

2021 FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR!



It is with great pride and pleasure that the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, Inc., announce **Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 (Ret)** as the recipient of the Association's 2021 Former Trooper of the Year Award!

A proud member of the 98th Class, George's enlistment began on February 11, 1982. Following postings in Troop 'A,' George was well known and respected as a Detective in the Intelligence Bureau, where after serving in various capacities and assignments he was promoted and assigned as the Unit Leader of the Intelligence South, Organized Crime South, and the Witness Relocation Units, where he served until his retirement from State Police service on March 1, 2007.

In retirement, George researched, authored, and self-published, *Jersey*

Troopers II, The Next 35 Years (1971-2006) IUniverse 2009. A highly acclaimed historical review, his book chronicles the continuing legacy of our Outfit of Jersey Troopers. Upon completing his book, George volunteered to take on the responsibilities as Editor of our FTA newsletter. A consummate writer, George named our periodic newsletter *True Blue & Gold* and took it to a new level, where for the next 11 years, and into the future, it has been a much sought-after publication.

In April 2011, George furthered his FTA involvement by volunteering to serve on the Board of Directors. During his tenure, George has volunteered to serve on virtually every committee and undertaking. His skills were heavily relied upon by the FTA to outline Mission Statements, Policies & Procedures, By-Laws, Permits, Trademarks, and correspondence that were all instrumental to bring the FTA into the 21st Century.

In the midst of COVID 19 and preparing to be the next FTA President, George took on the responsibility to oversee the Memorial Garden Renovation and Columbarium Construction Project, a successful undertaking that is nothing short of miraculous. The former Memorial Garden, which had been the final resting place for Jersey Troopers and their spouses, was suffering severe disrepair. George single-handedly designed, planned, directed logistics, overseen, and has worked on the daily construction, to make the New Jersey State Police Memorial Courtyard and Columbarium venue a breathtaking mark for ages to come.

George has earned this award through his selfless service to the NJSP, to the Former Troopers Association, our Heritage Foundation, True Blue and Gold, and to all who have ever met him. A consummate professional and friend to all, he is a true "Gentlemen in the saddle!"

Please forward all future Letters of Nomination for this prestigious award to the FTA office for consideration by the Former Trooper of the Year Awards Committee. A copy of the award criteria can be found on our FTA web site and at:

<https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/FTOYcriteria.pdf>.

My Sincerest Regards,

Capt. Nicholas Soranno, #3065 (Ret)

President – Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers