazing man and a highly respected representative of our Outfit of Jersey Troopers. I'm proud to say that over the years documenting his success he's become a good friend. Every person I've met has given me insights that have gone into these many pages.

I would like to personally thank my predecessor, Captain Franklin J. 'Jack' Caldwell, #1629 (Ret) for giving me the opportunity and support to take on this important task. His faith in me to take this newsletter into a new chapter of FTA reporting is greatly appreciated. Last, but certainly not least, I'd like to thank my lovely wife, Sandy. While many may think publishing a newsletter three time per year doesn't take all that much time, I can assure you its much more involved than you think. Patience is a virtue that few possess, and over the years I've been blessed with her support and understanding. Don't get me wrong, at times it has been trying, but she's been the most important support I've ever had. Thank you, Sandy!

I trust that the FTA Board of Directors will endeavor to secure the services of a new Editor, one with new ideas and the energy to continue on with this important publication. As always, I am available to draft an article or two, but it's time to turn the reins over to a new Editor. In parting, Thank you all, and My Best Regards to you and your families!

Who knows, from time to time you may even see my name as a byline on an article or two!

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

FEATURED MEMBER(S)

A FIRST, 4TH GENERATION JERSEY TROOPER

The New Jersey State Police is an Outfit steeped in strong conviction and tradition. Its Troopers are respected and even revered as the being the best of the best! Only a few are chosen, so it is important when our strong convictions and tradition are passed down with our families. One very special tradition has been the presentation of our coveted badge from active or retired family members to a graduating Recruit. This long-honored tradition dates back to the very early days and flourished as families expanded.

A seven-year era culminating with the 48th Class graduation in 1955, documented the Outfit's enlistment of the "Five Miller Brothers," Joseph A., #920; Robert A., #1265; Leonard A. #1299; Richard A., #1300; and Gerald A., #1410. While there have been many fathers and sons to come out of our Academy, the enlistment of our first 3rd Generation Jersey Troopers occurred in during the 98th Class graduation in 1982, when Trooper Mark Doyle, #3625 joined his Grandfather, Major John C. Doyle, #287, and his Father, Lt. John C. Doyle, Jr., #951; and, Trooper William G. Turner, Jr., #3674 joined his Grandfather, Sergeant John M. Turner, #573, and Father, Lt. William G. Turner, #1595, to enter the rolls of the New Jersey State Police. Now, some thirty-eight years later, another milestone has been recorded with the September 4, 2020, graduation of our 160th Class, wherein Trooper Brian R. Turner, #8535, joined his Great-Grandfather, Sergeant John M. Turner, #573, Grandfather, Captain William G. Turner, #1595, and Father, DSFC William G. Turner, Jr., #3674, to become our first, 4th Generation Jersey Trooper!



SGT JOHN M. TURNER, #573

Sergeant John M. Turner, #573, enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on October 21, 1930 as a proud member of the 23rd Class. Born in Paterson in 1902, he was married to Troby and together they had two sons, William and John. Throughout his State Police career, Sergeant Turner was stationed in the Troop "B" region and was the Station Commander of the Netcong Barracks upon his retirement from State Police Service on July 27, 1957. In his retirement, Sergeant Turner worked as a Security Officer with Westinghouse in Randolph, New Jersey.

Captain William G. Turner, #1595, enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on October 20, 1958, as a proud member of the 54th Class. Born in Paterson, he was married to Nancy L., and together they had three sons, William, Jr., Scott L., and Michael. A 1952 graduate of Roxbury High School, he resided in the Morris County region throughout his life. Prior to his State Police enlistment, he served for a year as a Randolph Police Officer and served in the United States Army.



CAPT WILLIAM G. TURNER, #1595

During his early State Police service, Captain Turner was stationed in the Troop "B" region. Then on April 1, 1967, Trooper Turner was selected along with Lt. James P. Lacey, #886, Detective 2/C Joseph F. Trainor, #1049, Investigator 2/C Justin J. Dintino, #1152, and Investigator John C. Hall, #1202, to gather pertinent information on organized crime throughout New Jersey. The efforts of this new "Intelligence Unit," were astonishing. Within eight-months, they had cataloged the seven La Cosa Nostra families in New Jersey. More-so, they estimated that about 500 members and 3,000 associates encompassed the army of criminals under their control. The number one illegal activity at the time, gambling. By year's end and at the

recommendations of the Intelligence Unit, Colonel David B. Kelly established the Organized Crime Task Force and assigned fifty men to combat the problem.

Rising through the ranks, Captain Turner retired from State Police service on November 1, 1987, as the Bureau Chief of the Narcotics Bureau. He is credited with the establishment of our first State Police Narcotics Detectors Dogs which ultimately became the Patrol Drug Response Unit. In his retirement, Captain Turner became Head of Security at the General Public Utilities, in Parsippany, New Jersey.



DSFC WILLIAM G. TURNER, JR., #3674

DSFC William G. Turner, Jr., #3674, enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on February 11, 1982, a proud member of the 98th Class. A resident of Blairstown, he is married to Lynn, and together they have three children, Brittany Day; William, III; and Brian. A 1978 graduate of Randolph High School, he also attended Morris County College prior to his enlistment. During his early State Police service, DSFC Turner was stationed in the Troop “B” region. Selected to the Investigations Section, he served in the Organized Crime and Narcotics Bureaus during the mid-1980s through the 2000s where he received Unit Citations for his participation in high profile narcotics cases and was decorated with saving the life of a suicidal victim while stationed in the Organized Crime Bureau. He ultimately moved on to Evidence Management at the Totowa Repository and then to Division Headquarters as supervisor of the Evidence Management program, where he ultimately retired from State Police Service on January 1, 2008, at the rank of Detective Sergeant First Class. In retirement, DSFC Turner was employed at SOS Security where he rose to the position of Senior Vice President before his recent retirement.

Trooper Brian R. Turner, #8535, enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on September 4, 2020, a proud member of the 160th Class. A resident of Blairstown, New Jersey, Brian is a 2014 graduate of North Warren High School and attended James Madison and East Stroudsburg Universities of Pennsylvania where he attained a Bachelors’ Degree in Business Management in 2018. Prior to his enlistment, Brian was employed as a Security Guard at SOS Security, LLC, and as an Assistant Football Coach at North Warren High School. Brian’s older brother William, III has also answered the calling of law enforcement and is a five-year veteran of the Roxbury Police Department. Trooper Brian R. Turner, #8535, began his service posted at the Somerville Station.



