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# From the Staff ...

Lieutenant Colonel Sandra K. Karsten



## More Than Just A Number

*Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts.\**  
–William Bruce Cameron, sociologist

When was the last time you felt like ‘just a number?’ My family recently attended a sporting event in which our seats were numbered. Upon finding our seats, we began conversing with others around us. As the conversation continued, I learned I was sitting next to the mother of a trooper who was sitting two seats away. We joked about the odds of this happening, and how no matter where you go, you can find some sort of connection in the “numbers” surrounding you.

As a society, we attach a number to nearly everything – from birth dates to cholesterol levels to Facebook likes and YouTube views. As an organization, the Patrol does the same thing with badge numbers, position numbers, enforcement totals, and tests administered, etc. With all these numbers, it can be easy to lose sight of what these numbers represent – special people and connections.

The last issue’s Superintendent’s Message about previous recruit classes reminded me what a recruit class number represents. While the 100th Recruit Class is a milestone for the Patrol, the number assigned to a class also represents special people and lifelong connections. Like their predecessors, the current class has been running the General Headquarters hill. For those who have “run the hill,” we know it represents so much more than the completion of a run. It represents a long history of tireless commitment, seemingly unending challenges, and the foundation for long standing, meaningful relationships.

The quote attributed to William Bruce Cameron should inspire you to think beyond what we count to what counts. I would encourage each person, active or retired, to do the same. Reflect upon the connections formed through your association with the Patrol. It is through these connections that the Patrol’s reputation and core values were established and will continue. Our connections assures me that we are all more than just a number.

*Sandra K. Karsten*

\*Reference: Cameron, William Bruce. (1963). *Information Sociology: A Casual Introduction To Sociological Thinking*. Random House.

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## National Guard Commissions Diffie

On Saturday, September 6, 2014, the Missouri National Guard commissioned its 52nd Officers Candidate School. Corporal Jamey R. Diffie, Troop C, was a member of the class. The National Guard commissioned Cpl. Diffie as a second lieutenant, and presented him with a significant award of distinction for superior performance during OCS. He accepted the “Tiger Award” for scoring the highest on the military tactics examinations and earning high points on the peer leadership evaluation. During the ceremony, Cpl. Diffie’s wife, Crystal, had the honor of pinning him. Congratulations, sir!



Cpl. Jamey R. Diffie

*(Reprinted with permission from the Fall 2014 Central Methodist University Talon.)*

## Cover

*On the cover: Recruit Derek L. Walker Jr., a member of the 100th Recruit Class, qualifies in firearms on the outdoor course. (Photo by Recruit Matthew J. Lamoureux.)*



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# How Others See Us

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*Mr. Bob Patterson, executive director of Mercy Emergency Medical Services, shared an email with Troop D regarding rescue efforts at an incident January 6, 2015, in Dallas County. At a location on Lakeview Drive, victims in a boat on a lake were trapped and sinking.*

While we were responding, Dallas County Central Dispatch was trying to get a rescue response to the address without success in the very beginning. The Missouri State Highway Patrol was requested by EMS and they were dispatched. Medic 61 arrived first at the scene with Medic 17 a few minutes behind us. Found on the frozen eight acre lake were two victims trapped in a paddle boat on the ice, in the middle of the lake. They denied any injuries, and had been on the water for more than an hour. Arriving second at the scene was Trooper Rob W. Garrett, Troop D, in a pickup. I recognize him as a marine operations trooper, as I had filled his scuba bottles at the fire station before. He immediately assessed the situation and an operational plan was put into place. He advised for everyone to wait, stay off the lake, and not throw anything to the victims. Throwing something might have caused them to fall into the water; getting access to them for rescue would require a boat. Tpr. Garrett stated again for everyone to wait and he would return in few minutes with a rescue boat.

Multiple fire departments arrived at the scene, all with several types of ropes and multiple ideas of trying to rescue the victims. I advised everyone of the recommendations of the trooper that we should be patient and wait, that there were no injuries, and we might make things worse than the current situation. I had quite a time trying to get people to realize the recommendation was the very best plan. Everyone wanted to react now, not to wait. Some even suggested going out and getting them "right now." I quickly put a halt

on all plans of rescue, stating we would wait until the trained state troopers returned with a rescue boat. I restated that any other option put the victims and rescue personnel in danger, making things worse.

Upon return of Tpr. Garrett, the plan was put into action. Multiple troopers (Trooper Matt R. Young, Trooper Tim V. Mosley, Corporal Russ J. Phillipi, and Sergeant C. Clay Meyer. Troop D) arrived at this time to assist in the rescue. Three troopers and the rescue boat were put into the water. They worked together to navigate the boat across the lake, having to break the ice as they went. It appeared to be very labor intensive for them, but they were making it across the lake. They reached the victims and assisted them into their boat, placed blankets upon them and secured them in life jackets.

They returned to the shore and placed the victims in the hands of EMS without incident. All in all, it was a very good rescue. I was glad the troopers responded and implemented an operation plan for the rescue!

I would like you to forward or email the Missouri State Highway Patrol and advise them of the efforts made today by their troopers. Had it not been for them, the outcome could or would have been very different, adding risks that didn't need to occur. It doesn't happen enough, for responders to receive praise for their efforts, but I believe this is one case that requires recognition. The troopers today, they were heroes.

*EMT Greg Cunningham  
Dallas County EMS  
Mercy EMS*

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Joseph Bryant*

Tpr. Steven J. & Mrs. Shana D.  
Washabaugh  
Troop F

*Mckinley Michelle*

Tpr. David L. & Mrs. Megan J.  
Fouch  
Troop F

*Reed Joseph*

Sgt. J. Joe & Mrs. Rachael M.  
Rongey  
Troop H

*Danielle Nicole*

Tpr. Nicholas W. & Mrs. Jenna D.  
March  
Troop C

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Q/FFD

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Tpr. Philip B. & Mrs. Alisa Grubaugh  
Troop B

*Baden Scout*

Tpr. Ricky L. & Mrs. Gretchen L.  
Vannada Jr.  
Troop E

*Bailye Faith*

Tpr. Daniel J. and Cpl. Amye D.  
Johnson  
Troop G

# 'The Wheels On The Bus Go Round & Round'

By Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, Troop A

In 2014, over 97,000 school bus drivers participated in a survey of illegal bus passing conducted by the National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT). According to the results of the survey, which included drivers in 29 states, a total of 75,966 stop arm violations were counted in one day. Officials from National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services said this sample points to more than 13 million violations in a 180-day school year. The key details of the survey are as follows:

- \* Of the 75,966 stop arm violations counted, 98 percent were on the left side of the bus (the driver's side); the other 2 percent were on the right side.
- \* More vehicles passed the buses from the front (58 percent) than the rear (42 percent).
- \* More violations occurred in the morning (45 percent) than in at mid-day (5 percent), which leaves 50 percent of the violations occurring in the afternoon.

2014, is the fourth year for the national survey, which has led many states to take some initiative in attempting to reduce the number of violations. South Carolina enacted a law allowing the use of stop arm cameras, and Wyoming passed a bill requiring all school buses to have stop arm cameras. In addition to equipping the buses with stop arm cameras, many states are increasing penalties for violations, while others have launched public awareness campaigns and law enforcement safety operations. According to the national data compiled by the Kansas State Department of Education, six children were fatally struck by vehicles passing their school bus in the U.S. during the 2012-2013 school year.

During the 2014 National School Bus Safety Week, October 20-24, 2014,



Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A, entertained students with his rendition of "Wheels on the Bus" during the Trooper on a Train enforcement project.

Sergeant Collin M. Stosberg, Sergeant Bill W. Lowe, and Trooper S. Steve Gates, all Troop A, assisted me with a "Trooper on a Bus" enforcement campaign. Our goal for this campaign was to bring awareness to the community and promote school bus safety.

While Sgt. Stosberg and I were riding in the buses with the students of Platte County R-3 on their morning commute to school, Sgt. Lowe and Tpr. Gates followed the buses to affect a traffic stop for any stop arm violations observed during the route. Fortunately, there were no stop arm violations observed while the students, ranging in ages from 5-17, were getting onto the buses. Sgt. Stosberg, the Troop A public information and education officer, embraced the students on his bus with renditions of "Wheels on the Bus" as they were safely transported to school.

I have worked alongside John Byrne, the Platte County R-3 School Bus Transportation superintendent, in the past to provide the bus drivers an avenue to report the violations verbally, so the registration, make, and description



of the vehicle can be recorded on the audio portion of the buses cameras. This allows the bus driver to keep the safety of the students his highest priority. The audio/video recordings are then reviewed by Mr. Byrne who, in turn, provides a detailed written statement to me in order to issue a ticket for the specific violation. The Platte County Prosecutor's Office continues to be supportive in the prosecution of these violations.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol recognizes the importance of ensuring that our children remain safe as they are transported to and from school. We will continue to promote highway safety utilizing these types of enforcement campaigns to achieve that goal.



# Governor Nixon Recognizes DFIU

By Capt. Sarah L. Eberhard, Q/DDCC

The Digital Forensic Investigative Unit accepted a 2014 Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity in the area of efficiency/process improvement. The presentation took place at the Missouri Capitol on October 30, 2014.

The DFIU investigates crimes facilitated by digital devices and the Internet, and recovers data from digital devices in support of criminal investigations. A special focus of the unit is the investigation of offenses involving the sexual exploitation of children.

The proliferation of digital devices and exploding use of those devices by children and adults has led to an increase in the number and severity in child exploitation complaints and offenses. In the past three years, DFIU has taken significant steps to redirect its focus on an investigation of offenses involving the sexual exploitation of children.

In 2011, the DFIU began to take a more aggressive and holistic approach to reducing Internet-facilitated child sexual exploitation cases. The unit's primary goal became investigating child pornography file sharing networks and the enticement of children on social media. Another major objective of any state program is to work within existing budget constraints. Therefore, it was determined that a collaborative effort with other state agencies, in addition to applying new investigative techniques using existing hardware and software whenever possible, would lead to greater efficiency and cost reduction to the program in general.

Task force officers from the Department of Revenue and the State Technical Assistance Team were brought into the unit based on their specific skills. Surplus state computers were used to download child pornography files to advance investigations, and a case tracking database was developed in-house using existing



(front row, l to r) Commissioner Doug Nelson, Office of Administration, Director Brian Kinkade, Department of Social Services, Mr. Justin Glick, Missouri Department of Revenue, Mr. John Pehle, Department of Social Services, Cpl. Patrick Sublette, Q/DDCC, (back row) Deputy Director John Mollenkamp, Department of Revenue, Colonel Ron Replogle, Q/SO, Sgt. Jeff Owen, Q/DDCC, and Sgt. James E. Pragman, Q/DDCC, pause for a photo after Governor Jay Nixon presented the DFIU a Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity in the area of efficiency/process improvement.

software, saving over \$30,000 in what a commercial product would cost. In addition, the unit used grant money from Internet Crimes Against Children to convert an existing crime scene van, first purchased in 1997, into a mobile forensics laboratory. By using the DFIU to develop leads and initiate investigations, unit members leverage the numerous local law enforcement agencies across the state to complete the investigation, execute search warrants, and affect suspect arrests.

Since initiating this program there have been several direct and measurable outcomes. The DFIU has initiated 49 child pornography investigations and 10 arrests. Other indictments are anticipated or pending. In 2014 alone, DFIU officers have arrested three local classroom schoolteachers for child exploitation offenses. It is anticipated the number of investigations will continue to increase.

*Congratulations and thank you to the Digital Forensic Investigative Unit!*

TRAFFIC FATALITIES				
Year To Date Apr. 30, 2015	Same Period Last Year Year To Date	Number Of Increase Or Decrease	2012 Traffic Fatalities	2013 Traffic Fatalities
233	207	+26	757	766

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

# Fast ID Program Benefits Missouri Officers

By Program Mgr. Holly A. Haarman, Q/CJISD

The Fast ID program began in October 2011. This cutting edge technology is available to law enforcement agencies only and enables officers to perform fingerprint searches from a roadside environment using a Fast ID mobile device. With Fast ID, you simply scan the index fingers of an individual, connect the Fast ID device to your MDT, and via Fast ID software the fingerprints are automatically submitted to both the state Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and the FBI Repository of Individuals of Special Concern (RISC) for a search. The results are returned in less than a minute. The state AFIS search is against all fingerprint submissions to the Central Repository, including fingerprints from criminals, sex offenders, the Department of Corrections, and applicants. The RISC search is against a special subset of the FBI fingerprint files, which contains approximately 2-3 million fingerprints obtained from sex offenders, known or suspected terrorists, immigration violators, and persons entered into NCIC with an FBI number and an active warrant.

