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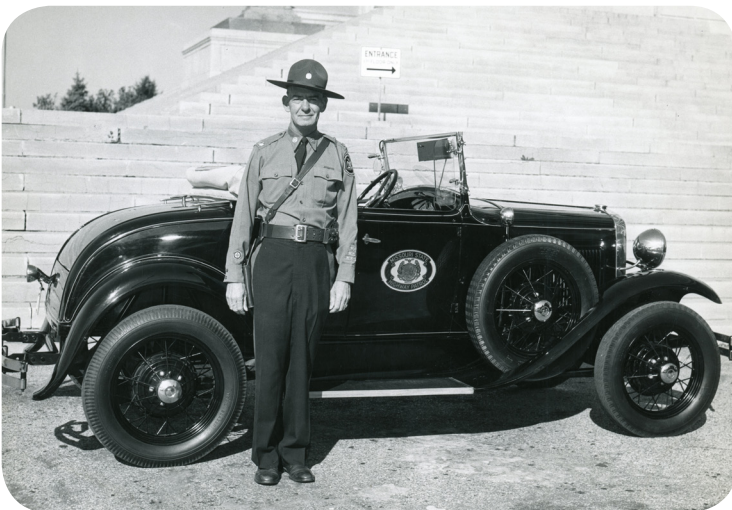
My wife and I frequent an area restaurant for breakfast. That restaurant, like so many others we've all been to over the years, has a group of regulars that you can't help but get to know. One of these regulars is Robert Miller, of Jefferson City. Mr. Miller, like the rest of the regulars, is always ready for a smile or a good natured jab. One day, Mr. Miller brought me a photograph of original class member Major Maurice Parker standing in front of a 1931 Ford patrol car. He talked about old troopers he knew and related some of the old stories.

I've heard stories like these many times over the years, but I've never gotten tired of them. They remind me of the impact our troopers have had in their communities throughout Missouri. The idea we now call community policing has been alive and well in our agency since Major Parker's route across Northern Missouri in 1931. The men and women who make up the Patrol, both uniformed and civilian, have dedicated themselves to the mission of "service and protection." It doesn't matter what job you have in our agency, there's a sense of duty and service. I am thankful for that and have always been proud to be part of it.

Our troopers and employees continue positively influencing their communities every day. Whether taking the time to get to know members of the community you serve, providing a valuable service, or being involved in preserving the peace, the people of our agency are

dedicated to professionalism. Recently, during a difficult time in Ferguson, MO, my wife sent me the following text, "Thought I should tell you how proud I am of all the policemen there at Ferguson. As I watched the TV coverage, I thought of how they have acted with so much honor and courage. You guys have put your lives on the line with very little thanks, and, in my opinion, you guys are true heroes. I would be proud to call any one of them my friend."

I fully admit my wife may be a bit biased. But, I truly believe she hit the nail on the head. This profession is a calling; we are called to "serve and protect." Thank you for the job you do to fulfill that worthwhile mission.



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Tpr. Rice Talks To Little Stingers

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D



Recently, Trooper Adam S. Rice, Troop D, provided a safety presentation at his son's preschool, in Fair Play, MO, during the school's Safety Week. He explained what being a trooper in the Missouri State Highway Patrol means, and showed them his patrol vehicle. Tpr. Rice's son, Elijah, who just turned five, is a student at Little Stingers Preschool. In this group photo, Elijah fondly gazes up at his dad.

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K-9 Puki has adjusted to retirement quickly. (inset) Pictured are Sgt. Brooks McGinnis, Troop A, K-9 Puki, and Sgt. Greg Primm, Troop A, on Puki's last day of work.

Looks Can Be Deceiving

By Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, Troop A

On July 2, 2014, at 11:14 a.m., Sergeant Greg D. Primm, Troop A, was watching eastbound traffic on Interstate 70 when a male subject in battle uniform and wearing his military hat, which is very uncommon for military personnel to do while in a vehicle, passed by him. Sgt. Primm also noticed the male driver had a few days growth of facial hair, which sent up another red flag. Sgt. Primm followed the rental vehicle and observed several traffic violations before initiating a traffic stop on I-70 at the 83-mile marker.

Upon contacting the driver, the driver immediately advised Sgt. Primm about a weapon and pointed to a Glock 17 lying on the front passenger seat. (That's strange.) Sgt. Primm observed

an empty, generic holster, clearly personally owned and not military issued, on the driver's hip. (That's another red flag.) Sgt. Primm did not recall a Glock 17 being in the arsenal of the U.S. Army, especially with the tabs the driver was displaying on his uniform. Sgt. Primm said he recognized ribbons for Ranger, Airborne, and Special Forces—which was a little over the top. He also observed a black t-shirt under the driver's BDU shirt, which is also not consistent with Army uniform regulations.

While speaking with the driver, who did not have a rental agreement for the vehicle or a military ID, Sgt. Primm detected the odor of marijuana. The driver claimed he was en route from Denver, CO, to Fort Bragg, NC,

for another deployment with the "5th Special Forces Group." Of course, the driver denied Sgt. Primm consent to search his vehicle. However, a probable cause search revealed 1.5 pounds of marijuana in a military shoe box located in the rear floorboard.