TPR BRIAN R. TURNER, #8535



TPR MICHAEL A. TURNER, #8536

As you can see, the Turner clan is steep in State Police service. However, not surprisingly, there is another Turner patrolling Northern New Jersey. Brian’s cousin, Trooper Michael A. Turner, #8536, is also a proud graduate of the 160th Class. Together they share a familial heritage dating back to their Great-Grandfather, Sergeant John M. Turner, #573, and Grandfather, Captain William G. Turner, #1595. His Father, Michael Turner and DSFC William G. Turner, Jr., #3674, are brothers. So, you can imagine that Brian and Michael are the closest of cousins. After all, they both attended the New Jersey State Police 94th Trooper Youth Week training in 2013, not to mention that they were bunkmates and sat right next to each other throughout their entire academy training. It’s good to know that the citizenry of northern New Jersey is once again under the steadfast protection of members of the Turner Clan. Troopers Brian and Michael Turner have

eighty-two years of combined Turner State Police Service to live up to. I'm sure they will handle themselves in true State Police fashion! To view additional pictures courtesy of DSFC William G. Turner, Jr., #3674 (Ret) and Photographer Ted Wack, NJSP Forensic Imaging Unit, visit: <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/Turner2020.pdf>.

Congratulations to Brian, Michael, and the entire Turner Clan!

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

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Historical Highlights section of the newsletter has included some very interesting stories of State Police lore, but it has never spoken about what it really means to be a Jersey Trooper. For the past several years, I've had the privilege of addressing the recruits and their families on 'Family Day,' just prior to their graduation, and I've taken the opportunity to read the following passage from my book, Jersey Troopers II, The Next Thirty-Five Years (iUniverse 2009, pg. 556), to give them a brief understanding of what being a Jersey Trooper really is and what's expected in that esteemed profession. I've kept it in abeyance over the past eleven-years in the hopes of using it at an appropriate time. Well, as this is my last newsletter, it would seem the time has come. Enjoy!

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.

Governor Calvin Coolidge remarked while addressing the Worcester Police Outing in Worcester, Massachusetts on October 2, 1920 that:

The duties which a police officer owes to the state are of a most exacting nature. No one is compelled to choose the profession of a police officer, but having chosen it, everybody is obliged to live up to the standard of its requirements. To join in that high enterprise means the surrender of much individual freedom. The police officer has chosen a profession that he must hold to at all peril.....

But there is toward the officer a corresponding duty of the State. It owes him a generous compensation for the perils he endures for the protection of society. It owes him the knowledge of security that is to be his from want in his declining years. It owes him that measure that is due to the great importance of the duties he discharges.

Times have changed and so too has the view of Jersey Troopers. Throughout the first fifty or so years every Jersey Trooper referred to the State Police as "the Outfit." It's a military term respectfully commemorating the excellence and camaraderie gained through outstanding achievements. After the end of barracks duty, specializations and expansion increased during the 1970's, and a more businesslike approach evolved where the designation changed to "the Organization." In the 1990's the moniker changed once again to "the Division," a distinction that few realize depicts the 1947 actual demotion of the State Police from Department stature to a Division under the Attorney General's - Department of Law & Public Safety. Today the mystique of years gone by remains only in the memories of retirees, whose pride in "the Outfit" never wanes.

The New Jersey State Police has come a long way, a patrol that is far from over. Progress and advancements compelled the State Police to evolve from that rural policing force of 1921 to an intricately diversified "modern" law enforcement agency.

Breakthroughs in technology will undoubtedly dictate the future challenges to be undertaken by Jersey Troopers in the years to come. No one can predict what lies ahead. But, through past devotion to the core values of *honor*, *duty*, and *fidelity*, Jersey Troopers will address every challenge with professionalism and integrity.

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



FTA 2020 FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR!

It is with great pleasure that we announce **Major Albert Della Fave, #4040 (Ret)** as the recipient of the Association's 2020 Former Trooper of the Year Award. Anyone who has ever had the pleasure of meeting Al knows him to be a consummate professional and a true, "Gentlemen in the saddle." As this announcement came out just prior to publication of this issue, a thorough overview of Al's accomplishments will be detailed in the next issue of the newsletter. Hopefully, we will be able to have a worthy event to appropriately bequeath this coveted award to our talented recipient. In the meantime, here's just a few of Al's accomplishments!

A proud member of the 102nd Class, Al's enlistment began on June 16, 1985. After serving at various postings in Troop "C," Al returned to the Academy in 1989, this time as an Instructor. There he passionately molded recruits and Troopers alike in the importance of gaining knowledge while enhancing character traits, towards achieving successful careers as Jersey Troopers. In 1993, Al's talent for effective communication and writing led to his appointment to the Superintendent's - Public Information Office. In this capacity, Al served as the Outfit's chief spokesperson, guiding communication and positive public relations between the New Jersey State Police and its constituency. Never hesitating to assist anyone within or outside the Outfit, Al became tremendously active regarding community/media issues. As Director of Communications, Al transformed the Outfit's public information approach from defensive and reactive to engaging and proactive by instituting a first, "full-service" media relations office, and by developing a reliable and interactive relationship with print and television reporters resulting in a cultural change in much of New Jersey's law enforcement press management. In 2008, Al was promoted to Major and assigned to the Regional Operations Intelligence Center as Task Force Commander, where he served until his retirement on November 1, 2009. An active member of the Pipes & Drums of the Blue and Gold since 2001, Al made his first appearance with the band as MC for the State Police Banquet that year. And believe it or not, Al fills in for Santa Clause at the Division Christmas Party annually!

In retirement, Al has served as the Press Information Officer at the NY/NJ Port Authority Police Department, the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office, and does freelance media consulting for law enforcement executives in the Tri-State area. He is intimately involved and influential with the Ocean and Monmouth County 200 Clubs and has served as a School Resource Officer in Toms River. Supported by his lovely wife Diane, son Albert, and daughter Alyssa, Al is faithful to his church and is a driving force with the Societa' Madonna Dei Martiri in Hoboken, where each year the Societa' awards scholarship checks during the event to Community Funds, Inc, an organization that represents 60 residents of Hoboken that lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks. A member in good standing of the FTA since October 2008, Al serves as our Public Information Officer and has done a spectacular job on our social media platforms! Thank you Major Albert Della Fave, #4040 (Ret), and Congratulations on this well-deserved award!

CARL J. SORANNO, ESQ., JOINS BEST LAWYERS!

Our FTA & Heritage Foundation Corporate Counsel, **Carl J. Soranno, Esq.**, has been named to The Best Lawyers in America© in the field of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, as well as Family Law. Mr. Soranno chairs the Brach Eichler, Family Law Services Practice and has served clients in multiple areas across a wide variety of concerns and challenges. In addition to family law matters, Carl's 30 years of experience includes business formation, bankruptcy, and commercial litigation. A resident of Flanders, NJ, he is also a businessman and entrepreneur, having successfully launched a public biotechnology firm. He along with Jay Sabin, Esq., brilliantly represented us in our fight against the Attorney General from publicly disclosing the identities of Active and Retired Jersey Troopers for so-called 'Major Discipline' dating back 20 years. Congratulations Carl and thank you!



MEDIA MATTERS

In our April 2020 newsletter, I laid out the important reasons why the FTA decided to jump head-first into Social Media. For those who missed it, here's a "Readers Digest" summary: It is an essential to grow the health and size of an organization. With [more than three billion people](#) around the world using social media every month, it's no passing trend.

Since implementing the new social media push in November 2019, we had already grown from approximately 1000 to 3000 Facebook followers at the posting of the April newsletter. At the writing of this post on September 9th, we have increased that following to 6182 followers. Beyond my mandate from FTA President Nick Soranno to assure daily relevant content and a place for members to find answers/support, our primary goal was to increase the health and size of the Association. We are happy to report that our new robust social media platform has not only increased followers, but most importantly is significantly driving retired Trooper and Associate memberships. Our front office has been processing new memberships and renewals at record rates.

It is glaringly evident that our Association's social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) have seen great success, but I personally won't be happy until our FB following far exceeds 10,000. For this to happen I need the help of (as we say in our social media posts) our entire #FTAFamily. That being said, I would love to allow our followers free access to post any happy, sad, or important content on our FB page. Quite frankly it would make my life so much easier, however, hateful anti-law enforcement trolls would jump at the chance to post freely on our page. Many of you may have seen the disgusting comments and memes posted by anti-police/ACAB (All Cops Are Bastards) groups on some of my posts.

As the influence of our FB page grows, so does the anti-police attacks. This was never more evident than on my post of July 28th calling for boycotts of those pushing anti-police narratives. The post reached 434,608 individuals, was shared 5005 times, and received over 500 comments. For a week straight I had to religiously police the comments due to, for lack of a better word, EVIL people. Individuals who called for death to police in word and memes the likes I have never seen. Some of these misguided individuals hailed from as far away as Portland, Oregon. It was a constant battle to block/ban individuals and delete threatening posts. I literally blocked over 1000 individuals and deleted hundreds of comments relating to that one post.

It is for this reason I must ask you to Direct Message the FTA page your content for posting. Please don't hesitate for a second to send me anything you feel news-worthy to the FTA Family. Finding relevant content is the toughest aspect of my job. Please help and share with me, so we can show these anti-police groups that they cannot bully or exert any power over our efforts to support our Blue & Gold Family. Spread the word to your family and friends to join us in helping share joyful news and comforting content of support in times of grief. Now more than ever we must ban together. It is our goal to overshadow these hater groups with follower numbers of support beyond anything they could ever muster or imagine.

Finally, our improved social media presence is just one of many successes and improvements made within the Association over the past months thanks to an energized board, supported by executive leadership to tirelessly search for better ways to serve our members. Much of it will be covered in this newsletter. Media Matters, but serving our membership MATTERS more.

Major Al Della Fave, #4040 (Ret)

BUSINESS UPDATES

N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

COVID-19 Tee Shirt Fundraiser by True Blue and Gold, Inc., was a huge success raising \$10,000 for benevolence donations to 1st Responder organizations, Medical Personnel, and the New Jersey National Guard and Reserves. We are currently preparing donations for the following organizations: **EMS Council of NJ, First Responders Children's Foundation, MD1 Program, New Jersey Friends of the Guard and Reserve, Mercer County Police and Fireman's Foundation for Families, Shark River First Aid Squad, Brielle First Aid Squad, and the New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund.** Thank you everyone for helping those who help others, **ESPECIALLY Rebecca Matthews, an Emergency Medical Technician at the Shark River First Aid Squad, who while working at the NJ Performing Arts Center – COVID-19 Testing Site, single-handedly pushed the sales of over 150 COVID-19 Tee Shirts.** Thank you again Rebecca for your gracious support!



The recent dissolution of The Two-Hundred Club of Warren County has resulted in some very generous donations. Thanks to the input of the Club's 1st Vice-President, Sal Maggio, the Board decided to donate \$60,000 to our Heritage Foundation to further our sponsorship of scholarships, assistance to widows/widowers and their families, and for the Good of the Order of our overall charitable endeavors. The Club also made generous charitable donations to our fellow NJSP organizations, including; \$10,000 to the NJSP Survivors of the Triangle, COPS Chapter; \$10,000 to the State Troopers Fraternal Association Foundation; \$10,000 to the New Jersey State Troopers Non-Commissioned Officers Association Foundation; and \$10,000 to the New Jersey State Troopers Superior Officers' Association Foundation.

It is unfortunate, that after thirty-nine years of charitable endeavors, The Two-Hundred Club of Warren County was faced with continued declines in participation and membership. We sincerely appreciate their unanimous decision to bequeath in our NJSP related charitable organizations these donations. We appreciate their confidence that we will continue to carry on the tradition to assist those who have served. Finally, a huge Thank You to our own **FTA Past President, Sal Maggio!**

#1600 SCHOLARSHIP!



The N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation is proud to announce the establishment of the **Captain Peter E. & Eleanor J. Baker, #1600 Memorial Scholarship** by their children: Patty (Wolfe), James, Kathleen (MacDowell), Connie, and Meg (Chambers). In recognition of Captain Baker's badge number, this annual \$1,600 scholarship will join and be awarded via the Former Troopers Association Scholarship Program, beginning in 2021! We sincerely appreciate this wonderful gesture by the Baker's children, and also acknowledge their establishment of another Memorial Scholarship in Wallenpaupack Lakes Estates, Lake Ariel, Pennsylvania, where Peter and Eleanor were extremely active in their community.



TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC.

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic forced the closing of Our Logo Merchandise Store and due to its lingering affects the Store will remain closed until further notice. However, our Ecom Store is still readily available to accommodate your Internet shopping. Internet purchases will be readily shipped to your home in a timely fashion. The opportunity to help those New

Jersey 1st Responders, Medical Services Personnel, and the National Guard was certainly a boost to the morale of our Logo Merchandise operation in these trying times. Thank you all for your support!

The 100th Year Anniversary of the New Jersey State Police is only a few months away. While we are not quite sure when our Division Headquarters Store will reopen, we will be featuring a line of “100 Years” Logo Merchandise in time for the upcoming holiday season. As the new merchandise arrives, it will be featured on our FTA Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages, as well as our FTA Web Site Announcement Boxes. These items are expected to go fast, so keep checking our social media sites so you don’t miss out on that special gift or keepsake.