Fast ID can be used to identify people with no identification on them, such as motorists with no driver's license, deceased persons, crime or disaster victims, persons with medical conditions, etc. The devices have been widely successful in assisting officers with identification efforts, as the average percentage of persons identified with this technology consistently hovers around the 67-70 percent range. During 2014, there were 13,325 Fast ID searches performed resulting in 9,768 persons identified (69 percent hit rate) and a total of 469 RISC hits. These numbers have increased substantially since 2013, during which there were a total of 3,766 Fast ID searches performed, resulting in 2,320 persons identified and 67 RISC hits.

**Recent Fast ID success stories include:**

- A passenger in a vehicle gave false information during a traffic stop

*An officer demonstrates how to use the Fast ID mobile device.*



and was identified using Fast ID technology. The passenger had 10 active felony warrants for tampering with a motor vehicle, forgery, and drug offenses, as well as two misdemeanor warrants for traffic offenses.

- During a traffic stop, occupants were giving false information. The Fast ID device was used and resulted in one passenger being identified with a warrant out of California.
- An officer responded to a domestic disturbance call and used the Fast ID device to positively identify the

subject, who had a felony warrant for failure to appear.

- The Fast ID device was used during a DWI traffic stop where the driver could not provide identification. The driver was positively identified within one minute and charged with DWI.
- A woman's body was found in the woods in a rural area. Clearly the victim of homicide, the body was damaged beyond recognition. A Fast ID device was used, and the woman was identified in less than 30 seconds.

The Fast ID program, which is administered by the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division, has experienced rapid growth since the program's inception. This program, which began with just three devices, has now expanded to more than 100 devices statewide—approximately half of which are owned by the Patrol and located in gaming casinos, DDCC, and throughout the troops. The ultimate goal of the Patrol is to have one device per zone.

## Troop A Employees Recognized

By Troop A

On November 21, 2014, the Metropolitan Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association hosted their 2014 awards banquet. The association recognized seven Troop A employees with lifesaving awards. Troop A congratulates these men and women who are committed to serving the public. Pictured are (l to r): CVO Sprv. I David O. Bagley, DE Sprv. Jennifer M. Whiting, Lt. Dale O. Jenkins, then-DE II Jurrell A. Vance, Tpr. Brandon M. Parker, and DE Sprv. Tim Murphy. (DE III Cota R. Watson was unable to attend.)

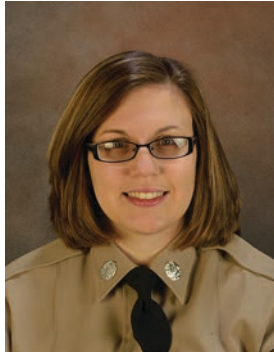




# New Employees



Jeffrey L. Belt  
Auto. Tech. III  
Q/FFD



Ashlie M. Close  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop E



Natalie M. Copeland  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop A



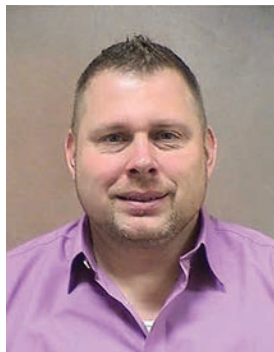
Rodney G. Drake  
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Troop D



Angie J. Gibson  
Lab. Evid. Tech. I  
Q/CLD



Matthew W. Hearing  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop A



Bradley R. Heinrich  
CIT III  
Q/ICTD



Amanda M. Hicks  
Quality Control Clerk I  
Q/CVED



Michael R. Howe  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop D



Brian J. Hulsey  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop C



Felicia R. John  
Food Service Helper I  
Q/TND



Howard W. Johnson IV  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop A



Brian D. Kelm  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop E



Randy B. Lyon  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop D



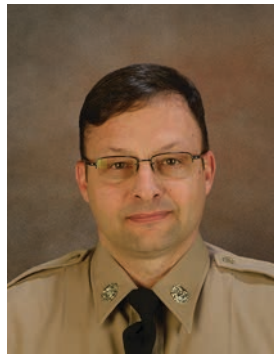
Beth D. Martin  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop I



# New Employees



Jessica L. Mayfield  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop D



Vincent L. McWilliams  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop A



Jason P. Owens  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop A



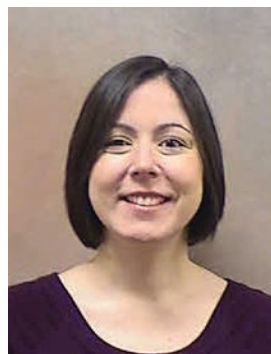
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Troop A



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Auto. Tech. III  
Q/FFD



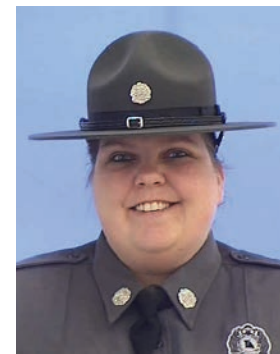
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Criminalist III  
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Cook Sprv.  
Q/TND



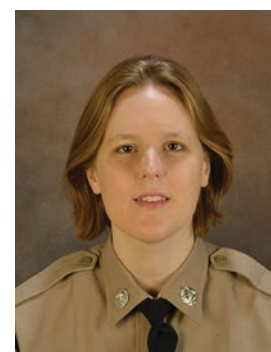
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Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop H



Mike C. Tallman Jr.  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop C



Katie A. Tesch  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop A



Allison R. Tufuga  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop A



Ashley B. Watterson  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop A

# Gateway Buick Fundraiser Benefits

## THE MASTERS

*By The MASTERS*

In November 2014, Mr. Don Davis, owner of Gateway Buick GMC, of Hazelwood, MO, hosted a fundraiser to benefit The MASTERS. A percent of every vehicle sold that month through his dealership was donated to The MASTERS, generating a \$7,800 donation!

Thanks to Mr. Davis for his generous support of The MASTERS and to the staff and sales people at Gateway Buick GMC for their hard work in selling all those vehicles. A special thanks goes to members of the community for supporting The MASTERS through their vehicle purchase.



*(l to r) Mr. Don Davis presents a donation to The MASTERS to one of the organization's directors, retired Major Larry C. White.*

## Troop A 2014 Stolen Vehicle Recovery Reaches \$1M

*By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A*

Troop A Corporal C. Nate Bradley was instrumental in the recovery of 72 stolen vehicles in 2014, which added up to a little over \$1 million—\$1,018,500.00 to be exact. There are a variety of methods people use to steal cars: use a duplicate key, take cars left warming up at a convenience store or in front of homes, commit a burglary, use valet keys, or carjacking. Other methods include insurance fraud, rental vehicle theft, and the direct involvement of automotive dealership personnel. Many of these methods can be categorized as burglaries, frauds, or robberies, and may not be included in vehicle theft statistics. The Internet has increased the number of criminal schemes thieves utilize. The effect of vehicle thefts can be seen in higher insurance premiums.

*Good work, Nate!*



*Cpl. Nate Bradley, Troop A, performs an acid restoration on an altered motorcycle frame.*



## Troop H Runner Accepts Challenge



MVI I Jeffrey J. Ellis  
Troop H

*By Sgt. Jake P. Angle, Troop H*  
Troop H Motor Vehicle Inspector I Jeffrey J. Ellis was in the break room at headquarters and observed the flyer for Governor Nixon's 100 Missouri Miles Challenge. Being an avid runner, he immediately accepted the challenge and began logging his many miles. Turned out that Jeff didn't just accept the challenge, he did it in a big way, finishing fourth in the state out of all runners who logged their efforts. He ran a total of 740 miles in 2014. Jeff could have run from Troop H Headquarters to Jefferson City and back ... Twice! Troop H finished seventh of all the troops in the state. Great job, Jeff!

# April

April 15

Tpr. J.E. Linegar died in 1985.

April 15

Class B uniform

April 20

Tpr. R.C. Tatoian died in 2005.

## Troop F Negotiators Earn National Recognition

*By Tpr. Andrew A. Armstrong, Troop F*

Negotiating a crisis situation has evolved into a team concept in the past few years. Previously in policing, negotiating was one officer with a phone. The team concept consists of a team leader, an intelligence officer, a recorder, primary negotiator, and a secondary negotiator. With each specific role defined, it has proven to make a negotiation more efficient; and, ultimately, lead to more situations being resolved peacefully.

In January 2015, Troop F negotiators, Corporal Matt T. Halford, Trooper Brian J. Geier, Trooper Diana P. Hutzler, and I, along with Troop C negotiator Sergeant Michele L. Coon, traveled to Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, to compete in the 25th Annual Crisis Negotiator Competition. The competition consisted of a one-day crisis and hostage negotiating seminar and two days of competition. The seminar included classes on specific negotiating techniques and several case studies on unique and high profile negotiations.

After the seminar day, it was time to compete. Each team spent one day observing and one day completing a day-long scenario. Five judges observed and critiqued each team as they progressed through the scenario. Thirty-one negotiator teams competed in the competition.

Troop F's team was by far the smallest team at the competition. Most teams consisted of seven members or more. Yet, with only five members, Troop F finished third out of the 31 teams. Congratulations to the team on a job well done.



*Troop F negotiators (l to r) Tpr. Diana Hutzler, Tpr. Brian Geier, Tpr. Andrew Armstrong, and Cpl. Matt Halford, and Troop C negotiator Sgt. Michele Coon formed a team to compete at the 25th Annual Crisis Negotiator Competition.*

# Promotions



Greg D. Kindle  
Major  
Q/ASB



Greg K. Smith  
Major  
Q/TSB



John J. Hotz  
Captain  
Q/PIED



Christopher S. Jolly  
Captain  
Q/GD



Mike A. Turner  
Captain  
Troop F



Jason N. Crites  
Lieutenant  
Troop F



Paul J. Reinsch  
Lieutenant  
Q/PIED



Greg K. Leftwich  
Lieutenant  
Troop C



Roland H. Bartels  
Sergeant  
Troop B



Bret E. Brooks  
Sergeant  
Q/GSD



Steve W. Cunningham  
Sergeant  
Troop I



Greg T. Curnes  
Sergeant  
Q/FOB



Cody G. Dunfee  
Sergeant  
Troop A



Marcel M. Jones  
Sergeant  
Troop E



Paul W. Meyers  
Sergeant  
Q/FOB



# Promotions



Clark D. Parrott  
Sergeant  
Troop E



Troy D. Stegeman  
Sergeant  
Q/GSD



J. Shane Stewart  
Sergeant  
Troop E



Tom L. Belote  
Corporal  
Q/GD



Kim Davis  
Corporal  
Troop A



Chris D. Hamlett  
Corporal  
Troop E



Lane P. Quinn  
Corporal  
Troop B



Cathy P. Baker  
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Pat B. Euans  
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Mike M. Ewers  
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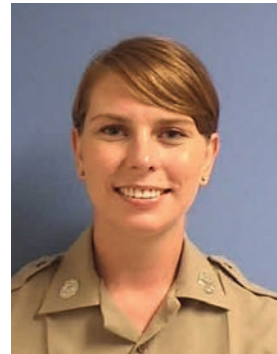
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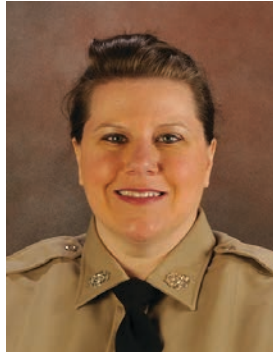