Sgt. Primm was able to verify that the driver had served two years in the military before being discharged for—you guessed it—marijuana use. Sgt. Primm's relentless efforts against drug trafficking continues to prove that individuals of all ages, race, and gender will try anything or wear anything in attempt to conceal themselves from being suspects for transporting drugs. Sgt. Primm continues to welcome the challenge drug traffickers attempt to pose in their efforts to conceal illegal drugs. To date, the Troop A Seize Unit has over 160 criminal arrests, which includes 14 seizures.

Keep up the good work, Sgt. Primm.

MPOA, SAR Honor Corporal Lance DeClue

By Sgt. Dan J. Crain, Troop I

At a recent Troop I sergeant's meeting, two groups honored Corporal Lance D. DeClue, Troop I. The Missouri Peace Officers Association presented him with the "Hank Johnson Award" for Officer of the Year, and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution presented him with their "Medal of Heroism."

The honors are the result of his actions in August 2013. During the late night hours of August 5, 2013, and the early hours of the next morning, torrential rain fell within the Troop I area—with as much as 14 inches falling in the vicinity of both St. Robert, MO, and Waynesville, MO. Flash flooding along Mitchell Creek in Waynesville caught nearby residents by surprise while they slept. Several residents were surrounded by the rising, raging waters and were forced to cling to buildings and trees as they attempted to escape. The initial wave of responders failed when their boat cap-



Pictured are Capt. Jim W. Remillard, Troop I, Cpl. Lance DeClue, Troop I, and Major J. Bret Johnson, Q/FOB, after Cpl. DeClue accepted the Medal of Heroism.

sized, forcing them also to cling to any fixed object for safety. Cpl. DeClue and then-Sergeant Justin L. McCullough (currently a lieutenant at Troop F)

launched a patrol vessel and risked their lives to save seven individuals from being swept down the flooded stream that night.

L.E.T.S.A.C. Honors Tpr. Heath

By Capt. J. Tim Hull, Q/PIED

The Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council held their annual conference at The Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, MO, on July 14-18, 2014. Each year, the council honors officers as "Traffic Officer of the Year" from four categories for the tremendous accomplishments they had achieved for the previous year. They honor officers from small departments, medium departments, large departments, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The awards were presented at the conference banquet held on the evening of July 17, 2014.

This year's Patrol recipient was Trooper Cameron M. Heath Jr. Tpr. Heath has been with the Patrol for

two years and currently is assigned to Troop E, Zone 4, Cape Girardeau, Bollinger, and Northern Scott counties. He has made a number of noteworthy criminal arrests by looking beyond the traffic stop. He distinguished himself during 2013 with his traffic and criminal enforcement activities and provided local schools and businesses with education programs on seat belt and distracted driving awareness.

During the year 2013, Tpr. Heath totaled 851 arrests and issued 1,097 warnings. He made 90 drug arrests, investigated 27 traffic crashes, and made 37 after crash arrests. He ranked number three out of 84 road officers for total contacts for Troop E.

Tpr. Heath was nominated by his troop commander, Captain George E. Ridens, Troop E, who said, "Tpr. Heath sets an excellent example of educating the local communities in traffic safety and professional law enforcement. His work ethic and tenacity to enforce traffic laws and promote safety upon the highways have made him a well-rounded officer. He lives by a strict code of ethics in both his personal and professional life, and embodies the concept of service and protection. He is a credit to himself and the law enforcement community."

Congratulations, Tpr. Heath, on your accomplishment!



Family and co-workers were on hand to celebrate Tpr. Cameron M. Heath Jr.'s accomplishment. Pictured are: (l to r) Sgt. and Mrs. C. Mitch (Christey) Heath Sr., Troop E, and Tpr. Heath's father, Mrs. Christey Heath (Tpr. Heath's parents), Tpr. Heath, Troop E, Capt. George Ridens, Troop E, Major J. Bret Johnson, Q/FOB, Tpr. Brett D. Tappendorf, Troop B, Cpl. Shane R. Rowe, Troop D, and Tpr. Stephen J. Cool, Troop H.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR DETAIL: CHALLENGING, BUT HEARTWARMING

By Sgt. Christopher M. Gach, Troop A

On August 6, 2014, approximately 86 Missouri State Highway Patrol employees reported to Sedalia, MO, for the start of the Missouri State Fair. The Missouri State Fair detail is a unique assignment—unlike any other within the Patrol. The 76 uniformed members assigned to this detail are given responsibilities different than those they are used to. The normal everyday routine goes from stopping cars and patrolling a zone by yourself to foot patrol or a gate assignment with a partner. The men and women assigned to this detail are the reason the State Fair continues to be a success year after year.