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

FTA SOCIAL EVENTS



TROOP “C” OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER

The annual Troop “C” Old-Timers Get-Together previously scheduled to take place at the American Legion Post #129, 2025 Church Road, Toms River, N.J., on August 19, 2020, was cancelled due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

SAVE THE DATES

THE 2019 STATE POLICE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



The annual State Police Holiday Party & Open House is still scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at State Police Museum and Learning Center - Division Headquarters. As in the past, this event draws showing of Enlisted, Retired, and Civilian Employees (past and present) and their families, who brave whatever weather the day brings to help usher in the arrival of the Christmas Season to Division Headquarters. In true State Police form, jolly old Saint Nicholas, accompanied by his lovely wife Mrs. Clause, is expected to arrive courtesy of some form of “NJSP Transportation.” Rest assured, inside the Log Cabin children of all ages will eagerly wait to sit on Santa’s lap, each hoping that he will grant their wish with a special present come Christmas morning. If you haven’t attended this great event, do yourself a favor and bring the family to Division Headquarters, and start off the Christmas Season come December 12th. The kids and the grandkids will certainly let you know just how great the event really is, so much so, even the Grinch has a good time! If the lingering COVID-19 pandemic forces the cancellation of the party, we will let everyone know via our social media platforms.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC. INFO.

VISITATION PROGRAM

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers in cooperation with the New Jersey State Police developed the Visitation Program in 2009. The program 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.

NJCU ATHLETICS TO INTRODUCE ROBERT J. DELANEY SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD



On January 22, 2020, Ohio State President Michael Drake (left) and NJCU President Dr. Sue Henderson presented Bob Delaney with the NCAA Theodore Roosevelt Award

April 29, 2020

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JERSEY CITY, N.J. (NJCUGothicKnights.com) | The New Jersey City University athletics department will introduce a new major special annual award beginning this spring with the creation of the **Robert J. Delaney Service Above Self Award**. The inaugural award will be announced on June 1, 2020.

The accolade will be one of the most prestigious awards NJCU bestows annually and will be named in honor of

NJCU Hall of Famer **Bob Delaney '85**, the 2020 recipient of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's highest honor—The Theodore Roosevelt Award.

The first recipient will be awarded virtually this year during the COVID-19 pandemic. Beginning in 2021, the award will be presented annually at The Gothics—NJCU's annual athletics awards banquet on campus.

"I have had the honor to receive awards throughout my life and the recognition is humbling for sure," said **Delaney**. "However, having an award in my name at my alma mater takes the word 'humbling' to another level. When I was presented the 2020 NCAA President Theodore Roosevelt award this past January, I was representing every New Jersey City University student-athlete who has, or will, play for NJCU. This institution and the people that make NJCU a special place have shaped who I am. The Service Above Self Award criteria represents the greatest gift New Jersey City University provided me—an understanding of how to win humbly, lose graciously and to turn disappointment into motivation. It is all about the team in sports and in life!"

Shawn Tucker, Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics, added: "Bob Delaney is the ultimate NJCU success story and the creation of this special award in his name will further solidify his legacy in the history of our university. Bob's entire life embodies the mantra of service above self and his example will be the gold standard for others to emulate in their lives. What he has done as a state trooper, NBA official and NBA Cares Ambassador and servant to our military is inspiring. He has forever impacted lives across the country and around the world while proudly representing NJCU everywhere he has gone. The Robert J. Delaney Service Above Self Award will be a perpetual honor that will celebrate his contributions to society while recognizing individuals throughout the NJCU athletics community for their own selfless acts."

The **Robert J. Delaney Service Above Self Award** will be presented annually to an individual or individuals who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in the community, campus, classroom, and sport and whose personal and professional pursuits have served the greater good and best personify the attributes for which **Bob Delaney** is known.

Delaney, a 2006 NJCU Hall of Fame inductee in the sport of men's basketball and baseball, is the epitome of service above self. **Delaney** was honored on January 22 in Anaheim, California with the NCAA's most prestigious lifetime award during the NCAA Honors Celebration during the 2020 NCAA Convention. His remarkable life story as a New Jersey state trooper turned legendary National Basketball Association (NBA) referee transcends sports.

The "Teddy" is the highest honor the NCAA may confer on an individual and **Delaney** was the first-ever recipient from a college or university in the state of New Jersey, the 10th from an NCAA Division III institution and only the second from a Division III public school. The award had previously been presented upon four United States presidents—Dwight Eisenhower, Gerald Ford, George H.W. Bush and Ronald Reagan. Other notable winners of the award include politicians, presidential cabinet members, Olympians, astronauts, sports commissioners and professional head coaches. The award is given annually to an individual who exemplifies the ideals of college sports. First presented in 1967, past recipients include some of the most well-known Americans of the last 100 years.

*This has been a partial reprint of an article with credits, documenting the introduction of the **Robert J. Delaney Service Above Self Award** named in honor of NJCU Hall of Famer **Bob Delaney '85**, the 2020 recipient of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's highest honor—The Theodore Roosevelt Award, or as we like to call him **Sergeant Robert J. Delaney, #2853 (Ret)**. To read the full text of the article please visit: https://njcugothicknights.com/news/2020/4/29/202004-29_njcu-athletics-to-introduce-robert-j-delaney-service-above-self-award.aspx*

Congratulations RJ on the very well-deserved accolade, Robert J. Delaney Service Above Self Award, and your receipt of the NCAA's highest honor – The Theodore Roosevelt Award!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR TWO NONAGENARIANS!

As you all well know, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic caused many to become virtual shut-ins, especially our highly respected senior members. But just because the pandemic curtailed our usual celebratory gatherings, it did not stop members from showing their respect and good wishes to two noteworthy “Nonagenarians!”

Lt. Anthony J. Vuolo, #1422 (*Ret*) celebrated his 92nd Birthday on April 19, 2020, where his family, friends, retired Jersey Troopers, and local officials organized a drive-by celebration at his home in Midland Park. Major Joseph A. Cannatella, #2852 (*Ret*) and his wife Donna participated in the event and were even able to bring Cheetah along to wish Tony and his wife Ann, who celebrated her 91st Birthday two-weeks prior a very happy birthday!



Tony Vuolo & Family watch the drive-by guests!



There's Cheetah!

Captain Edward H. Marinelli, #1334 (*Ret*) “From Hammonton,” celebrated his 90th Birthday on August 2, 2020, where his family, friends, retired Jersey Troopers, and local officials organized a drive-by celebration at his home!



Ed, his wife Antoinette, and family greet the drive-by guests!



“I think there’s a few candles missing!”

For more pics, visit: <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/Marinelli2020.pdf>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GENTLEMEN, AND MANY MORE TO COME!

A WAVE OF POST TRAUMATIC STRESS MAY AWAIT HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS ON THE COVID FRONT LINES | OPINION COLUMN

By Bob Delaney

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Heroes are humans, too, and here are some ways for them to deal with the stress, writes an author who knows what it's like.