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Troop A

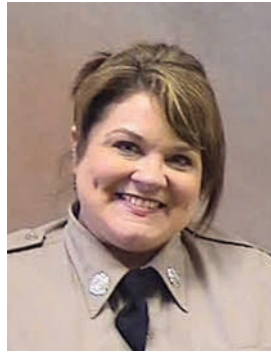
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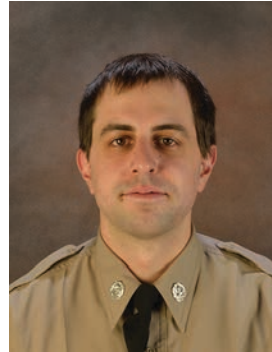
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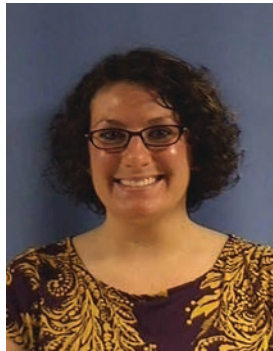
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Troop A



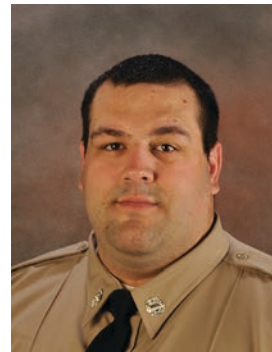
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Britni L. Perkins  
DE III  
Troop C



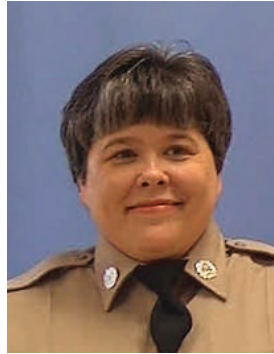
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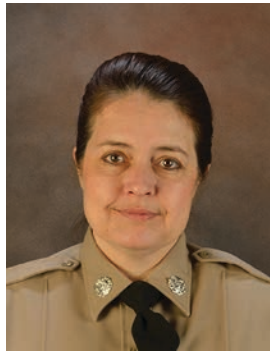
William C. Rule  
CVE Insp. III  
Troop C



# Promotions



Ginny J. Sims  
DE III  
Troop F



Lisa M. Springston  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop D



Darrell J. Taube  
Sr. Pro. & Inv. Mgr.  
Q/BPD

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## You Don't Have To Outrun The Bear

*By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D*

Trooper Derrick B. Carnagey, Troop D, was patrolling on Interstate 44 near the 50-mile marker when he came upon two vehicles stopped on the westbound shoulder. He pulled behind the rear car and activated his emergency lights. Both the Chevrolet Impala and the Cadillac CTS had Texas license plates.

Tpr. Carnagey observed two men putting fuel in the Cadillac's gas tank. He approached a female passenger of the Impala and asked if they needed assistance. She replied that they were ok and both males waved and thanked him for stopping.

He backed the Patrol vehicle a short distance and waited providing a barrier of safety for the group. As he waited he created a call for service on his MCD. A "hit" came back on the Impala as being a probable stolen vehicle. Around the same time, the subjects left the area heading westbound on I-44.

Tpr. Carnagey followed the vehicle while Troop D Communications

confirmed the stolen entry with the originating authority. Upon receiving confirmation, he activated his lights and siren and the Impala slowly pulled over on the shoulder. Tpr. Carnagey approached them with caution and was going to order the driver out when he saw one of the male occupants fall to the floor.

The Impala then screeched out onto the road through an intersection displaying a red light. Fortunately, there wasn't any cross traffic. The fleeing Impala jumped a low concrete curb damaging both right side tires then drifted to the right into a muddy field. The vehicle continued for a distance until it became disabled.

Both the driver and passenger exited the vehicle in an attempt to flee the pursuing officer. The female fell to her knees beside a green purse a short distance from the vehicle. Tpr. Carnagey secured her with handcuffs and noticed two Ziploc bags containing a white crystalline substance on the ground near the opening of the green

purse. He secured those bags and found another bag in plain sight in the front seat of the vehicle.

A search of the glove box revealed a cigarette package containing a small baggie of what appeared to be methamphetamine and a section of a straw with numerous empty baggies that could be used for distribution. Tpr. Carnagey requested a tow company respond to the scene to secure the vehicle. He said the female said that she didn't understand why her husband tried to out run her and why he threw the green purse at her when they ran on foot.

Her statement reminds me of the saying that when you are being chased by a "bear" you don't have to out run him, you have to be able to out run (in this case) your wife!

Several minutes later, local law enforcement located her husband and arrested him. Both the man and his wife were transported to the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department for questioning.



# Spotlight



## Comm. Oper. II Darin A. Stevens



**Appointed:** February 16, 2011.

**First Assignment:** Communications Operator I – Troop E.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:** Communications Operator II – February 16, 2014.

**Current Assignment:** Communications Operator II – Troop E.

**Family:** My wife, Kimberly, a juvenile officer, and I have been married 25 years. We live in Doniphan, MO, and have two adult daughters. Our oldest, Samantha Majors, teaches fourth grade at Van Buren Elementary. She and her husband, Curt, blessed us with a grandson, Benjamin, in January 2015. Our youngest, Alexandria Furlong, is a chef at Disney World's Grand Floridian Resort in Orlando, FL. She and her husband, Chris, reside in Clermont, FL.

**Interests:** I have a wide range of interests including hunting, fishing, and golf. I am a St. Louis Cardinals fanatic, but music is my passion. I have played everything from bluegrass to heavy metal, but the blues make me tick. I am the lead singer, harmonica player, and rhythm guitarist for a band called Black River Blues. We enjoy an enthusiastic local following and perform regularly throughout Southeast Missouri.

In the last year, I've become interested in distance running and I am steadily becoming a respectable 5K runner, and I can survive a 10K. This journey has, thus far, helped me with significant weight loss and my overall health is greatly improved.

I hold a bachelor's degree in psychology (minor in sociology) from Central Methodist University in Fayette, MO. I was studying to be a teacher when I was offered employment with Patrol. I was previously a radio operator at the Doniphan Police Department and served as a radioman in the U.S. Navy.

I enjoy a blessed life. My experiences have taken me all over the world and given me opportunities a kid from the Ozarks could have scarcely imagined. I have an amazing wife, great kids, and an army of family and friends. Becoming a grandpa is, perhaps, the greatest experience of them all. Professionally, the decision to apply to work as a communications operator for the Patrol was the smartest call I've ever made. The professional and personal acquaintances I've made statewide make me very proud to be associated with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

## Comm. Oper. II Adam E. Whittom



**Appointed:** May 4, 2008.

**First Assignment:** Communications Operator I – Troop E.

**Promotions:** Communications Operator II – May 1, 2011.

Communications Operator III – April 1, 2015.

**Current Assignment:**

Communications Operator III – Troop E.

**Family:** Adam has been married to Stacey Whittom, a Doniphan, MO, native, for 13 years. Adam and Stacey have three daughters, Hayley (6), Carolina (5), and Avery (3).

**Interests:** He enjoys wood carving, fishing, deer and squirrel hunting, St. Louis Cardinals baseball, and spending time with family.

Adam grew up in Southeast Missouri and is a graduate of Doniphan High School. Before his appointment with the Patrol, Adam served as a deputy sheriff in Ripley County. He started his career in law enforcement in 2000. In 2004, he was elected as the Ripley County sheriff in a special election on his 26th birthday to fill the vacancy left by his former sheriff, who retired because of health reasons. He was then elected to his own full four-year-term later that year.

"I take great pride in working for the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a communications operator," said Adam. "Although I sometimes miss interacting with the public in an enforcement capacity, I enjoy serving the public on the other side of the radio, also. The experiences throughout my law enforcement career so far have provided many moments of fun, laughter, and also heartache at times. If we took time to write everything down, we could all fill a book, or two."

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

– Benjamin Franklin



# Troop A Chili Cookoff Benefits SOMO

*By Troop A*

On January 14, 2015, six chili recipes were submitted to the carefully selected judges who declared the winning chili was prepared by Building and Grounds Maintenance II Robert W. Phelps, Troop A. Troop A raised \$150 from the event, which was donated directly to Special Olympics Missouri. All of the entries were tasty and the first losers and other candidates include (l to r) Sgt. Darron F. Blankenship, Tpr. A. Ryan Vivas, Sgt. Greg P. Martin, and Sgt. Chris F. Scott, all Q/DDCC; Chief Oper. Michele L. Edson, Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Robert W. "Champ" Phelps, Trainer Auditor IV Jason R. Murray, and Admin. Office Support Asst. Linda K. Klass, all Troop A; and Trooper M. David Miranda, Q/HRD. Note: The DDCC entry was a collective effort.



# Troopers Provide Booth At Boat Show

*By Troop A*

Troop A marine operations Troopers participated in the 2015 Kansas City Boat Show from January 22 to January 25, 2015. It was a great opportunity to visit with our communities about boating regulations, laws, and educational opportunities.

*Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg and Cpl. Kim Davis, Troop A, talked to people about the Patrol during the boat show in Kansas City.*



*Cpl. Charles W. Hoff, Troop A, answers questions during the 2015 Kansas City Boat Show.*



# Major McGrail Named 2015 Cooper Award Recipient

*By Corp. Comm. Spec. Jane Bassett, SEARCH*

The SEARCH Board selected Major Timothy McGrail, Q/TSB, as the recipient of their 2015 Gary R. Cooper Meritorious Service Award, the group's top membership honor. The SEARCH Board of Directors made the selection at a board meeting in January, held in conjunction with their winter meeting. Major McGrail has served as Missouri's governor-appointed representative to the SEARCH membership since 2013.

The board recognized Major McGrail for his work in helping to build a national integrated justice enterprise that brings together criminal justice and non-criminal justice agencies to develop a solid foundation for information sharing at the state level — and to contribute accurate, timely, and complete information to the national systems maintained by the FBI.

Major McGrail's ability to listen, advise, and encourage healthy discussions at the table are some of the reasons he is able to keep all the parties involved, focused on the critical issues at hand, and achieve consensus at the end of the day," said Dawn Peck, Idaho, a SEARCH Board member. Peck also said Major McGrail is continuing at the national level, "what he is achieving in Missouri."

Major McGrail, a 30-year veteran of the Patrol, serves as the commander of the Technical Services Bureau and on the Patrol's command staff. As commander of the Technical Services Bureau, he has oversight responsibility for the Criminal Justice Information Services, Information and Communications Technology, Research and Development, and Patrol Records divisions. The CJIS Division includes the state's criminal history repository, Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), the Access Integrity Section, the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Section, and the Missouri Sex Offender Registry.

Major McGrail has had involvement with the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council (appointment by U.S. Attorney General) where he served as vice chair. For the last seven years, he's served as chairman of MORPHO-TRAK Users Group. He has also been on the FBI Advisory Policy Board and part of SEARCH (a national consortium of justice information and statistics). He is also the designated CJIS System Officer (CSO) for the state of Missouri, and serves on the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board.

## Creating State/Local Justice Solutions

Major McGrail has created solutions for the many challenges facing the state's criminal justice systems, including legislation, additional programs, equipment, technology, and increased services both at the state and national reporting levels: While a captain and director of the CJIS Division, he was the driving force behind developing MSHP's UCR program, Access Integrity Unit, and its National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) certification by the FBI. He was instrumental in developing the State's Sex Offender Registry and making it available through a public website. He oversaw critical enhancements, including adding photographs, alias information, vehicle identifiers, and work location. Each of these added elements significantly improved the effectiveness of this high-profile program.

He also oversaw a major project to develop a capability to electronically capture and submit applicant fingerprints for background checks. This provided the basis for MACHS, the Missouri Automated Criminal History Site, which allows applicants to submit requests for name and fingerprint

checks over the Internet. He used this as a fundamental platform to improve the process even further. Missouri is targeted to implement the MACHS 2 program in 2015. The new program will provide electronic returns to the authorized recipient at a decidedly more rapid rate.

## Bringing Users Together

Major McGrail is a strong advocate for open communication and training within the criminal justice information sharing user community. He has helped build tools that keep users informed by establishing a MULES (Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System) Training Unit and ultimately creating a mechanism to facilitate CJIS compliance, collaborative relationships, and better communication among the state's criminal justice systems' users. He helped implement an Information Security Unit, initiated two-finger mobile identification, and saw Missouri become a fully accredited National Fingerprint File (NFF) state.

SEARCH will present the Cooper Award to Major McGrail at its 2015 Annual Meeting next July in Minneapolis, MN.

The Gary R. Cooper Meritorious Service Award honors a SEARCH member whose work in the field of criminal justice information systems, policy, or statistics has been outstanding. The award, named after long-time SEARCH Executive Director Gary R. Cooper (retired), enables SEARCH members to recognize one of their colleagues for contributions both to the field of criminal justice information and to the success of SEARCH.

*Congratulations, Major McGrail!*

*(Editor's note: Major McGrail retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol on March 1, 2015. Original article edited by Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED. Reprinted with permission from search.org.)*



# Anniversaries

## April

### 25 years

DE Chief L. Jill Galate, Troop A  
DE III Kathy A. Leitman,  
Troop C  
Capt. Matt C. Walz, Q/WPD

### 20 years

Comm. Oper. II Dennis S.  
Bonuchi, Troop B  
Chief Tech. Dave S. Byington,  
Q/ICTD  
Asst. Director L. Van Godsey,  
Q/DDCC  
CVO II Kyn L. Gordon, Troop B  
Cpl. Matt R. Heits, Troop H  
Asst. Chief Oper. John R.  
Novotny, Troop D  
MVI Sprv. Gleta L. Shelton,  
Troop C  
Chief Oper. Laurie C. Wall,  
Troop H  
DE III Cota R. Watson, Troop A  
Sgt. Mark A. Wilhoit, Troop H

### 15 years

MVI Analyst Larry D. Schrader,  
Q/MVI  
DE III Demetrice C. Weeden,  
Troop C

### 5 years

Programmer/Analyst Mgr.  
Howard G. Carter Jr.,  
Q/ICTD  
CVE Inspector III Joe P.  
Curtright, Troop A  
Auto. Tech. III Tyson C.  
Getman, Troop D

MVI III Rick S. Patterson, Troop D  
Technician II Lynn M. Pendleton,  
Q/CJISD  
DE III Kelly D. Sebek, Troop D

## May

### 20 years

Comm. Oper. III Kevin J.  
Turnbeaugh, Troop C

### 15 years

Asst. Chief Oper. Jenny L. Cruise,  
Troop C  
Clerk III Jeff A. Herigon, Q/BPD

### 10 years

Tpr. J. Curtis Acree, Troop H  
Cpl. Sam V. Buchheit, Q/GD  
Account Clerk III Teresa M.  
Bybee, Q/CJISD  
Cpl. Chad C. Clark, Q/AD  
Sgt. Travis S. Croft, Troop C  
Sgt. David C. Dinges, Q/AD  
DE III Becky L. Dunlap,  
Troop H  
DE III Rhonda K. Graham, Troop  
H  
Tpr. William R. Koch, Troop B  
DE Sprv. Lisa D. Land, Troop D  
Tpr. Justin D. Leemasters, Troop  
D  
Tpr. Matt B. Lomedico, Troop E  
Cpl. Matt E. Morice, Troop F  
Cpl. Chad J. North, Troop F  
Cpl. Justin E. Peabody, Troop H  
Tpr. Justin D. Piccinino, Troop G  
Tpr. Evan L. Tyrrell, Troop D

Tpr. Ryan D. Vaughan, Troop G  
Info. Analyst II Chika O.  
Wildhaber, Q/DDCC

### 5 years

DE III Denene C. Axelrod,  
Troop C  
Comm. Oper. II Malia N.  
Cannaday, Troop E  
CIT III Chelse Y. Dowell,  
Q/ICTD  
Comm. Oper. II Angel L.  
George, Troop G  
Comm. Oper. II Molly L. Helmig,  
Troop F  
Comm. Oper. II Emily L  
Humble, Troop D  
DE III G. Bob Middleton,  
Troop F  
Comm. Oper. II Deirdre R.  
Nolan, Troop C  
Comm. Oper. II Danielle R.  
Shepard, Troop E  
Comm. Oper. II Jeff B. Shinkle,  
Troop F  
Comm. Oper. II Jacob A. Smith,  
Troop A  
DE Sprv. Dawn M. Thompson,  
Troop C  
Comm. Oper. II Angelina R.  
Tidd, Troop A  
Comm. Oper. II Christy A.  
Wagner, Troop F  
CVE Inspector III Steve A.  
Young, Troop E

## PATROL HISTORY TRIVIA

President John F. Kennedy speaks at McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis, MO, September 12, 1962. In his speech, he thanked the company's employees for their contribution to the space program. Notice the many Secret Service members protecting the president. The two troopers are Captain Bill Barton and Sergeant John Kiriakos, both Troop C.



# “Looking Beyond The Stop”

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial traffic/boating stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of December 25, 2014 to February 21, 2015. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)*

## Troop A

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Tpr. D.C. Belardo, 1 arrest  
Sgt. A.J. Bell, 2 arrests  
Sgt. W.P. Bremer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.S. Craig, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.A. Engelhart, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.C. Ewing, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.S. Gates, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.I. Goolsby, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.J. Gray, 1 arrest  
Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.W. Huff, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 1 arrest  
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Moeller, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Peters, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.S. Smith, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Thomas, 5 arrests  
Cpl. R.A. Wood, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.J. Yoder, 2 arrests

## Troop B

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Cpl. E.F. Brown, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.M. Conrad, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.J. Crose, 2 arrests  
Cpl. J.D. Davidson, 2 arrests  
Cpl. K.E. Easley, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 5 arrests  
Sgt. E.L. Grissom, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.R. Henry, 4 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.K. Hendershott, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.F. Porter, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.E. Thoman, 1 arrest

## Troop C

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Tpr. J.A. Akers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.E. Alcorn, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.A. Ashby, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.G. Autenrieth, 2 arrests  
Tpr. O.R. Baker, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Gullett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. V.M. Kasput, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Lacy, 1 arrest

Tpr. R.A. Leclaire, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.W. Long, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.D. Oughton, 3 arrests  
Tpr. T.L. Peters, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.A. Teague, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.R. Thompson, 1 arrest  
Sgt. W.B. Sevier, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.J. Shibley, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.R. Summers, 1 arrest

## Troop D

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Tpr. T.A. Barrett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.W. Coleman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.L. Crockett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Day, 3 arrests  
Cpl. S.A. Donnell, 2 arrests  
Sgt. G.S. Horton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.L. Mason, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.J. Wood, 1 arrest

## Troop E

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Tpr. D.L. Dejournett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.R. Freeman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.M. Heath, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.K. Heppe, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.B. Lomedico, 2 arrests  
Sgt. M.D. Lynch, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.T. Schneid, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.S. Stewart, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.A. Winder, 1 arrest

## Troop F

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Cpl. B.W. Adamson, 4 arrests  
Lt. W.V. Ahrens, 2 arrests  
Cpl. S.A. Ballard, 2 arrests  
Tpr. Z.A. Czerniewski, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.C. Fick, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 2 arrests  
Cpl. K.A. Green, 1 arrest  
Sgt. S.B. Johnson, 2 arrests

Tpr. M.G. Kettenbach, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.B. Kings, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.E. Klempe, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.W. Marbaker, 1 arrest  
Tpr. H.M. McDaniel, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.A. McLaughlin, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.E. Morice, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.C. Piercy, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.A. Schrage, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.T. Shikles, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 2 arrests

## Troop G

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Tpr. J.S. Cunningham, 1 arrest  
Sgt. G.H. Falterman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.M. Loring, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.W. Philpott, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.D. Pond, 1 arrest

## Troop H

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Tpr. J.C. Acree, 2 arrests  
Sgt. L.M. Allen, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.E. Christensen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.J. Cool, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.J. Cool, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.C. Daly, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.C. Gilliland, 3 arrests  
Cpl. M.R. Heits, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.J. Helpers, 2 arrests  
Cpl. B.R. Hilliard, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.P. Lynch, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.E. Maudlin, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.H. Thompson, 1 arrest

## Troop I

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Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 4 arrests  
Tpr. J.D. Fariole, 1 arrest  
Cpl. A.N. Fulkerson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.P. Millsap, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.A. Rizo, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.S. Sloan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.A. Smith, 4 arrests  
Tpr. T.G. Zimmerman, 4 arrests



# Superheroes Plunge For SOMO!

*By Sgt. Bill W. Lowe, Troop A*

January 30, 2015 was a cold, 33 degree, rainy, and snowy day. But, despite these arctic conditions, 11 Troop A employees took the Polar Plunge challenge and submerged themselves into the frigid 35 degree water of Longview Lake—all for Special Olympics. Their dedication to helping others raised a total of \$4,305 for our Special Olympians. Dressed as superheroes, our employees took third place in the costume competition. The Troop A superheroes Polar Plunge team is as follows:

- Lt. Dale O. Jinkens
- Lt. Nate C. Ahern
- Sgt. S. Andy Coats - Incredible Hulk
- Tpr. Jack A. Thomas - Spiderman
- Tpr. Dave M. Smith - Batman
- CVO Sprv. I Dave O. Bagley - Flash
- CVO II Brian C. Sanders - Spiderman
- CVE Insp. II Vince P. Wiley
- CVE Insp. III Joe P. Curtwright - Power Ranger
- CVE Insp. III Stefanie J. Joyce - Mighty Mouse
- Prob. Comm. Oper. Jordan M. Stout - Ninja Turtle
- Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Robert W. Phelps - Zorro



*Some of the Troop A superheroes are pictured: (l to r) CVE Insp. III Stefanie Joyce, CVO Sprv. Dave Bagley, Tpr. Jack Thomas, Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Robert Phelps, CVE Insp. III Joe Curtwright, Prob. Comm. Oper. Jordan Stout, Sgt. Andy Coats, Tpr. Dave Smith.*

## Tip A Cop Supports SOMO

*By Prob. Comm. Oper. Natalie M. Copeland, Troop A*

On March 24, 2015 members of Troop A participated in "Tip a Cop" at Outback Steakhouse in Lee's Summit. A total of \$665 was raised throughout the evening. Numerous Patrol employees and retirees came out to dine and show their support for Special Olympics. Pictured above are Troop A volunteers: (front row, l to r) Mrs. Keri Givens (wife of Cpl. Joel E. Givens), Prob. Comm. Oper. Natalie M. Copeland, Account Clerk III Chelsea M. Countryman, and Prob. Comm. Oper. Jordan M. Stout; (back row, l to r) Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, Sgt. S. Andy Coats, Cpl. Joel Givens, and Tpr. Eric C. Rodenberg.



# Retirement

## Major Tim P. McGrail



“It went fast,” said Major Tim P. McGrail, Q/TSB, who retired March 1, 2015. “It seems like yesterday I was in the Academy.”

Major McGrail said he was fortunate to have experienced both the enforcement side and the administrative side during his 31 years as a member of the Patrol. “Everyone says this, but the best years are as a trooper, when it’s new. But, the most fun I had on the Patrol was when I was a lieutenant at Troop C—the challenges, the group, the officers that were there. When I decided to go to Troop C, they had some old crusty sergeants that intimi-

dated me; but, they accepted me and it was a breath of fresh air working there.”

“I didn’t have prior law enforcement,” said Major McGrail. “Going through the Academy gave me the basics. I was actually one of three alternates. I came in the day they started, because somebody else didn’t show up.”

Major McGrail and his wife, Cindy, were dating when he was accepted into the Academy. “Throughout my entire career, she has been so supportive: marijuana eradication, SERT, moving several times. She has been there for me, and the kids have, too.”

Major McGrail’s field training officer was Corporal Bob Shirley (retired sergeant), assistant supervisor of the zone and “had considerable years on.”

“He taught me about being a real trooper and part of the community. He established the foundation for me.”

Major McGrail said working closely with a zone brings camaraderie. “We backed each other up; assisted each other.” He recalled several manhunts throughout his career. “You spent a lot of time together in those instances—

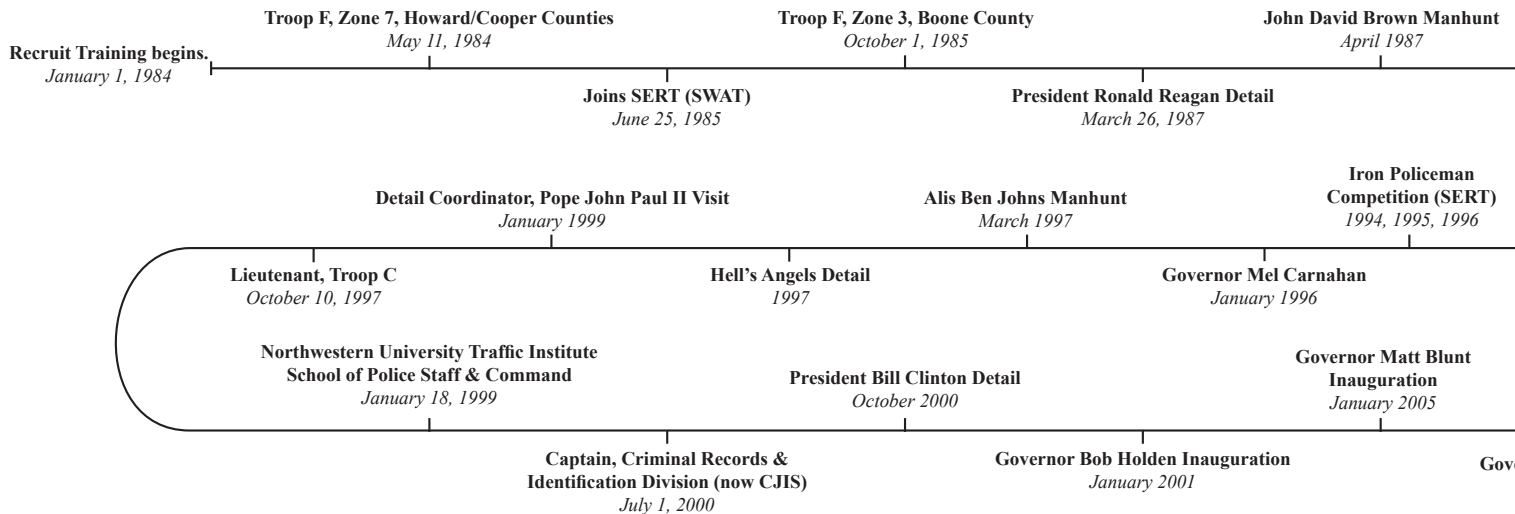
on extended manhunts—where you stay in a hotel. If you’re not working, you are hanging out together.”

While he was assigned to Boone County, he worked the Mizzou football details. “It was great to watch the games, even when they weren’t winning.” He had some success in drug interdiction. Seizures ran from 100 pounds to 700 pounds of marijuana. “Those catches were rewarding, but then you have the paperwork afterward, which wasn’t fun.”

One night, he got a call that truckers had stopped a motorist pulling a horse trailer on U.S. Highway 63. The vehicle had been driving all over road. “I went up there to talk to her and ended up wrestling her in the ditch. She was taller and bigger than me.” I eventually got her subdued, and then took care of her horse and trailer.” A few months later the woman sent him a letter saying she was sorry and hoped she hadn’t hurt him.

Over the years, Major McGrail worked with many officers. He mentioned (Lieutenant) Jerry West and (retired Lieutenant Colonel) Bill Seibert. “There are so many more. Paul Parmenter (captain, retired) taught me how to be a lieutenant. I learned much from him.”

## Major Tim Mc Grail’s Journey ...





# Retirement

“Going to Troop C prepared me for going to CJIS. Working with a lot of civilians is different. One thing I told [Captain] Larry [Plunkett Jr.] was to lead by MBW ‘management by wandering’ to make sure there is a connection.”

Major McGrail was promoted to captain and assigned director of the then-Criminal Records and Identification Division. He stepped in when (Captain) Bob Gartner retired. “I knew nothing about the division when I was promoted to captain over CJISD ... I had Bob’s number on speed dial.”

CJIS Division would be his most rewarding assignment. “The advancements in technology—what has been accomplished in the 15-year span from where it was when I came in 2000 to where it is today. When I became division director, fingerprints were manually submitted and mailed to the FBI. I was part of getting fingerprints submitted electronically to the FBI, so today in 20 minutes an ID can be made. I was part of that change and the added responsibility of the Sex Offender Registry, Uniform Crime Reporting, and training/auditing. CJIS’ responsibility is close to FBI functionality, it’s one stop for criminal justice matters. CJIS fulfills a purpose for

MSHP, but also is the support for all criminal justice agencies in Missouri and on the national level. I am glad to have been a part of that and to see the changes that occurred. I think there were some improvements. I couldn’t have done it without the hard work of the people in CJIS and ICTD, but especially [CJISD Assistant Director] Tim Schlueter. He went along with so many of my plans; and was supportive.”

Being assigned to Criminal Justice Information Services Division and the Technical Services Bureau provided additional responsibilities and experiences. Major McGrail has had involvement with the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council (appointment by U.S. Attorney General) where he served as vice chair. For the last seven years, he’s served as chairman of the MORPHO-TRAK Users Group. He has also been on the FBI Advisory Policy Board and part of SEARCH (a national consortium of justice information and statistics).

“Being on national committees has been rewarding in helping to affect change in criminal justice and criminal justice sharing initiatives,” he said.

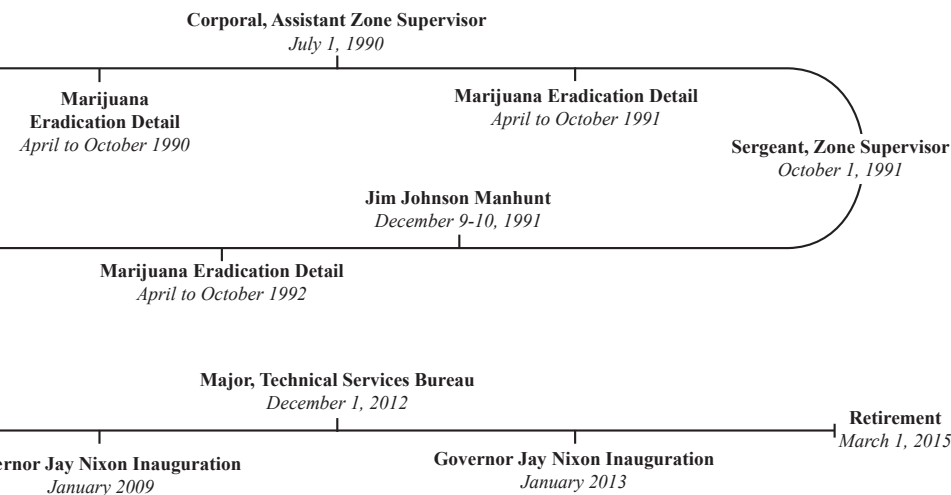
Mrs. Cindy McGrail was invited to share a few of the memories made during her husband’s 31-year career.

“From the start, Tim was very enthusiastic about the Patrol. He got involved in SERT, Patrol softball, golf, fundraisers, and fundraisers for troopers in need. At the same time, he was involved in our church and family.”

“Since he had attended the catholic seminary for high school he led prayers and was nicknamed Father Tim. He was known to encourage his peers and family to excel, listen to their moral compass, and create a flagship division. Our family of five felt the Patrol family was always part of our family. Recently, the kids did a memory book for our 30th wedding anniversary, and who did they contact? Some of our Patrol family. We went to Fayette, MO, as our first assignment, and back then there weren’t many rentals in rural areas. So, we bought a century home—the barn was truly better than the house. When our oldest son, Tony, was born our Patrol family in Fayette was always eager to help us with babysitting needs. In Columbia, our son, Danny, told his relatives that his daddy worked at South Junction, a coffee stop (where troopers would gather). When our daughter was born with heart defects, our Patrol family rallied around us and truly kept us together. All I can say is the Patrol will always be part of our heart and soul,” said Mrs. McGrail.

Although he is retiring from the Patrol, he will remain in the work force as deputy director of the Missouri Gaming Commission. As he looked back over his career, Major McGrail smiled and shook his head, “I thought if I got to sergeant, I would have had a great career. I will miss being a trooper, but I will miss the people I have worked with more ... From alternate to major, who would have thought?”

*Congratulations on your retirement, Sir!*



# Retirement

## Capt. J. Tim Hull



“For the first 13 years of my life I lived in the jail,” said Captain J. Tim Hull, Q/PIED. “My dad was the sheriff. We had the main floor and the basement level. I had a lot of contact with troopers growing up. George Grazier, Harold Hall, Bob Meyer, Jim Petty, Slick Slevin, Gary Hurt—there were a lot of guys. The sheriff’s office was in the part where we lived. The Brethalyzer was in my dad’s office, and the radio was in the dining room. To this day, if I’m somewhere and anyone says Jefferson City to Morgan County I hear it. I can wake up out of a dead sleep. We heard that all the time. They needed assistance or a wrecker or us to turn on the Brethalyzer. I’d get up to get ready for school and there’d be troopers in there having coffee in my kitchen—early in our lives and early in the morning.”

“I was in eighth grade when we moved. It was odd, because I’d lived there so long. Kim\* was born the year my dad was elected and we moved out in 1972.” Tim graduated from Morgan County R-2 High School. That’s where he met LaDonne Buck, his future wife. Their first date occurred in 1976.

“He grew up around law enforcement, but my dad is a farmer and my mom taught school,” said LaDonne Hull, his wife of 32 years. “There were many law enforcement terms and issues that were so foreign to what I

had been exposed to or thought about before I met him. I guess I must have learned to adapt.”

Tim attended Central Missouri State University, where he met more troopers, because of CMSU’s Traffic Management Institute. “I met Hank Bruns there,” he said. “The troopers would be at the gym when I went to work out. Here’s something interesting: When I went to Boys State, I was put in a town with [now Lieutenant B.] Tim Deschler. I go to college, show up in my college classes, and who’s there? Tim Deschler. I show up for my interview at the Patrol and who’s in the lobby? Tim Deschler. We were in the 55th Recruit Class together.”

Tim and LaDonne were engaged right before he entered the Academy in 1982. Tim recalls recruit training that included cold, early mornings and a recruit class that started with 44 and ended with 33.

“We had the biggest loss of people they’d seen up to that point,” he said. “We lost so many, we each got called individually to Personnel and asked what the problem was. Like they thought brand new recruits were going to say they were too hard on us. Nothing really changed after meeting with Personnel. They needed to weed out those few; it’s part of the process.”

He said he remembers getting up being a challenge during those first couple of days. “The first night they pulled the fire alarm. Everyone put on their sweats, so they told us we burned up in the fire because we took time to get dressed. It was the fourth of January, and it was cold. We went back to bed and they pulled it again. So, we’re all standing out there in our underwear, including the only female, who had her purse over her shoulder,” Capt. Hull said. “I remember Ben [Lt. Goodin] getting in her face screaming, ‘I thought I told you to lock that purse up!’ She said, ‘My purse does have a

lock on it, Sir!’ She was gone the next morning.”

Overall, Captain Hull felt prepared for the Academy. He said his brother showed him how to make his bed and arrange his pillow. “My bed never got tore up; but, when you’re lacking sleep it’s hard on you.”

His first assignment would be Troop F, Zone 9, Montgomery and Gasconade Counties. He hadn’t spent much time on the interstate prior to patrolling it. The volume and speed of the traffic took some getting used to. “The speed limit was 55, but you had four lanes. That was a big deal to a kid from Morgan County.”

He spoke of Mineola Hill, a two-mile portion of Interstate 70 with rest areas at either end. “If you work during any snow storms, you spend the majority of the time on Mineola Hill. The tractor trailers can’t get up the hill and it backs up traffic.” He recalls MoDOT trucks backing up that hill, so the salt they dropped would help them get up it. “Many a shift I started and ended on Mineola Hill.”

Tim’s FTO was Sgt. Phil L. Ahern (now a retired lieutenant), and daughters Adrienne and Paige were born while the Hull family lived there.

In addition to road duty, Tim was part of Troop F SERT from 1986 to 1992. He served as part of the entry team and as a sniper. He recalled the John David Brown manhunt in 1987, which lasted three weeks. He was there the entire time. In 1991, the Troop F SERT would respond to California, MO, after Jim Johnson shot a deputy who came to the hotel where he was staying, the sheriff’s wife through their front window, the Cooper County sheriff at the jail, and a Miller County deputy trying to retreat from the jail. “We made our way there once daylight came. It was kind of eerie, with the bodies in the street. The ambulance wasn’t able to respond sooner because we didn’t know where the shooter was.”



# Retirement

From 1992 until 1997, he was part of SERT as Troop F's public information and education officer, but wasn't considered a member of the team. He returned to the SERT in 1997 during the manhunt for Alis Ben Johns. In 1999, he became the Troop F SERT coordinator.

Along with road duty and SERT responsibilities, Tim was assigned to marijuana eradication from April to October for 1987-1989. For the first two years, there were a lot of outdoor growing operations. "In some cases, people would go into a corn field and take out corn plants in the middle, then replace them with marijuana. The criminals then had to go back and get their marijuana before the farmer found it." He said some of the criminals weren't all that smart: They planted their marijuana in the middle of milo, which the marijuana would then outgrow.

In 1990, he was promoted to corporal and designated assistant zone supervisor of Zone 11, Camden and Miller Counties. The Hulls moved to, "the big town of Roach, MO," he said. Their son, Jordan, would be born there.

When the Troop F safety officer position became open, Tim decided to apply. The Hulls moved to Jefferson City in 1993 for that assignment. As the troop's safety officer\*\*, he was responsible for his own schedule. "I took care of setting up programs and responded to media inquiries. All we had was the AS400. There were no laptops. "I typed a news release, sent it to Sharon Jarrell at Troop F. Sometimes I wrote it longhand, and she typed it and sent it to GHQ. When it was approved, she printed it out and put it in envelopes. Three days later the media got their news release."

Tim said he used 16 mm films and slide trays for programs. "About the time I left Troop F, the PIEOs got their first laptops. That was a good move. They could put together slide presentations with PowerPoint and play

DVDs when we went to those. Projectors and speakers came next. There have been lots of advances since."

In 1992, the Patrol had one rollover. It was a white, 1989 pickup truck body. "It was so heavy, we had to pull it with a Suburban," he said. In 1994, the Patrol acquired more truck bodies, including some that were donated after being damaged by the 1993 flood. "Sammy Brizendine+ and Gerald Andres++ built the rollovers," Tim said. "Eventually, each troop had at least one."

Tim said he enjoyed traveling around the area giving programs. He also liked teaching D.A.R.E., which he did for eight years. "The neat part of my job was going to schools for school functions. I got to see some of my children's activities, because I was there due to work." He taught D.A.R.E. to kids in Versailles, MO, also, where his mother-in-law taught fourth grade.

In 2000, Tim was promoted to lieutenant and designated assistant director of the Public Information and Education Division. Being in the office most of the time was a change of pace. Occasionally, groups that knew him personally would call or if a PIEO wasn't available, he would provide a program. While in PIED, he taught media relations at the Patrol Academy. He did say that after being assigned to PIED he noticed immediately that, "When your responses reflect what the colonel says instead of a troop commander, you really have to choose your words carefully."

When Tim was promoted to captain in 2006, he and his brother, Kim, became the only two brothers in the Patrol's history to hold the rank of captain at the same time. He said he thought that was cool.

"I've had a really good time. My job has allowed me to do things the normal road officer doesn't get to experience or participate in. I think I've always had good people in the troop to work with as a PIEO. We're fortunate in the division that we haven't had a lot of turnover. Only the secretarial position has changed."

"We have met so many wonderful people through the Patrol "family," said LaDonne. "These people have shaped our lives and the lives of our kids. Role models not only because of their jobs, but also in their personal lives. Always, it felt like no matter how busy or involved his job was, Tim made me and the kids a priority. Keeping that "balance" is something that has always been a priority for him. Tim told me when he started the Academy that if he could retire a sergeant he would be happy. He went way beyond that and impacted the lives of many people along the way. I am so proud of him—the integrity he brings to his career and the loving family man that he is. I am very blessed and glad he is my husband."

Now that retirement has arrived, Tim says his plans are to take some time off before he begins training in the fall for a part-time position with Operation Lifesaver. He'll "get stuff done around the house; take a trip somewhere. (I don't know where, I haven't been told.)" He'll spend a lot of time with his kids and grandkids. "I'll help babysit and take care of whatever comes up."

*Congratulations on your retirement, Sir!*

\* *Captain Kim E. Hull, retired*

\*\* *Now called a public information and education officer.*

+ *Automotive Technician III Sammy L. Brizendine, retired*

++ *Garage Superintendent Gerry C. Andres, retired*

# Growing Up Patrol

## Hull Children Share Memories, Laughs

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

When someone retires, it's an important occasion for the retiring employee and their family. I've often-times heard commanding officers and members of the command staff thank a trooper's family for their support throughout the member's career. Recently, Captain J. Tim Hull retired, and I thought it might be fun to talk with the three Hull children, who also work at the Patrol, about him, his career, and the Patrol.

We met on a chilly Thursday afternoon in February. Daughters, Information Analyst I Adrienne J. Rost, Q/PRD, and Criminalist I Paige A. Hull, Q/CLD, came to my office. Son, Jordan T. Hull, joined us via phone from Columbia, where he attends the University of Missouri. (Jordan is also a clerk in ICTD.) We had a few laughs together and I thank them for chatting with me. Enjoy the interview.

When asked to describe their dad, Jordan chose patient and said, "He's a man of few words, but when he speaks you better listen to it."

Adrienne decided upon "involved" and "jokester," while Paige said, "He can be intimidating until you know him. But, he's really a big, soft teddy bear."

They also shared childhood memories involving their dad as a trooper. Adrienne recalled early elementary school when her dad gave a presentation. Her teacher found out he was a trooper and had him come by. "They were enthralled with his gun and kept asking him if he'd ever shot anyone. They thought it was cool that he brought stuff to look at and a gun."

Jordan was just a little fella when his dad started teaching at Girls State. Girls State was always the week of Father's Day, and the family would visit him. "I remember feeding the ducks [at William Woods University]."

"The girls fawned all over him," said Adrienne.

*When did they truly understand what their dad's job entailed?*

"It was early elementary," said Paige, "when he was called out for SWAT and gone for weeks at a time. They didn't really explain where he went, but I knew he was in the woods looking for a bad guy and he called every couple of days. Not everybody's dad did that."

"When we got old enough to realize him leaving and what was happening on TV coincided with what he did," said Adrienne. "I picked up that Mom acted a little differently. I think he did a good job keeping his work from affecting us. It helped that Mom stayed home with us and kept things normal."

"I was pretty young, so I don't have those memories," said Jordan.

"I was pretty young when he was on the road," said Paige.

*Do they have favorite stories about their dad?*

"On my wedding day, when he and my mom got ready to walk me down the aisle—the music was playing right before you open the door," said Adrienne with a catch in her voice. "He looked at me with tears in his eyes and said, 'Are you sure you want to do this? We have about 30 seconds, then it'll be a lot harder to get out of here.'" She laughed and shook her head. "Who says that?" Adrienne says it was a way for him to remind her that he would always support her, even after she was married. (Adrienne stressed that her dad was lightening the mood ... He really does like Sean, the son-in-law.)

Paige's favorite story is one she's heard her mom tell. "He was still working in Montgomery City, and got a call about a little boy at a truck stop. His mom had left him. She thought he was in the car. Dad got called out and picked the little boy up and took him to a zone office or something to wait for his mom to pick him up. They had to track her down. Dad asked if the little boy was hungry, and he said he was. So, Dad called my mom to bring a sandwich out to them."

Jordan relayed a story about himself and a group of friends. "I was in fifth or sixth grade and we had a basketball tournament. There were five of us in the car, three of whom were African American. Dad had the rap music blaring and his hat to the side. We went into Walmart to get Gatorade for the team. The lady asked my dad if we were his team and he said, 'No, these are my kids.' The lady asked him if he'd adopted all of them, and he looked right back at her and said no with a straight face."

"He was always a father figure to our friends," added Adrienne. Paige added that she had friends whose dads weren't around and their dad always made their friends feel welcome in the Hull home.

*Does your dad have any favorite sayings?*

"When you ask if he is ready to go, he answers, 'I'm like lunch meat, I'm always ready,'" said Jordan.

"Nothing good ever happens after midnight," added Adrienne.

"You're going to be in more trouble if you lie and I find out," said Paige with a smile. (Of course, the Hull chil-

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# — Memories

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dren weren't out after midnight and didn't lie.)

We'd been talking for a little while by now, so I asked them to play "word association" with me.

**Me:** Dad

**Adrienne:** Protector

**Jordan:** Strong

**Paige:** Caring

**Jordan:** Provider

**Me:** Grandpa Tim

**Jordan:** Spoiler.

**Adrienne:** *(whose daughter, Berkeley (4), and son, Sutton (1), are the grandchildren):* Softie. Silly.

**Paige:** Goofy.

**Jordan:** Helpful.

"He helped at Berkeley's pre-school," added Adrienne. "The teacher needed help walking them to the library, so he went. When I told Berkeley that he was coming to her pre-school, Berkeley said he could go and it was all right if he helped the other

kids, but Pa Pa had to walk beside her, Berkeley said, 'Because, he's mine.'"

**Me:** Here's another one. Patrol car.

**Jordan:** Always in the driveway.

**Paige:** Sometimes, we could get in and turn the lights on in the driveway. Listen to the scanner.

*When you hear the name Missouri State Highway Patrol, what comes to mind?*

"Protection," said Adrienne. "Best of the best. The Patrol had a hiring freeze and Dad could have gone to work elsewhere. But, he waited; he wanted to work for the best."

Paige said she thinks of her dad, the people he has met, and people she has met. "He helped me with a connection," she said.

"Dad," Jordan said instantly. "Higher standard." Then, he laughed and added, "That I need to slow down driving,"

"I forget to use titles," said Adrienne. "Someone said lieutenant the other day, instead of a name, and I'm

like, 'Who is that? There are a lot of them!'"

"Same here!" laughed Paige.

"Dad never used titles at home; he called the PIEO guys by their names," Adrienne laughed.

Her sister agreed, "One day I was walking down the hill with a co-worker and heard my name. It was [Sergeant] Brent Bernhardt [Troop B PIEO]. I ran over and hugged him. Afterward, it was like oops probably shouldn't have done that, he's in uniform. My co-worker was giving me a look."

When Capt. Hull retired he didn't want to have a big reception and be the center of attention. He requested the division and public information officers share a meal and visit with him and his family. Everyone enjoyed the relaxed affair. The Hull children were youngsters when I joined PIED. It sure was fun watching them grow up through the eyes of their dad. I appreciate all three of them helping with this story. I could see they are as proud of him as he is of them.

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## *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**Dan J. Crain**  
Sergeant  
Troop I

*Retired January 1, 2015.  
34 years of dedicated service.*



**Hugh A. Fowler**  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC

*Retired January 1, 2015.  
29 years, four months of dedicated service.*

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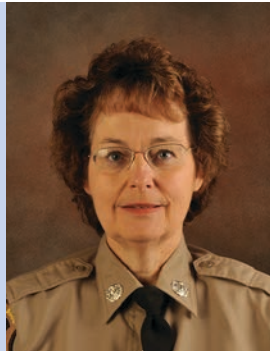
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**Grace A. Nichols**  
DE III  
Troop A

*Retired January 1, 2015.  
25 years of dedicated service.*



**Ken A. Baldwin**  
Trooper  
Troop I

*Retired February 1, 2015.  
13 years of dedicated service.*



**Carol J. Carter**  
Lab. Evid. Tech. II  
Q/CLD

*Retired February 1, 2015.  
34 years of dedicated service.*



**Ron L. Cole**  
Corporal  
Troop D

*Retired February 1, 2015.  
29 years of dedicated service.*



**Monte T. Delmain**  
Sergeant  
Q/GD

*Retired February 1, 2015.  
25 years, seven months of dedicated  
service.*



**Randy T. Ebers**  
Asst. Chief Oper.  
Troop I

*Retired February 1, 2015.  
24 years, six months of dedicated  
service.*



**Doug A.  
Hamacher**  
CIT III  
Q/ICTD

*Retired February 1, 2015.  
24 years of dedicated service.*



**Midge M. Willm**  
DE Sprv.  
Troop C

*Retired February 1, 2015.  
33 years of dedicated service.*





# Major Duane L. Robinson Retire

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Major Duane L. Robinson retired on March 1, 2015, after 27 years of service to Missouri's citizens. He was appointed to the Patrol on July 1, 1987, with the 59th Recruit Class. He worked the road in Troop B, where he earned the ranks of corporal (1994) and sergeant (1996). Major Robinson was promoted to lieutenant (2001) and served in Troop I, Rolla, MO, and to captain (2007) and served as commanding officer of Troop H, St Joseph. After being promoted to major (2014), he served as bureau commander for the Support Services Bureau. Major Robinson served in the U.S. Air Force from 1978-1982. He was a Hannibal, MO, police officer prior to joining the Patrol. Major Robinson agreed to a retirement article, but said he preferred something short and simple. In January 2015, I invited him to my office for a chat.

**Cheryl:** Thank you for coming today, sir.  
**Major Robinson:** Why, I'm glad to be here, Cheryl.

**Cheryl:** Well, it's that time. Time for a trip down memory lane. Are you ready?

**Major Robinson:** I'm ready.

**Cheryl:** Let's talk training: Your experience in the Academy, today's experience, policing in general. Any thoughts?

**Major Robinson:** While the basics of policing are the same as when I started, the technical aspect of policing and the availability of information because of computers is amazing. I wrote all of my reports in long hand. I actually printed them where now everything is done by computer. I've been in some form of law enforcement, whether Air Force security police, Hannibal Police Department, or the Patrol, since 1978. Even with all the changes, policemen are ba-

sically the same, I think.

**Cheryl:** Does anything from your Academy experience stand out?

**Major Robinson:** I think my experience was fairly unremarkable. I remember at the end one of the instructors asked me where I'd been the last six months. I consider that a success.

**Cheryl:** Looking over your entire career and the assignments you've had: road trooper, marijuana eradication, and various leadership positions, will you share some memories?

**Major Robinson:** My first assignment was in Unionville, and I remember showing up and thinking I've never been that far north in the country before. It was a good experience. The town doctor, local sheriff, and Trooper [now Lieutenant] Rich G. Fredendall [Q/BPD] showed up and helped me unload the moving truck. The people treated us really well. It was a good place to be. While at Macon, I did marijuana eradication for four years. That was always a good time.

**Cheryl:** You might have to explain that.

**Major Robinson (laughing):** That's probably true. It's a good time because you work with officers from all different jurisdictions throughout the troop. We were looking in rural areas and would set up surveillance. It was always fun. Every day was different. I liked working with our guys and the policemen and deputies. I've always considered myself a policeman first. I loved it. I remember being called to contact a man about a marijuana grow. I was driving down a lane when a man flagged me over and asked who I was. I told him, and he asked me to come inside his



home. Once inside, I could see guns everywhere, including the handgun on the table where he sat. I was in plain clothes and my gun was out in the truck. It became very clear this man was *not* the caller. He began telling me I was trespassing and he was from Texas, and in Texas they shoot trespassers. He also was clear that the only true law enforcement officer was the sheriff. He went on about the folly of my career choice as a state trooper, and that I needed to be careful where I trespassed. I soon found an excuse to leave. As I got back to my truck, I breathed a sigh of relief—and learned a valuable lesson! The next house down the lane was the caller's. They were related to the first man and were apologetic and a bit nervous about my encounter.

**Cheryl:** What other assignments come to mind?

**Major Robinson:** Being a zone sergeant. I had great people in the zone. Everyone wanted to work hard. It was good.

**Cheryl:** Tell me about being a lieutenant.

**Major Robinson:** I was assigned to Rolla, MO, as a lieutenant. I learned a lot about styles of management and how to lead people.

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# — Robinson

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**Cheryl:** *So, the phone rings ... It's 2007, and Colonel James F. Keathley (retired) asks if you want to go to St. Joseph as the commanding officer.*

**Major Robinson:** I had applied to go to St. Joseph, and was happy to move there. Once again, the same as I'd seen throughout my career, the employees and troopers wanted to do their job and do it well. I remember being asked which troop was the best. (I've been in three.) I wouldn't know. The people have been great everywhere I've been. I was accused of giving a politically correct answer, but I didn't. It's the truth.

**Cheryl:** *What about the phone call from Colonel Ron Replugle asking you to join his staff?*

**Major Robinson:** Coming down here was a surprise, and it was an honor to be called. The thought of working on the command staff was nice. I liked it and appreciated the opportunity.

**Cheryl:** *You've decided to retire. Right now, the 100th Recruit Class is in residence. Anything you want to tell them?*

**Major Robinson:** This is an honorable profession. I really think the public at-large appreciates police officers. That said, they do need to develop a thick skin. A good example is: While at Ferguson, MO, the news media by and large portrayed law enforcement in a negative light. But, every day we were there, truckloads of donated items—drinks, snacks, etc.—would come in from the public for the officers. I found this very encouraging, that people would do this on their own.

At my retirement reception, my wife created a board with photographs she gathered throughout my career. Four people who gave their lives in the line of duty were represented in those photographs. Bob Kolilis was a classmate and was hit by a car and killed our first

year on the road. Bob was one of the youngest, if not the youngest member of our class. He was always enthusiastic and eager to start his new profession. When I see his picture on the wall I almost always think, "Hi, Bob." I know that is strange, but I do it just the same. Putnam County Sheriff Melvin Roof was in those photographs. Melvin died after wrestling with a young car theft suspect. Melvin got into police work late in life, but loved it. I enjoyed working with him. A photo of Dewayne Graham when we had an assignment in Utah was on that board. Dewayne was shot and killed in his own front yard. Anyone who knew Dewayne would describe him as a true professional. The flood waters of Holt County were represented in those photos. Those flood waters would eventually take the life of Fred Guthrie. I only knew Fred for a short time, but I got to know his family well and through them got to know him much better. He was a family man that had the nickname "the Ultimate River Warrior." That should give an idea of what Fred was like.

There were many others not

seen on that board but in other photographs on walls and scrapbooks throughout our state. What I want to tell the 100th Recruit Class is that this can be a dangerous job and good people have given their lives doing it. I want them to know they should not live their life in fear, but understand this can be a dangerous profession. This is a good career. You will do things that other people only read about or watch on a screen. But, you must be careful as you complete your duties. Preparation not paranoia. I would also tell them to enjoy themselves. I truly believe they are in an important, noble profession, but there is nothing wrong with having a good time doing it!

**Cheryl:** *So, you've decided to retire. Do you have any plans?*

**Major Robinson:** I want to watch my granddaughter play softball. I want to have time to go hiking in the mountains and fly fish some of those mountain lakes. I want to travel with my wife, Melody. I just want to go do those things I haven't had time to do. I want to be just Duane.

## He Was Meant To Be There

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

*It was a pleasure to speak with Mrs. Melody Robinson about her husband's career. She was kind enough to share a few moments with me.*

*Regarding his choice of careers, she said, "He was meant to be there. It's been a good career for him. It's come a long way since he started. He had a revolver with only six bullets and now he has a Glock. I did get to shoot his 357, and he had to clean it."*

*Did he talk to you about any of his experiences? "A few times, he came home and told me things, particularly in the middle of the night. He'd go to sleep and I'd be up thinking about it."*

*You have three children. What was it like for them? "They grew up with him in uniform. It has always been normal to them. They'd already turned on the car's lights when they were pretty small."*

*Are you ready for him to be around all the time? "I think we have a honey-do list right now for him," she laughed. "We're good for a while."*



# It Started With A Bang

Quality Control Clerk II *Nina D. Holtmeyer, Q/PRD*

It all started with a bang on my door. A hero came through the door yelling, "Jim and Nina are you home? Your house is on fire! Get out!"

That person was Clerk IV Brenda Starke, Q/PRD. Brenda has worked for the Highway Patrol for 30 years. She was turning into her driveway after a 4-H meeting and saw a glow toward the river. She set out looking for the cause of the glow, because she felt it was out of the ordinary and looked like it was on the Bonnots Mill side of the river. She tracked the glow to my house. When she arrived, my car was on fire, along with the corner of the house and the woods beside our house.

We were inside watching TV, unaware of what was going on when Brenda came in the door and got us out of the house to safety. She then drove down the road, honking the horn and rallying the people to come with rakes and shovels to fight the fire. Everyone showed up to help. The fire was contained before the fire department arrived, so they could concentrate on putting out the hot spots.

If it was not for the watchful eye and concerned heart of Brenda Starke our whole house would have burned to the ground. It is nice to know that there are truly angels among us.

We owe a big thanks to Brenda and her husband, Doug Starke; all the people that live on Stony Ridge, the Millers, three families of Holtmeyers, the

Kirschs, Clark Porting and Derik, as well as the Stueckens on the river road, Lisa & Ronnie Kempker; and the Linn Volunteer Fire Department. (Clerk IV Lisa Kempker is assigned to Q/PIED;

her husband, Ronnie, is a Linn volunteer firefighter.)

It was a great thing to see how family and friends in the community come together during a crisis. Thank you all!

## Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

### 40 years ago

*March 1975* – The driver of a gasoline transport semi-tractor and trailer lost control on ice and slammed into the Lone Jack weigh station (A-6). The damage was so extensive, the building was leveled and scheduled to be rebuilt. Fortunately, the building was empty, the driver unhurt, and the transport was not loaded.

Tpr. R.D. Howard, Troop C, checked on a man and woman in a vehicle. He found a female sitting in the driver's seat crying. When he inquired as to what the problem was, she said she wanted the man to get out of her car. A few questions later Tpr. Howard learned the man was a hitchhiker she'd picked up on Interstate 55 in St. Louis County ... three days ago. After Tpr. Howard recovered from surprise, he helped the two people come to an agreement and go their separate ways.

### 30 years ago

*April 1985* – Trooper Jimmie E. Linegar, 31, of Troop D, was honored. Tpr. Linegar was killed in the line of duty and Trooper Allen D. Hines was shot when they stopped a van being driven by David C. Tate on April 15, 1985. The subsequent manhunt resulted in Tate's capture and arrest. A jury convicted him and sentenced him to life without parole. Tpr. Linegar left behind a wife and two children. Tpr. Hines recovered and returned to full duty. He retired as a sergeant in 2001.

### 20 years ago

*March 1995* – One story informed readers the Patrol had held its first Polygraph School the previous fall. Training took six weeks and included 14 officers from 11 departments. Another article reported troopers seized over \$2,850,000 during traffic stops in 1994, compared to \$800,000 in 1993. Considerably more cocaine was seized in 1994 (2,327 pounds 7 ounces) when compared to 1993 (997 pounds 15 ounces).

### 10 years ago

Division of Drug and Crime Control officers assigned to the Troop H area investigated the grisly murder of Bobbi Jo Stinnett. She was eight months pregnant at the time of the murder, and the baby was cut from her womb. The world watched this case unfold, unaware of Sergeant David Merrill, Corporal Jeff Owen, and Troopers Brad Ussary and Roger Phillips' work behind the scenes that led to law enforcement catching a murderer and kidnapper. The woman responsible was arrested without incident. The baby girl was recovered and reunited with her father.

# May

May 8

Truman's  
birthday

May 17

Sgt. D.C. May  
died in 1999.

May 22

Tpr. M.L.  
Newton died in  
2003.

May 25

Memorial Day

# Communications Operators Graduate From Academy

By Chief Roger D. Martin, Q/ICTD

On February 12, 2015, eight probationary communications operators completed the three-week Communications Operator Academy hosted by the Information & Communications Technology Division Operations Section. Graduation was held at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy. During the course, probationary operators completed the public safety communications telecommunicator, cultural awareness, and computer aided dispatch courses. They also completed training and exercises covering administrative message writing, critical incident reporting, and standard Patrol communications procedures. Guest instructors from troop communication centers and several Patrol divisions provided expert instruction in

standards as well as insight into Patrol and troop procedures and day-to-day operations.

*Listed are the probationary communications operators and their assignments:*

Natalie M. Copeland, Troop A  
Beth D. Martin, Troop I  
Jessica L. Mayfield, Troop D  
Jordan M. Stout, Troop A  
Alyssa M. Stroud, Troop A  
Katie A. Tesch, Troop A  
Ashley B. Watterson, Troop A  
Daniel M. Wunderlich, Troop A

Prob. Comm. Oper. Beth Martin, Troop I, accepted the "Harry W. Duncan Director's Award" for earning the highest overall grade point average for the class.



Happy to graduate from the Communications Operator Academy are (front row, l to r) Prob. Comm. Operators Natalie Copeland, Katie Tesch, Jordan Stout, Daniel Wunderlich; (back row, l to r) Alyssa Stroud, Jessica Mayfield, Ashley Watterson, and Beth Martin.