For those that have never had the opportunity to be a part of this assignment, there are times where your patience is challenged, and times that are rewarding and heartwarming. There are times when patrons of the fair lose the ability to listen to



Tpr. Erica E. Crabtree, Troop A, Cpl. Aimee N. Fulkerson, Troop I, Tpr. Ralicia A. Tyler, Troop I, Tpr. Stephanie R. Eaton, Troop A, and Sgt. Gara N. Howard, Troop H, spent time at the recruiting tent answering questions about being a trooper.

reasonable directions from members of the Patrol. It seems that these instances are directly proportional to the amount of time spent at different establishments near the bottom of the “T.” These instances are taken in stride by the members assigned to the detail, and are handled with courtesy and professionalism.

There have also been times during the detail when I’ve been told by members they were glad they were able to help someone that was in need. These times generally involve reuniting a lost child with their family, or returning lost property to those that have misplaced it. Every year, patrons of the fair locate lost items and bring them to the zone office located on the fairgrounds. It’s nice to see that there are still people in the world that

will return someone else’s property rather than keep it for themselves. Thankfully, these instances occur much more frequently than those that challenge our patience.

One factor that usually affects people’s attitudes during the fair is the hot weather that is normal for August in Missouri. Luckily, the heat subsided for the majority of the fair and there were no severe storms to deal with this year. I don’t want to jinx those that will be assigned to the fair next year, but the 2014 fair almost seemed uneventful in comparison with state fairs in the recent past. I hope this will become a trend and not a rarity.

The 2014 Missouri State Fair also marked the end of an illustrious Missouri State Fair detail career for two of the supervisors from Troop A. Sergeants D.J. Hedrick and Clark Stratton have decided they no longer wish to take part in the state fair detail, and feel it is time for younger supervisors to assume their roles. Sgt. Stratton has participated in 15 state fair details, and Sgt. Hedrick



Tpr. Daniel J. Johnson, Troop G, and Tpr. Elisa A. Pape, Troop C, patrol the fairgrounds. The Patrol’s bicycle patrol has been part of serving and protecting at the Missouri State Fair since 1995.

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has 13 years under his belt. Their knowledge of the day-to-day operations associated with the state fair, and their dedication to the success of each and every state fair detail will be missed greatly. (That is, unless the Troop A staff decides they have to come back next year ... whether they want to or not!)



A new display at the 2014 Missouri State Fair allowed people to see themselves in uniform.



There are a lot of characters at the Missouri State Fair. Looks like Sparky found one (Tpr. Daren C. Belardo, Troop A)!



MVI Sprv. Daniel A. Gregory, Troop I, answers questions at the 2014 Missouri State Fair.



Sgt. Paul Reinsch and Otto-The Talking Car entertain the kids at the State Fair.

New Employees



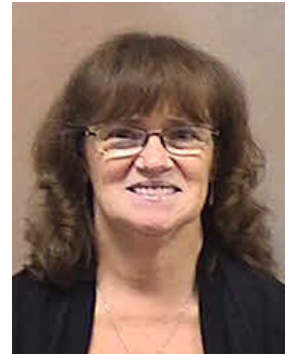
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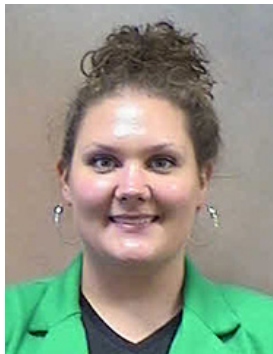
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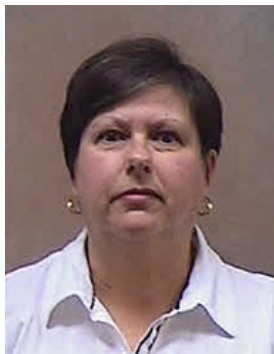
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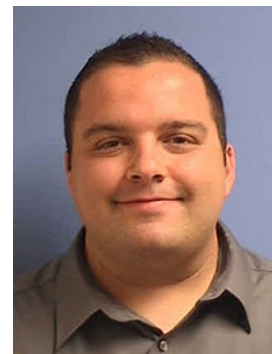
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Troop A

K-9 Puki Retires From Service

By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A

On August 31, 2014, Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop A K-9 Puki retired. Puki joined the Patrol in September 2007, when he was assigned to Sergeant R. Brooks McGinnis, Troop A, and provided seven years of dedicated service. Sergeant Greg D. Primm, Troop A, worked with Puki often as part of the troop's Support Enforcement Interdiction Zone. Sgt. Primm said, "Puki was a great ambassador for the Patrol."

Sgt. Primm said one example of this occurred when he, Sgt. McGinnis, and Puki were stopped at a truck stop along Interstate 70. Sgt. Primm noticed a boy on crutches make his way over to them. The boy, who had muscular dystrophy, asked to pet Puki. As the boy got closer, he accidentally fell and lunged at Puki. Puki calmly braced for the impact, and then gently lowered the boy to the ground without injury. Sgt. Primm said it was apparent Puki knew the young boy had a disability and reacted accordingly.

Needless to say, Puki had a fan for life and they were able to spend time with each other once the boy returned to his feet. Puki had many admirers and took part in demonstrations throughout



Puki (with Sgt. R. Brooks McGinnis, Troop A) keeps an eye on the 35 pounds of cocaine he located during a traffic stop.

the state and Troop A. Approximately 10,000 students and citizens attended these demonstrations throughout Puki's career.

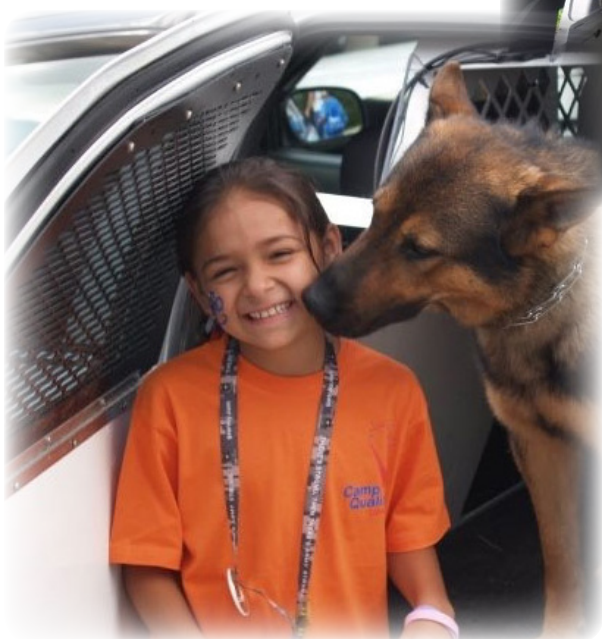


Sgt. R. Brooks McGinnis and K-9 Puki provided demonstrations to approximately 10,000 students during Puki's service with the Patrol.

The following are K-9 Puki's enforcement totals: (Note: The totals for K-9 Puki are based on "refusals" and not on consent searches or currency seizures where Puki was deployed after the find to confirm the substance of illegal drugs on the currency.)

- Deployments – 360
- Marijuana – 511 pounds
- Hash – 2 pounds
- Cocaine – 46 pounds
- LSD – .01 pound
- Mushrooms – .61 pound
- Methamphetamine – 14 pounds
- Currency – \$160,095
- Other Contraband – 23 arrests
- Felony Arrests – 76
- Misdemeanor Arrests – 128
- Fugitive Apprehension – 8
- Tracks – 22
- Building Searches – 6
- Weapons – 2

Almost from day one, Sgt. McGinnis and Puki developed a unique partnership and chemistry that consistently led the state in interdiction efforts. Their performance was effective and well respected by peers and colleagues throughout Missouri. Puki will continue to reside with the McGinnis family throughout his well deserved retirement.



'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 August 23 to October 23, 2014. (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

Tpr. T.A. Baxter, 3 arrests
Tpr. D.R. Becker, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.C. Belardo, 1 arrest
Sgt. W.P. Bremer, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.E. Crabtree, 2 arrests
Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 2 arrests
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.P. Fennewald, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.D. Galaska, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.E. Givens Sr., 2 arrests
Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.L. Holston, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.W. Huff, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Jones, 6 arrests
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 11 arrests
Tpr. E.A. Lusk, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.D. Mathes, 8 arrests
Tpr. G.D. Oetting, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.M. Parker, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Paulsen, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Peters, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 13 arrests
Tpr. C.T. Schwarz, 5 arrests
Cpl. C.A. Taibi Jr., 2 arrests
Cpl. R.J. Wilhoit, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.N. Wilson, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.B. Wright, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.G. Yendes, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.J. Yoder, 1 arrest

Troop B

Cpl. R.H. Bartels, 1 arrest
Sgt. N.D. Berry, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.W. Coleman, 3 arrests
Tpr. T.D. Crutchfield, 2 arrests
Cpl. C.M. Duppong, 3 arrests
Cpl. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 4 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Gipson, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.K. Hendershott, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.J. Lewis, 1 arrest
Tpr. K. McGivney, 4 arrests
Tpr. M.H. Riley, 1 arrest
Sgt. R.L. Seiner, 2 arrests

Troop C

Tpr. Z.D. Bauer, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.L. Decker, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.R. Diffie, 2 arrests
Tpr. P.T. Harms, 1 arrest
Tpr. H.H. Hoemann II, 1 arrest
Sgt. P.D. Hoffman, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.S. Huskey, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.F. Isringhausen, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.G. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.W. Kaiser, 1 arrest
Cpl. E.R. Kessler, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.A. Moore, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.L. Pleasant, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.D. Scruggs, 1 arrest
Sgt. W.B. Sevier, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.J. Shibley, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.D. Smith, 1 arrest
Tpr. Z.S. Wang, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.E. Williams, 1 arrest

Troop D

Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 3 arrests
Tpr. M.R. Cook Sr., 1 arrest
Sgt. S.W. Crouch, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.D. Green, 2 arrests*
Tpr. J.E. Henderson, 1 arrest
Cpl. G.H. Hendrix, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.W. Henley, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 11 arrests
Tpr. K.L. Knight, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.W. Meyer, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.S. Rice, 2 arrests
Cpl. D.S. Rice, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Rorie Jr., 1 arrest
Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 5 arrests

Troop E

Tpr. K.A. Barnett, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.K. Brooks, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.W. Crank, 5 arrests
Tpr. M.B. Foster, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.D. Hamlett, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.L. Johnston, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.T. Laramore, 1 arrest
Sgt. D.M. McDaniel, 2 arrests

Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 2 arrests
Tpr. E.M. Reynolds, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.D. Tucker, 4 arrests
Tpr. B.D. Wunderlich, 3 arrests

Troop F

Tpr. M.P. Acord, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.W. Adamson, 2 arrests
Sgt. W.V. Ahrens, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.A. Ballard, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.H. Crafton, 4 arrests
Tpr. Z.A. Czerniewski, 5 arrests
Tpr. T.C. Fick, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 8 arrests
Cpl. M.T. Halford, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.S. Halley, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Hardy, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.B. Johnson, 4 arrests
Tpr. R.M. Malone III, 1 arrest
Sgt. A.J. Mattox, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.A. McLaughlin, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.E. Morice, 2 arrests
Tpr. E.B. Mueller, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.R. Parker, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.C. Piercy, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.C. Richardson, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.L. Rice, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.A. Schrage, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.T. Shikles, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.M. Starnes, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.B. Wilt, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.A. Winter, 3 arrests

Troop G

Tpr. R.D. Crewse, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.M. Heimsoth, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.D. Johnson, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.A. Kimes, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.M. Loring, 4 arrests
Cpl. G.J. Loring, 1 arrest
Tpr. R. Pace, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.W. Philpott, 1 arrest

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Sgt. R.T. Rees, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Roberts, 4 arrests
Cpl. T.E. Young, 1 arrest

Troop H

Cpl. M.S. Belshe, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.J. Cool, 2 arrests
Tpr. S.J. Cool, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.P. Dudeck, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.B. Heintz, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.R. Hilliard, 3 arrests
Tpr. Q.R. McConkey, 2 arrests
Cpl. J.E. Peabody, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.E. Pritzel, 3 arrests
Tpr. V.F. Selsor, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.L. Starmer, 1 arrest

Troop I

Tpr. D.B. Blankenship, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.W. Clement, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.E. Conway, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.S. Cunningham, 1 arrest
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 5 arrests
Tpr. J.R. McCurdy, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.J. McDonald, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.P. Millsap, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.S. Mizer, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.E. Riggs, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.D. Rapier, 3 arrests
Tpr. N.A. Smith, 4 arrests
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 1 arrest

*marine stop

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

— John Quincy Adams

99th Recruit Class Welcomes Veterans Home

By Recruit Jerrick W. Myers, Q/TND

On September 4, 2014, several members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, including the entire 99th Recruit Class, had the honor of attending and assisting with the 29th Central Missouri Honor Flight's homecoming in Columbia, MO. The Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all of their sacrifices and time served. The organization transports heroes having served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War to Washington, D.C., where they spend the day visiting and reflecting upon their memorials.

At the homecoming ceremony, MSHP members and recruits, along with other law enforcement agencies and community members, took time out of their schedules to welcome the 68 veterans as they returned home from their trip. A handful of recruits even had the opportunity to escort veterans from the bus down the homecoming lane and into the banquet center. For some of these heroes, this was the first homecoming they had ever received and the tears in their eyes showed just how appreciative they were to see the large crowd waiting for their arrival.

As author Will Rogers once said, "We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by." Being a part of the 29th Central Missouri Honor Flight homecoming was a humbling experience and we were all honored and blessed to have had the opportunity to stand on the curb and clap for the 68 heroes who returned home that night.



Members of the 99th Recruit Class were pleased to welcome home the veterans on the 29th Central Missouri Honor Flight.



Spotlight



Lt. Brian L. Daniel



Appointed: February 1, 1998.
First Assignment: Troop A, Zone 13, Pettis County.
Promotions: Corporal—February 9, 2003; Sergeant—February 6, 2006; Lieutenant—July 1, 2014.
Current Assignment: Field Operations Bureau, General Headquarters, Jefferson City. “With my recent promotion, I have experienced mixed emotions about leaving the road,” said Lt. Daniel. “I am excited about the new challenges ahead, but I will miss the camaraderie of the zone and fulfilling the primary duties of a trooper.”
Family: “My wife, Erica, and our children, Lathon, Owen, and Ella, are the foundation to my life,” said Lt. Daniel. “We enjoy attending Bethel Assembly of God in Sedalia, and being actively involved with our church. We love watching movies, reading, or any activity that involves family interaction.”
Interests: “I enjoy anything outdoors, especially big game hunting,” said Lt. Daniel. “The joys of hunting have never been so rewarding as when I take my children into the woods. Their eyes see so many more details and appreciate the small things that I typically take for granted. The quality time I

have in the woods with my kids is priceless.”

“I like physical challenges that push my limits. Sharing any physical activities with my kids: mountain biking, soccer, baseball, basketball, and “chase around,” which is how my kids have labeled tag.”

“My passion, away from my family, is flying. I own a small airplane and enjoy flying as often as finances allow. Flying is a great stress reliever, because no matter how bad of a day you might have had, a pilot has to put those problems aside and concentrate on flying the aircraft,” said Lt. Daniel. “Minor problems are brought into perspective and no longer seem as significant.”

“Being a member of the Patrol is an enjoyable experience. The opportunity to live in a community and make a positive impact is highly rewarding. Each contact that we make has the potential of shaping someone’s future, and sometimes it is easy to forget just how much of an influence we have on other people’s lives. This is a great responsibility that we should all embrace and strive to personify through professionalism,” said Lt. Daniel. “I am proud to serve with the high caliber men and women that comprise the Missouri State Highway Patrol.”

Chief Oper. Michele L. Edson



Appointed: June 1, 1995.
First Assignment: Switchboard Operator I, Troop A, Lee’s Summit, MO.
Promotions/Reclassifications: Telecommunicator — May 1, 1996; Clerk Typist II—August 1, 1998; Telecommunicator— June 1, 1999; Radio Telecommunicator—December 1, 2002; Radio Personnel— July 1, 2004; Communications Operator II—July 1, 2008; Communications Operator III—December 6, 2009; Assistant Chief Operator — May 1, 2011; Chief Operator— July 28, 2013.
Current Assignment: Chief Operator, Troop A.

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TRAFFIC FATALITIES				
Year To Date Dec. 16, 2014	Same Period Last Year Year To Date	Number Of Increase Or Decrease	2012 Traffic Fatalities	2013 Traffic Fatalities
680	699	-19	826	757

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.



Spotlight



— Edson

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Family: Michele is engaged. “My fiancée is an old friend from back in my high school days and we reconnected through Facebook,” she said. Michelle has three kids, Kayla, 25, Courtney, 24, and Brandon, 17. In 2013, she was blessed with a gorgeous grandson, Logan, whom she truly adores. “I firmly believe my grandson was a gift from God for being able to endure raising teenage girls,” said Michele.

Interests: “When I am not at work, which I normally am since other troops are operator thieves, I enjoy watching my son play basketball, spending quality time with the family (especially my grandson), and going on vacations/adventures with my best friend, DE III Lisa L. Bird, Troop A. I also like to do-it-yourself crafts, working with flowers, and practicing my throat punch. During my first 15 years with the Patrol, I also worked part-time for Tobler’s Flowers. Every year, I have the honor of making Memorial Day graveside flowers for Tpr. Fred Guthrie (KOD 2011).”

Michele says she started working for the Patrol, “back when radio operator’s had to kick it old school and memorize officer’s locations.” She chose a reclassification to a clerical position after her son was born, “because it was extremely difficult to work a swing shift with a newborn.” She said she then realized that position was grossly underpaid and she missed the excitement of working in communications, so she rejoined the communications team. She said 12 wonderful years later, someone decided to promote her to head honcho of Troop A radio. “Although I still have lots to learn, I am proud to say I have a great group to work with and I would never ask any of them to do something I wasn’t willing to do myself.”

Tpr. Tyler D. Stewart



Appointed: June 29, 2003.

First Assignment: Troop I, Zone 1, Rolla, MO.

Current assignment: Troop I Zone 7, Dent County.

Family: Tyler is married to Tiffini (Krewson). They have two children, Bryce and Addison.

Interests: Tyler is a passionate sports fan who closely follows his favorite teams, the St. Louis Cardinals and the Mizzou Tigers. Tyler stated that he enjoys playing basketball, but that most of his time is spent with his family.

Tyler is a native of Salem, MO, and is a 1992 graduate of Salem High School. He is also a 1998 graduate of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, MO, where he earned a bachelor’s of science degree in criminal justice. Before embarking on his career with the Patrol, Tyler worked for five years as a juvenile officer.

Tyler stated that during his career he has had the opportunity to be involved in a multitude of assignments. He said he has always enjoyed working with the recruit classes and has twice served as a field training officer. On several occasions Tyler has assisted with stop and approach at the Academy and has done the same for Troop I’s Community Alliance Programs.

Other areas in which he is a certified instructor include radar, standard field sobriety tests, and CPR. Because of his knowledge and experience, Tyler is also an instructor at the sheriff’s training academy in Salem. Tyler stated he feels very fortunate to have been able to work in Troop I throughout his career.

Fiscal & Budgetary Analyst III Leigh A. Falter



Appointed: September 15, 1997.

First Assignment: Clerk Typist II, Training Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City, MO.

Promotions/Reclassifications: Clerk Typist III—April 2000, Clerk IV—July 2005, Fiscal & Budgetary Analyst II—June 2007, Fiscal & Budgetary Analyst III—June 2009.

Current Assignment: Fiscal & Budgetary Analyst III, Training Division, General Headquarters.

Family: Leigh Ann married Leroy F. Falter in May 1983, and they have two grown sons, Eric and Adam. They live in Koeltztown, MO, with their three dogs and a cat. Leroy and Leigh Ann recently became

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— Falter

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in-laws (insert stigma here) when their son, Eric, was married in September. Leigh Ann's mom is retired Clerk Typist III Barbara Eiken, who retired from the Patrol several years ago, and her grandfather, Arthur Renn, retired from the Patrol in the mid-'70s.