Bob Delaney arrives in 2009 at Camp Marez, Mosul, Iraq, and is greeted by General Bob Brown (who recently retired as Pacific commander of the Army). General Brown (left) and Major Patrick Husted (Right) greeted Delaney on what was his first trip to Iraq.

The garden gave the doctors and nurses an inner peace that rejuvenated them. It was a crucial part of the healing process.

Not all wounds bleed and, at times, invisible wounds cut as deep as the wounds we see. That is certainly the case with a new kind of “warrior” on the front lines of a brutal fight against COVID-19. The health care workers — doctors, nurses, EMTs, paramedics, police and more — are heroes, dealing with a constant drumbeat of death while we are asked to sit on a couch, or social distance during a driveway happy hour.

It reminds me of soldiers’ handmade signs I saw in Iraq and Afghanistan, “We are at war while America is at the mall.” The battle against COVID-19, like all past wars, carries the potential for the same kind of post-traumatic experiences faced by our combat troops. My good friend, and a true American hero, former Army Ranger Nate Self, shared the 2002 Afghanistan battle of Roberts Ridge in his book titled *Two Wars, The One Abroad And The One Within*. All wars are different, and all wars are the same, he explained. The COVID-19 battle against an invisible enemy will undoubtedly cause trauma for those on the front lines.

Being aware of the potential war within is vital for self-care. For those who have been waging this new war with the coronavirus, “trauma is inescapable,” according to Dr. Richard Mollica, director of Harvard Global Mental Health and one of the world’s leading psychological trauma experts.

This has been a partial reprint of an opinion article with credits of Sergeant Robert J. Delaney, #2853 (Ret). To read the full text of the article please visit: <https://www.tampabay.com/opinion/2020/08/07/a-wave-of-post-traumatic-stress-may-await-health-care-workers-and-first-responders-on-the-covid-front-lines-column/>

BESSIE'S CORNER

Well, 2020 has certainly been a challenge and I'm hoping all are coping. 2021 Will be here before we know it and hoping it brings health, hope and happiness for all.

I don't have much new "news" to report but will touch on some items of interest. One item I would like to touch on is for surviving spouses of retirees.



Surviving Spouses of Retirees Tax Implications:

After the death of a retiree, the surviving spouse should be sure to change their exemption status from 2 to 1. Failure to do so, could result in additional tax due at the end of the year. The easiest way to do this is through MBOS. If the retiree does not have an MBOS account set up, you would need to submit a corrected W4 directly to Pension and Benefits. The W4 form can be downloaded here: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4.pdf>

Pensions and Benefits Retiree Health Benefits Info Website:

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

Pension Info for Retirees:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/factsheets/fact68.pdf>

Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan Info:

I have also received a few phone calls regarding the Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan for those turning 65. Here is the link for more information: <https://www.aetnamedicare.com/sonj/en/index.html>

Here is the link to see the Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan Design Chart for 2020:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/hb/oe2020/hr0995.pdf>

Additional Medicare Premium Payments Information:

Medicare premium payments are due quarterly to Social Security and are reimbursed MONTHLY in your pension check. If you are subject to additional Medicare premium payments due to a second job or above the limits in annual salary, you are entitled to reimbursement of those additional premium payments from Pensions and Benefits.

Due dates for the previous year are usually included in a pension statement at the beginning of the following year and also published on Pension and Benefits website at: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions>

Change in Life Event/Change of Coverage:

Any time there is a life changing event (marriage (new spouse/dependents), divorce, death of spouse, adoption, or change in medical or dental coverage), a change form must be completed and submitted to Pension and Benefits. I can't express enough how important it is to ensure your beneficiary information for life insurance and pension are current and up to date. This is the link for the form to complete to add or change a dependent.

NON MEDICARE: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/hb/oe2020/hr0943.pdf>

MEDICARE: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/hb/oe2020/hr0944.pdf>

Decline vs. Waiver of Health Benefit:

I recommend checking the "WAIVER" box and NOT "Decline." Why you may ask? In the event something changes, (cheaper insurance no longer available or no dental insurance selected), by checking the WAIVER box,

this will allow you to re-enroll if the situation arises. Once you check the “Decline” box, you will no longer have the option of re-enrolling at a later time.

A LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT is available to eligible retirees through the State of NJ. This life insurance benefit is provided through Prudential and the benefit is equal to 50% of the last year of salary. This benefit is payable to your listed beneficiary. Not sure who you listed as that beneficiary so long ago? You can access that information through your MBOS account, and if it needs to be changed, you can do it right online. If you do not have an MBOS account. You can download a form here:

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

If you do not have computer access, you will need to contact Pensions and Benefits at 609-292-7524 and have them send you a form to change.

Information regarding death benefits can be found here:

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

Information regarding Designation of Beneficiary:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/factsheets/fact68.pdf>

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

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

Feel free to reach out to me via email or telephone at any time. My email is bjones@ftanjsp.org or telephone me at **609-649-3221**. If you know of a member who doesn't have computer access, please have them reach out to me.

Bessie

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FTA 2020 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

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-three scholarships to graduating high school seniors, requisite to the Association's 2020 Scholarship Program. Applicants were rated on community service, athletics, National Honor Society membership, SAT/ACT score, class ranking, GPA, AP and Honors courses, and staff recommendations. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the application process was extended, resulting in the following awards to twenty-three worthy applicants.

The **7th 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, notably our surviving spouses in their hour of need. Debra passed away in 2012. The **\$1,000 Debra Chesko Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **Jessica A. Gronikowski, Granddaughter of William J. Gronikowski, #2243**. Jessica was a member of the National Honor Society and the World Language Honor Society (Italian). She was the Captain of the CyberPatriots Team, a national program sponsored by the Air Force Association promoting cybersecurity and science. Jessica led her team to the regional semi-finals for the first time in Notre Dame High School history. She completed Advanced Placement courses in Art, English, Math, and the Science. She is an accomplished violinist who played in the Notre Dame High School Orchestra. Attaining a GPA of 99.22, Jessica earned the status of being in the top of her class. She will continue her education at The College of New Jersey, majoring in English and Computer Science.

This year the Association Board decided to award two additional \$1,000 Memorial Scholarships. The first was made in honor of our fallen comrades in the name of Trooper William L. Carroll, Jr., #3296, who died in the line of duty on the New Jersey Turnpike in 1984. This scholarship was made possible by a generous donation to the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation by his widow, Michelle Carroll, who is President of the NJSP Survivors of the Triangle C.O.P.S. Chapter, and a Trustee Director of our Heritage Foundation. The **\$1,000 Trooper William L. Carroll, Jr., Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to, **Joseph P. MacArthur, Grandson of Russell R. MacArthur, #1508 (Ret)**. Joseph was a member of the National Honor Society and a delegate to the N.J. Boys State sponsored by the American Legion. He was a Varsity Soccer player and member of the Track and Field Team at Florence High School. He completed Advanced Placement courses in History, English, Biology, and Microeconomics. Joseph will be attending Kent State University in Ohio, majoring in Aeronautical Engineering.