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# Deaths

## Richard D. Radford



Richard D. Radford, age 86, died at home in Springfield, MO, the evening of February 5, 2015. He was born September 8, 1928, in St. Louis, MO, to the late Jack and Zella Radford.

Richard graduated as valedictorian of his Vanduser, MO, high school class in 1947. In 1948, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served with the 11th Airborne Division assigned to overseas duty with the occupation forces in Sendai, Japan. In 1952, he married Bessie B. (Beth) Rowland, of Sikeston, MO, and the couple settled there until Richard was selected for employment with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Richard graduated from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy in March 1957. He was stationed in Jefferson City, MO, as a trooper. In 1963, he was selected for full-time security for Governor John Dalton. This was the first time the Highway Patrol had provided protection for the governor, so Richard had to develop procedures as he went along. He maintained an office with the governor in the Missouri Capitol and traveled with Governor Dalton for the remainder of his term and with Governor Warren E. Hearnes for two terms. During his time in the Governor's Security Division, Richard was promoted from trooper to sergeant (there was no corporal rank at

that time). In 1970, he was promoted to lieutenant and transferred to Troop E in Popular Bluff, MO. He was promoted to captain there in 1978, and led the troop until his retirement at age 60 in 1988.

Richard loved the Missouri State Highway Patrol and was proud of his 31 years of service.

Richard enjoyed many interests such as horseback riding, which he introduced to his daughters when they were young girls. He was an avid deer hunter and gardener, growing impressive tomatoes and other vegetables as long as he was able. Richard could fix anything and was a great carpenter, remodeling several homes over the years. He enjoyed raising cattle, family dinners, and spending time with his daughters and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Beth; brother, Jack; and several in-laws. He is survived by his daughters, Barbara Radford-Kapp (and her husband, Dennis), Susie Banasik (and her husband, [Sgt.] Dan); grandchildren Sean Banasik, Jordan Banasik, Peter Radford-Kapp, and Zoe Radford-Kapp; brother-in-law, Floyd Pobst; and numerous nieces and nephews. Richard was a good and decent man. He loved and cared for his family and was revered by many. He will be missed.

A private service at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery was held. Memorials may be sent to The MASTERS ([www.themastersmo.org](http://www.themastersmo.org)), which supports families when a trooper is killed in the line of duty. Condolences may be conveyed through Gorman-Scharpf Funeral Home at [www.gormanscharpf.com](http://www.gormanscharpf.com).

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Radford family.

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## Larry L. Lawyer



Larry L. Lawyer, of Rolla, MO, died Monday, February 16, 2015, at the age of 81. He was born on May 23, 1933, in Mountain View, MO, to the late Daniel Lawyer and Ida (Hollister) Lawyer. On September 24, 1965, he married Connie (Jones) Lawyer who preceded him in death on October 8, 2012.

Larry was employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol for over 30 years. He loved hunting and fishing and spending time outdoors. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his sister, Betty.

He will be greatly missed by his surviving family which includes: a son, Ric Lawyer (and his wife, Elizabeth) of Ozark, MO; two daughters, Wendy Morris (and her husband, Kent) and Robin Lawyer, all of Rolla; one brother, Glen Lawyer, of Texas; one sister, Sonja Murdy, of Florida; nine grandchildren, Katelyn Loftis (and her husband, Jordan), Jacob Morris, Kyle Morris, Joshua Morris, Taylor Lawyer, Grant Lawyer, Avery Lawyer, Evelyn Lawyer, and Cole Atkisson; and one great-grandchild on the way.

A funeral service for Larry L. Lawyer was conducted Thursday,

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# Deaths

## – Lawyer

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February 19, 2015, at the Null and Son Funeral Home of Rolla. Interment followed in the Ozark Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to The MAS-TERS program. All arrangements are under the direction of the Null and Son Funeral Home of Rolla.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Lawyer family.

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## Leroy Bergner



Leroy Bergner of Bismarck, MO, died January 20, 2015, at his residence. He reached the age of 75 years, six months, and 22 days. He was born on June 29, 1939, a son to the late Frances Bergner.

Those who remain to mourn his passing are his beloved wife, Linda Bergner, of Bismarck; son, Tom “Bo” Bergner (and his wife, Nicolle), of Park Hills, MO; daughter, Glenda Campbell (and her husband, David), of Bismarck, MO; three brothers, James Bergner (and his wife, Phyllis), of De Soto, MO, Johnny Litton (and his wife, Carmen), of De Soto, MO, and George Litton, of Cadet, MO; two sisters, Helen Woods (and her husband, Harry “Woody”), of Potosi, MO, and Judy Litton, of Potosi; four grandchildren, Lee Everidge

(and his fiance, Jennifer Jaycox), Jacob Bergner, Zachary Campbell, and Mariah Payton; three great-grandchildren, Alley Turntine, Paige Stevens, and Braylie Bergner; and many more relatives and friends.

Along with his mother, Leroy was preceded in death by his grandfather Leslie Bergner.

Funeral services for Leroy took place Saturday, January 20, 2015, at DeClue Memorial Chapel with Brother Aaron Radford officiating. Honoring Leroy by serving as his pallbearers were Jacob Bergner, Zachary Campbell, Lee Everidge, Sam Bergner, Josh Lit-

ton, and Steve Bergner. Interment and final prayers were held at the Caledonia Methodist Cemetery. All funeral arrangements were respectfully entrusted to the care and direction of the DeClue Family Funeral Home.

Leroy worked for the Patrol in building and grounds maintenance from 1982 until he retired in 2000. He was assigned to the Troop C Service Center in Park Hills, at the time of his retirement. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Bergner family.

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## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

DE Supervisor Katie L. Hoover (D)  
- son

Tpr. Andy B. Ward (D) - brother-in-law

Sgt. Matt K. Funderburk (D) - father  
Quality Control Clerk II Cheryl A.

Garner (Q/PRD) - father-in-law  
Ret. Administrative Office Support  
Assistant Lena M. VanHouden -  
husband

MVI Sprv. Eric W. Gibson (D)  
mother-in-law

Quality Control Clerk II Heidi J.  
Lewis (Q/PRD) - grandmother

Ret. Building & Grounds II David J.  
Gower - wife

Comm. Oper. III Chris Ramsey (F) -  
mother

CJIS Trainer II Tina J. Ramsey (F) -  
mother-in-law

Clerk Typist III Nita M. Douglas (D)  
- grandmother

Comm. Oper. III Eric B. Douglas (D)  
- grandmother

DE I Brian G. Wallace (D) -  
grandmother

MVI III Donna F. Fields (A) - brother  
Ret. Sgt. Fred C. Howard (E) -  
daughter

Cpl. Matt P. Fisher (A) - father

Sgt. Mac H. Brand (Q/DDCC) -  
mother

DE III Dana L. Madrueno (A) - father  
Tpr. R. Mike Malone (F) - grandfather

Special Asst. Jane M. Hull (Q/CIB) -  
mother-in-law

Tpr. Blake D. Wunderlich (E) -  
grandmother

Clerk Typist III Sheri L. Davidson (D)  
- father

Supply Mgr. II Chris L. Terry  
(Q/BPD) - brother

DE III Sally L. Enderle (C) - mother  
Tpr. Allison R. Enderle (C) -  
grandmother

Cpl. Chris K. Shannon (Q/GD) -  
grandmother

Comm. Oper. II Jason D. Dake (I) -  
grandfather

Ret. Capt. Harold L. Elder - mother  
Capt. Lester D. Elder (Q/MVI) -  
grandmother

CJIS Specialist II Heather J. Elder  
(Q/CJISD) - grandmother-in-law

Ret. Sgt. Charles L. Barnes - wife  
Cpl. D. Scott Rice (D) - sister-in-law

Tpr. Adam S. Rice (D) - aunt  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. I Jessica L. Rice  
(D) - husband's aunt



# ~ Thank You ~

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the plant, cards, prayers, and condolences we received after the loss of my mother-in-law, Jill Roads.

*MVI Sprv. Eric W. Gibson  
Troop D*

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, emails, and expressions of sympathy following the death of my grandmother, "Jerry" Summers. Thanks to all who took time to attend the visitation and funeral service. The attendance of the Patrol family was greatly appreciated and will always be remembered. I am very proud and blessed to be a part of such a wonderful organization.

*Cpl. Chris K. Shannon, Q/GD*

My husband, Bo, and I would like to extend our sincerest thank you to our Patrol family for all the cards, emails, flowers, and for those who attended the visitation for my mother-in-law, Ann Hull. Our entire family was touched by the support of so many, and I appreciated your thoughtfulness during a very difficult time. I am blessed to be a part of this family, and thankful for your friendship. May God richly bless you.

*Spec. Asst. Jane M. Hull, Q/CIB*

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy our family has received following the loss of my husband, Boyd VanHouden. I would also like to thank those who were able to attend the visitation and funeral. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

*Ret. Spec. Asst. Lena M.  
VanHouden*

A heartfelt thank you to the Patrol family for your many acts of kindness shown during the extended illness and passing of my wife, Andrea Richardson. The cards, personal visits, emails, phone calls, flowers, prayers, and all other demonstrations of love by both active and retired members were very important to us. A special thank you for the officers and civilian employees who traveled in inclement weather to attend Andrea's services, and for the assistance of Troop D Service Center officers for their traffic direction and escort to the gravesite. As a trooper's wife, Andrea was an extremely proud member of the Patrol

family. She was a very caring person who prayed regularly of the safety of the officers. Thanks to everyone for your kindness during our loss.

*Ret. Lt. Don E. Richardson &  
family*

On behalf of the Barnes family, we would like to extend our deepest appreciation for the visits, cards, flowers, stamps, food, and prayers after the passing of my wife, Bertha. Thank you to all who took time away from family and work to attend visitation and the funeral service. Your kind words and thoughts were a comfort through this difficult time.

*Sincerely,  
Ret. Sgt. Charles L. Barnes &  
family*



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Kansas City	201 Miles	3 hours 44 minutes
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Little Rock	173 Miles	3 hours 11 minutes
Tulsa, OK	220 Miles	3 hours 32 minutes
Chicago, IL	459 Miles	9 hours 19 minutes
Dallas, TX	430 Miles	7 hours 23 minutes

**Calendar of Events**

- June 13 - Billy Dean & Steel Horses at Starlite Theatre - 2pm
- June 14 - Church Services & Ice Cream Social at Sanctuary of Hope 1790 Bee Creek Road, Branson - 10am
- June 15 - Law on the Links Course at Thousand Hills Golf Resort 245 S Wildwood Drive, Branson  
8am registration / 8:30am shotgun start
- June 16 - Law Enforcement Expo & Recruiting at Radisson 120 S Wildwood Drive, Branson - 10am to 4pm  
POST Certified Training at Radisson 120 S Wildwood Drive, Branson - 9am and 1pm
- June 17 - Law Enforcement Expo & Recruiting at Radisson 120 S Wildwood Drive, Branson - 10am to Noon  
Keynote Banquet featuring Gordon Graham at Radisson 120 S Wildwood Drive, Branson  
5pm Cocktails / 6pm Dinner
- June 18 - Motorcycle Rodeo at Shopping Center parking lot 2050 W Hwy 76, Branson - 9am registration / 10am start
- June 19 - Shooting Competition at TBA - 10am
- June 20 - Collector's Show at Radisson 120 S Wildwood Drive, Branson - 8am to 4pm  
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# BADGE OF HONOR RUN WELCOMES 147

*By Sgt. Clark Parrott, Troop E*

The first Badge of Honor Benefit Run took place on March 28, 2015, at the Black River Coliseum in Poplar Bluff, MO. Despite the 30 degree temperature, clouds, and breeze, 147 runners from surrounding states participated in the event making the run a huge success! The Badge of Honor Run is an event to honor the men and women who have dedicated their lives to protect and serve the citizens of their communities. Proceeds raised will be distributed among the following emergency service groups: The MASTERS, BackStoppers Inc., and the Missouri Fraternal Order of Police. A special thank you to Troop E Lieutenant Jeff Vitale, for organizing and



*Runners prepare for the start of the 2015 Badge of Honor Run.*

heading up the race committee! Mark April 2, 2016, on your calendars now, as this is the date for next year's run! (If you'd like to purchase any event

coins, key chains, or shirts, etc., contact Lt. Vitale.) Many thanks to everyone who supported the event!



*Runners pass under the American Flag.*