Interests: In her spare time, Leigh Ann likes to spend time in the garden and work in her flower beds. The family loves to spend the weekend at the Eiken family cabin on the Osage River, fishing, boating, and swimming. Other interests include singing in church as a song leader and at weddings and anniversaries. Family and friends are a huge part of Leigh Ann's life.

December

- Dec. 3 ● **Tpr. F.L. Walker** died in 1941.
- Dec. 7 ● **Tpr. V.O. Dosing** died in 1941.
- Dec. 12 ● **Tpr. R.S. Creach** died in 1943.
- Dec. 25 ● **Cpl. D.E. Engelhard** died in 2009.
- Dec. 25 ● **Christmas Day**

Citizens Rescue Driver After Crash

By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A

The Missouri State Highway Patrol awarded four men Honorary Trooper certificates in a ceremony at the Troop A sergeants' meeting on September 11, 2014. The men were honored for their actions at the scene of a traffic crash in Jackson County.

Mr. Michael Clevenger, Mr. Casey Conrad, Mr. Dylin Liles, and Mr. Thomas Bukaty provided assistance to Mr. Christopher Bowers, who had been involved in a traffic crash on Interstate 470 at View High Drive, on May 20, 2014. Mr. Bowers was driving eastbound on I-470 when he suffered a medical emergency causing the vehicle to travel off the right side of the roadway. The vehicle came to rest against a metal wire fence. Heavy smoke began to fill the passenger area of the vehicle. Before emergency personnel arrived on scene, Mr. Clevenger, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Liles, and Mr. Bukaty stopped and approached the vehicle. Small flames were showing underneath the vehicle. The citizens noticed the driver was still inside the vehicle and was unconscious. They carefully and quickly removed Mr. Bowers from the vehicle and carried him away from the immediate area. When Trooper David M. Smith arrived on scene, he noticed the citizens were providing first aid to the driver. They stated the driver was breathing and had a pulse. Tpr. Smith evaluated the driver and verified he was breathing, had a steady pulse, but was still unconscious. By this time, the vehicle was engulfed in flames. Moments later, the Lee's Summit Fire Department arrived on the scene. They took over patient care and extinguished the fire. Mr. Bowers has since recovered from the traffic crash.

Captain Eric T. Olson, commanding officer of Troop A, Lee's Summit, stated, "It is clear the citizens involved in this incident performed in an exemplary manner and under dangerous conditions to render aid to another. The actions of these men kept Mr. Bowers' injuries from becoming worse. The Honorary Trooper certificates are to recognize these men for their courage and willingness to help another citizen with disregard for their own safety."



(l to r) Captain Eric T. Olson, Troop A, Mr. Michael Clevenger, of Sweet Springs, MO, Mr. Thomas Bukaty, of Grain Valley, MO, Mr. Dylin Liles, of Blue Springs, MO, and Trooper David M. Smith, Troop A, are pictured. (Not available for a photo: Mr. Casey Conrad, of Independence, MO)

YOUR FTO: WHAT TO EXPECT

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

When a recruit class takes the Oath of Office, they are completing their Academy journey. However, their training has only just begun. Every new trooper is assigned a field training officer. The purpose of these officers is to be an example of best practices and to offer guidance to the new trooper. There are reports, of course, and a lot of feedback to the new trooper.

The field training officers are chosen from the zone where the new trooper is assigned. Each FTO attends a three-day training session prior to taking on this responsibility. (The FTO training is repeated after three years.) To give the current recruit class an idea of what's coming, I asked several officers to share their thoughts on FTOs.

Corporal Kurt A. Schmutzler, Troop H, said some of the best advice he received from his FTO was, "You're never too busy to take the time to visit with the locals. They are the eyes and ears of their respective communities and may have valuable information that could prove beneficial. That being said, you might be the only interaction with law enforcement they have, especially in the rural areas. So, that is your opportunity to leave a positive impression of the Highway Patrol."

From the other viewpoint, that of being an FTO, Cpl. Schmutzler had this to say, "I try my best to put myself in their shoes. I remember how nervous I felt when I started my career, sitting there beside my FTO, not knowing exactly what to do or what to say. It will be stressful and a new trooper needs to take it one day at a time and realize their FTO is ultimately there to help them succeed."

While in his FTO phase, Troop A's Sergeant D.J. Hedrick's FTO was Sergeant Sid Shippy who demonstrated how to put people at ease, but was stern when it was warranted. "Sid seemed to always be able to get a "thank you" from the driver, even

though a citation had been issued. He was a true gentleman who enforced the law. So, the best lesson I learned from my FTO experience would be to be professional," said Sgt. Hedrick.

"During a high speed pursuit, I remember appreciating Sid's knowledge of the roads, while we chased a car on a dry gravel road in southern Bates County. It's important to know the geography of the county where you work. Sid knew everyone and was well respected, so much so that he was elected sheriff after he retired. Throughout my career, I have taken Sid's approach to be involved in the

community and allow others to get to know you."