The third Memorial Scholarship was awarded in the memory of Richard Salvatore Soranno, the recently deceased nephew of FTA President, Nicholas C. Soranno and Corporate Counsel of our Association and our Heritage Foundation, Carl Soranno, ESQ. The families of Nick and Carl Soranno made a generous donation to the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation in honor of their nephew who passed away in 2020. Richard was a senior at the Las Vegas Academy of the Arts and was an accomplished jazz pianist. In his honor, the **\$1,000 Richard Salvatore Soranno Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **Hayden D. Elefante, Grandson of William G. Madden, #2752**. Hayden will be attending Ball State University in Kentucky, majoring in musical theater. He has performed in many school productions and won several awards in addition to having an outstanding scholastic record at Zionsville Community High School, Indiana.

The FTA also recognizes eight other students with outstanding high school accomplishments who were awarded \$500 Scholarships. They included: **Jamie C. Caine, Daughter of William Hutnick, #2868; Isabelle R. Dallaire, Granddaughter of John F. McGourty, #2877; Emma J. Finnegan, Granddaughter of Wayne D. Shelton, #3061; Olivia A. Halton, Granddaughter of Carl Kalwaitis, #1035 (Deceased); Brayden R. Pape, Grandson of M. Robert Warner, #1799; Joseph T. Phillips, V, Grandson of Joseph T. Phillips, #2083; Matthew B. Walsh, Step Grandson of Walter J. Zarsky, #1696; and Kylie N. Ferraris, Granddaughter of Albert Safko, #1793 (Deceased).**

Twelve additional students were also awarded \$500 Scholarships. They were: **Sean G. Allen, Son of Gregory D. Allen, #5117; Casey J. Ballou, Grandson of James F. Murray, #3919; Aislyn E. Ciecwicz, daughter of Robert S. Ciecwicz, #4773; Emilee C. Creedon, Granddaughter of Philip Korejko, #2385; Matthew K. DeSarno, Grandson of Kenneth Wondrack, #2363; Lauren C. Durling, Granddaughter of John P. Laird, #1998; James J. Eddy, Son of Kevin T. Eddy, #4289; Jessica Jo Fearon, Daughter of William G. Fearon, #5147 (Deceased); Quinn C. McDonnell, Son of Michael E. McDonnell, #4466; Jayton C. Otlowski, Grandson of John D. Peluso, #1724; Isabella G. Storino, Granddaughter of Fred L. Tavener, #2314; and Michael D. Work, Grandson of Timothy M. O’Riordan, #3046.**

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers has successfully administered a Scholarship Program for the past eleven-years without a single problem. This year, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Scholarship Committee accepted the requisite applications submitted and offered their final analysis to the Board for consideration. Upon their final approval an announcement was published, and checks were prepared and mailed out on June 10, 2020, as was usual. Well, two-months later, not a single check had reached its intended recipient. An investigation was initiated by the United States Postal Service and after two-weeks no one could find the twenty-three missing checks. As time was of the essence, stop notices were placed on the checks and new checks were drafted and mailed via “certified mail.” Our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this debacle may have caused.

Congratulations to each of the awardees and all 2020 Graduates

Applications for the FTA 2021 Scholarship Program will be posted on the FTA Web Site in January 2021!

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, 812 Briarcliff Avenue Point Pleasant, New Jersey 08742. Applications for the 2021 drawing are do prior to April 30, 2021. Applications for scholarship and "interest-free" loans can be found on the FTA website.

2019/2020 Scholarship Awardees were; Aidan T. Burns (Lt. Patrick Burns #5566, Hayden David Elefante (William G. Madden #2752), Victoria Grace Noto (Bernard Dougherty #2288), Jackson Brandt (Lt. Gary Brandt #5819) and John D. Slover III (William Logan #1447).

COMICS & CONSIDERATIONS

If the citizens of the United States are to turn away from the Communist Manifesto and preserve the purpose of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and our Bill of Rights, we must first thoroughly reexamine and learn about each of them, and uphold America's founding documents by testing every political action in light of them.

~ Chuck Norris

The United States is a constitutional republic, and the Founding Fathers fought to ensure that the mob couldn't undermine it.

~ Kayleigh McEnany

In so many areas, it is critical to our Nation's future that we restore and preserve in their full vigor our Founding principles. Not the least of these is the Framers' vision of a strong, independent Executive, chosen by the country as a whole.

~ William Barr

Equality, rightly understood as our founding fathers understood it, leads to liberty and to the emancipation of creative differences; wrongly understood, as it has been so tragically in our time, it leads first to conformity and then to despotism.

~ Barry Goldwater

The problems we face now - poverty and violence at home, war and destruction abroad - will last only as long as we continue relying on the same politicians who created them in the first place.

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LETTERS TO THE FTA

Assoc. of Former NJ Former Troopers,

I sincerely thank you for the kind thoughts and memorial plaque, and pictures you sent me on the passing of my husband Tommy Emma (#3242). It meant more than you will even know. Although I wasn't married to him until he had already retired, all the best qualities that made him a great Trooper carried over and made him the best husband.

*All NJ Troopers are in my prayers – stay safe,
Lisa Emma*

Dear Nicholas Soranno & the Association.

Thank you for your condolences for the loss of my husband. He loved his Troopers and always tried to participate in meetings and functions of the FTA.

The remembrance plaque is truly a wonderful gift to have. Our family will treasure it. The pictures were great to have also. Thank you so much.

*Sincerely,
Gretchen Kowalski*

Dear NJSP Former Troopers Association,

My name is Hayden Elefante and I was chosen for the Richard Salvatore Soranno Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000. First of all, I want to sincerely thank the entire association for selecting me for this wonderful opportunity. I am extremely humbled to be recognized for my academic and artistic accomplishments and assure that my successes will not stop here. I also want to thank my grandfather, William G. Madden #2752, for both his service with this nation's military and the sacrifices he has bravely made to provide for all his children and grandchildren.

With this assistance, I will be attending Ball State University next fall to study Musical Theatre hopefully earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in the process. I am very excited to continue learning more about my craft and am anxious to obtain fantastic teachings from some of the best artists in the industry. My dream is to make it on the Broadway stage in New York City, but I promise to always keep my feet on the ground while I still hold out for the stars.

I am in love with the performing arts and I cannot express enough how lucky I am to be receiving such tremendous opportunities like this amazing award. FTA, thank you for showcasing the brave men and women that don't take their responsibilities lightly and continue to serve and protect this country and the people who live in it. Thank you to my family and friends for constantly supporting my aspirations out of the love in their hearts. I am honored to be chosen for this scholarship and I wholeheartedly hope Richard rests safely in peace.

*All the best,
Hayden Elefante*

Former Troopers Assoc.,

I would like to personally thank you for selecting me as a scholarship winner for the year 2020. I am proudly the granddaughter of retired Lt. Wayne Shelton #3061. I am honored for the chance to represent this organization in my next 4 years while attending Rutgers.

*From,
Emma Finnegan*

Dear Nick Soranno and the Former Troopers Association,

Thank you very much for the gracious award of the Former Troopers Association Scholarship. As I continue my education at the University of Pittsburgh, this gift will help me immensely. I am especially grateful to receive the opportunity to continue my grandfather's legacy in public service as I advance on the pre-medical track at the University of Pittsburgh.

*Sincerely,
Ashley Martin,
Granddaughter of William A. Martin 1787*

Dear Nick & Association,

Thank you so much for the beautiful memorial plaque.

I appreciate your sympathy & condolences. He loved his life as a Trooper, as I'm sure you know.

*Again, Thank you so much,
Priscilla Buccino & Family*

Dear Former Troopers Association,

I wanted to thank you for awarding me the 2020 FTA \$500 Scholarship Award. I was ecstatic to hear about my selection. I am planning on majoring in Economics at West Virginia University and will use the money to help pay for my textbooks during my Freshman year.

*Sincerely,
Iabelle Dallaire,
Granddaughter of John McGourty, #2877*

Dear Members of the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers,

I am writing to thank you for your incredibly generous \$1000 Debra Chesko Memorial Scholarship. I am honored and grateful to receive a scholarship in the name of a gracious woman who helped the FTA and their members in their times of need.

At TCNJ, I will be completing my Bachelors' degree in English, with hopes of pursuing my Masters in the five year program. I plan on minoring in a technology focused program so I can further expand my range of skills. Once I graduate in 2025 with my Masters, I plan on pursuing a career in publication and in writing. Your scholarship will help me pay for my tuition and books and give me more opportunities to focus on learning new things.

I know my grandfather, Captain William J. Gronikowski, my grandmother, and my parents are incredibly proud of my achievements and all that I plan to pursue.

Once again, I thank you for your generous award. Have confidence that I will do my best at TCNJ in order to honor the scholarship that I have received.

*Sincerely,
Jessica Gronikowski*

To the members of the FTA,

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship! I am so thankful that I have been selected to be a recipient of this award and I plan to use this money to help further my education to become a nurse. Hopefully one day I can help others in their time of need and help make the world a better place! The State Police has always been so generous to me and my family and I hope that I can someday return the generosity. Thank you so much again!

*Sincerely,
Jessica Fearon*

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LAST PATROL

LIEUTENANT DONALD E. REID, #3569



REID, DONALD E., #3569 passed away on 13 April 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 3 April 1981 as a member of the 97th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant. He proudly served in the United States Air Force. He is survived by his wife Ivette.

SERGEANT MARK J. McGRANAHAN, #2494



McGRANAHAN, MARK J., #2494 passed away on 25 April 2020. 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 Navy for four years. He is survived by his wife of 50-years, Carol, three sons Mark, Sean and Brian, a daughter Erin, and four grandchildren and a sister Norcia.

LIEUTENANT HAROLD O. VANFLEET, #1621



VANFLEET, HAROLD O., #1621 passed away on 2 May 2020. 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 September 1985. He proudly served in the United States Army, serving in Korea. After his tour of duty in Korea he returned to the United States and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant First Class. He is survived by his wife Margery and a nephew Michael Mason Case.

DSFC JOHN R. HENDRICKSON, #2337



HENDRICKSON, JOHN R., #2337 passed away on 1 May 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 18 October 1968 as a member of the 76th Class and retired at the rank of Detective Sergeant First Class on 1 November 1988. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1960 to 1964. He is survived by his lifelong companion, Holly Reinson, his son Kurt, daughter Kristen, stepdaughter Katie, stepson Andrew, and seven grandchildren.

SFC CHARLES BERGMAN, #1389



BERGMAN, CHARLES, #1389 passed away on 1 May 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 May 1955 as a member of the 48th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 December 1980. He is predeceased by his wife of 63-years Nora. He is survived by two daughters, Donna and Kathy, two sons Steve and Charles, eight grandchildren, four great grandchildren, a brother James and a sister Bonnie.

LIEUTENANT KURT G. MACKEPRANG, #1685



MACKEPRANG, KURT G., #1685 passed away on 6 May 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 6 February 1961 as a member of the 57th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 March 1986. He proudly served in the United States Army, 101st Airborne. He is predeceased by his parents Kurt Sr. and Catherine Mackeprang, a sister Helen and a grandson Stephen. He is survived by his wife of 56-years Elizabeth, three sons Kurt III, Phillip, Steven, a sister Christine, eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

TROOPER EDWARD B. LUKEMAN, #3905



LUKEMAN, EDWARD B., #3905 passed away on 6 January 2020. He entered the New Jersey State police as a member of the Highway Patrol Class on 1 January 1984 and retired at the rank of Trooper on 1 June 1984. He proudly served in the United States Navy. He is survived by his wife Deb Powers, his three sons Edward Jr., Jeffrey and Sean, a daughter Heather, two grandsons and three granddaughters.

CAPTAIN RICHARD J. REGAN, #1513



REGAN, RICHARD J., #1513 passed away on 10 April 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 3 August 1956 as a member of the 51st State Police Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 August 1985. He proudly served four enlistments in the United States Navy. He was predeceased by his wife Barbara in 2006. He is survived by his two daughters Kimberly and Kristin, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

LIEUTENANT JASON INNELLA, #5605



INNELLA, JASON, #5605 passed away on 27 April

2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 3 October 1997 as a member of the 117th Class. He is survived by his wife Amy and their two sons, Anthony and Michael.

TROOPER I PAUL E. ZURAWSKI, #4939



ZURAWSKI, PAUL E., #4939 passed away on 2 May 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 28 July 1988 as a member of the 111th Class and retired at the rank of Trooper I in 2013. He was a first responder to the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center. He is survived by his wife Colleen, son Zach, and his mother Marcia.

DSG RONALD J. KELLER, #2700



KELLER, RONALD J., #2700 passed away on 18 May 2020. 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 on 1 April 1996. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He was predeceased by his parents William and Elizabeth Keller, his brother William and his sister Cherie Bernd. He is survived by his wife of 50-years Patricia and sons Ronald and Jeffrey, sister Elizabeth Demarco and grandchildren Olivia and Thomas Keller.

TROOPER ANTONIO J. D'AMICO, #2739



D'AMICO, ANTONIO J., #2739 passed away on 18 May 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 26 June 1971 as a member of the 85th Class and resigned at the rank of Trooper on 7 July 1978. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He is survived by his parents, Antonio and Regina D'Amico and his brothers, Michael and Joseph.

SSGT THOMAS R. EMMA, #3242



EMMA, THOMAS R., #3242 passed away on 17 May 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 21 April 1978 as a member of the 93B Class and retired at the rank of Staff Sergeant in 2003. He was predeceased by his siblings, Cynthia Hobler and Howard Emma. He is survived by his wife Lisa, three sons Ron, Brian and Michael, a sister Patricia Wesson and eleven grandchildren.

**SERGEANT THOMAS
E. PETTIT, #2502**



PETTIT, THOMAS E., #2502 passed away on 17 May 2020. 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 July 1995. He is survived by his wife Betsy, siblings Barbara, Denise, and Trooper I Daniel J. Pettit, #4331 (Ret), and his children Thomas Jr., Sherri, Shawn, and Anthony, and two grandchildren.

**SFC ROBERT J.
KOWALSKI, SR.,
#1645**



KOWALSKI, ROBERT J., Sr., #1645 passed away on 25 May 2020. 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 August 1985. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps at the rank of Sergeant. He is survived by his wife of 34-years Gretchen, a sister Donna, his children Robert, Susan, and Jennifer, stepchildren Kevin, Debra, Victoria, and Rebecca, and 19 grandchildren.

**LIEUTENANT
GEORGE T. SEITZ,
JR., #1987**



SEITZ, GEORGE T. Jr., #1987 passed away on 22 May 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 18 January 1965 as a member of the 66th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 July 1990. He proudly served in the United States Air Force. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, sons Timothy and Jonathan, four grandchildren, a sister Marcia and two brothers, Gary and DSFC Gregory S. Seitz, #2461 (Ret).

**CAPTAIN VINCENT
M. PETERSON, #1379**



PETERSON, VINCENT M., #1379 passed away on 4 June 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 December 1954, as a member of the 47th Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 September 1982. He proudly served in the US Navy. He is survived by his son, Vincent M. Peterson, Jr., and daughter Peg Peterson.

**SFC CHARLES S.
EWELL SR., #1741**



EWELL, CHARLES S., Sr., #1741 passed away on June 27, 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 5 February 1962 as a member of the 58th Class and retired at the rank of

Sergeant First Class on 1 July 1989. He is survived by his wife of 60-years Marjorie, four children Charles, William, Holly and Noelle, a sister Veronica, and seven grandchildren.

DSFC CHARLES A. SALTER, #1616



SALTER, CHARLES A., #1616 passed away on June 28, 2020. 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 Detective Sergeant First Class on 1 May 1986. He proudly served in the United States Air Force. He is survived by his wife of 37-years Shirley, four children Debi, Dona, Tom and Kelly, and four grandchildren.

LIEUTENANT ROBERT T. BUCCINO, SR., #1776



BUCCINO, ROBERT T., Sr., #1776 passed away on July 6, 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 29 October 1962 as a member of the 60th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 September 1984. He is predeceased by his daughter Toni-Anne. He is survived by his wife of 60-years, Priscilla, three children Robert, Christopher and Traci, a sister Patricia, and grandchildren.

CAPTAIN ROBERT W. KENT, #1825



KENT, ROBERT W., #1825 passed away on 11 July 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 30 September 1963 as a member of the 62nd Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 November 1989. He is survived by his wife

of 39-years Victoria and daughters Suzanne Scarpelli and Daria Harvey, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

TROOPER ROSCOE HANSEN, #1328



HANSEN, ROSCOE, #1328 passed away on July 26, 2020 at the age of 90. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 August 1954 as a member of the 46th class and left State Police Service on 18 April 1960 at the rank of Trooper. He also proudly served in the US Marine Corp. He is survived by his sons Michael and Steven, a daughter Susan McNierney, and three grandchildren.

CAPTAIN ALFRED G. PIPERATA, #1490



PIPERATA, ALFRED G., #1490 passed away on July 27, 2020 at the age of 94. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 16 December 1955, as a member of the 50th Class. He retired on 1 November 1979 at the rank of Captain. He also proudly served in the US Navy. He is survived by his wife Barbara Piperata of West Trenton, NJ, a daughter, Karen and two grandchildren.

TROOPER I RONALD RASLOWSKY, #3441



He is survived by his wife Barbara and his sons Lt. Paul B. Kelly, #3315 (Ret) and Lt. Mark W. Kelly, #5342 (Ret), along with five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Anna Merlock, loving mother of Lt. Andrew Merlock, #3725 (Ret); grandmother of DSG Andrew Merlock, Jr., #6366; Trooper Stephen Merlock, #8334' DSG Charles Bogdan, #6545; and Trooper II Joseph Malecki, #7321 passed away on May 2, 2020.

Veronica F. Conrad, beloved wife of DSG Robert F. Conrad, #1394 (Ret) passed away on April 17, 2020.

Marian G. Blackburn, devoted widow of Lt. Edward R. Blackburn, #1144 passed away on June 20, 2020.

Fran Mara, devoted widow of Captain Frank Mara, #1296 passed away on May 28, 2020.

Ester E. McGrath, loving mother of Lt. Harry V. McGrath, #1979 (Ret) passed away on July 11, 2020.

Lynn Stussy, beloved wife of Lt. Robert M. Stussy, #2590 (Ret) passed away on July 11, 2020.

Barbara J. Kernagis, beloved wife of LTC Albert J. Kernagis, #2748 (Ret) passed away on July 21, 2020.

Mark Cunard, Jr., respectful son of Captain Mark A. Cunard, #4781 (Ret) passed away on August 11, 2020.

TROOPER RICHARD E. COPEMAN, #1604



RASLOWSKY, RONALD, #3441 passed away on 4 September 2020. He enlisted in the State Police on 29 June 1979, as a member of the 95th Class and retired on 11 February 1981. He is survived by his daughter Sheena Harper, son-in-law Tpr. I Brian Harper, #6640, and two grandchildren.

LIEUTENANT BERNARD KELLY, #1446



COPEMAN, RICHARD E., #1604 passed away on August 20, 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 June 1959, as a member of the 55th Class and retired at the rank of Trooper on 10 May 1968. He proudly served in the United States Army. He is survived by his wife of 56-years Margaret, son Michael and daughters Patricia and Pamela, and five grandchildren.

KELLY, BERNARD, #1446 passed away on 5 September 2020. He enlisted in the State Police on 19 August 1955 as a member of the 49th Class and retired on 1 June 1984.

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