When he's an FTO, Sgt. Hedrick says he tries to express to the new officers the importance of treating the people they contact the way they would want their family members treated. "I tell new officers if you do the right thing, you cannot go wrong. I would also encourage new troopers to get involved in their community and get to know the people they serve. The responsibilities of a trooper can be overwhelming, unappreciated, and stressful. But, in a moment's notice, it can also be very gratifying and reward-

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Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

45 years ago

November 1969 — This issue remembered Tpr. Jesse R. Jenkins, who was killed in the line of duty October 14, 1969. Articles explained the incident and told of Tpr. Jenkins' funeral.

35 years ago

December 1979 — An article celebrated the career of Captain Ted R. Taylor as he retired, 40 years of Mizzou football details, and the fact that the Law Enforcement Academy had acquired a color video system and started making training videos.

25 years ago

November 1989 — This issue celebrated that the Automated Fingerprint Identification System was operational.

15 years ago

December 1999 — The Fatality Analysis Reporting System marked its 25th anniversary.

5 years ago

November/December 2009 — The Patrol provided security at the St. Louis Cardinals stadium during the MLB All-Star Game. A Patrol History Trivia article highlighted 70+ years of Mizzou football details. A story described an 18-month investigation into a dog fighting ring.

— FTO

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ing. I would tell a new trooper to rely on the experience of their field training officer to prepare them for situations they may encounter.”

“One of the first things that come to mind regarding a “best lesson” from working with my FTO is prioritization of tasks,” said Cpl. Scott B. White, Troop F. “If you prioritize what needs to be done in any incident, most things just fall in place. For example, if you arrive on the scene of a crash, your initial priority is scene safety. That’s easy to say if you’re simply asked the question during verbal testing, but saying it and actually doing it when you have pieces of cars strewn across a busy highway, are completely different.

“During car stops, if you make watching the occupants at all times a

priority, you’ll be able to see any movement people may make to hide items or grab a weapon. This might save your life one day. At a minimum, you’ll see if they are wearing a seat belt, or at least trying to put it on when they see you. The legitimacy of this lesson became very apparent to me one night when I was stopping a driver and saw him actually *removing* his seat belt before even stopping. As predicted, he jumped out and took off running. Because my FTO taught me to prioritize every task we do, I was able to think one step ahead of this guy and nab him. I had help due to the fact this guy ran out of his flip-flops, but I will still give my FTO credit for that one.”

Cpl. White said as an FTO his approach is relative to the person he’s training. “Everyone learns differently and has varying levels of experience

or knowledge. Our first priority is to teach and train. However, the consistent method I use is a “patient” approach. You have to be tolerant of those expected errors and know how to work with the new trooper to fix them productively.”

“I would tell a new trooper to expect to make mistakes, learn from them, and be patient. Criticism in any form—constructive criticism, critiques, daily evaluations—is not that pleasant. But, that criticism, lessons in doing the job right, and eventual improvement are some of the tools used to develop those traits that make citizens and other emergency responders turn to us for help when we arrive on the scene of any type of serious incident. The field training process is designed to teach those new troopers how to be at that level of competency.”

Donation Promotes Safety On Missouri’s Waterways

By Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Troop D

On September 25, 2014, Ozarks Rivers Heritage Foundation gave a generous donation of 200 life jackets to marine operations troopers of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop D. The foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in Branson, MO, in conjunction with the State Park Marina, donated the life jackets to enhance water safety on Missouri’s lakes and rivers. The life jackets will be supplied to boaters who are in need of safety devices.

The Ozarks Rivers Heritage Foundation, which was created in 2010 to provide support to area projects, has recently formed a partnership with the Missouri State Highway Patrol to provide funding for projects needed to enhance water safety and education. Also, other items supplied by the foundation will include voltage meters to test electric currents in and around docks, and an underwater camera system to assist troopers in their search and recovery efforts.



Sgt. Terry G. Sanders and Lt. Bill D. Choate, both Troop D, accepted a donation from Chairman Chip Mason and Board Member Duane Gerkin of the Ozarks Rivers Heritage Foundation.

Troop E Swings For The Fences

By Comm. Oper. II Danielle R. Shepard, Troop E

On Saturday, September 27, several members of Troop E participated in the 8th Annual Heroes Softball Tournament in Cape Girardeau, MO. All the money raised through team fees and concession sales went to the charity chosen by the teams finishing in first and second places. All of the teams were comprised of public safety personnel including police officers, firefighters, and EMS. This year, there were also two fraternities that participated in the tournament, which brought the total to seven teams.

Troop E had two softball teams participate: Troop E-eliminators and Troop E SWAT. Troop E was represented by Tpr. Ron W. Eakins and Tpr. Marc R. Ashby on a third team called the SEMO Law Dogs. Criminalist III Emily Smelser, Q/CLD and who is assigned to the Patrol's Cape Girardeau Laboratory, volunteered to work the concession stand throughout the tournament.

Troop E-eliminators lost their first two games, which eliminated them from the tournament. However, Troop E SWAT went on to the champion-



Troop E SWAT softball team included: (front row, l to r) Sgt. Jody T. Laramore (Troop E), Tpr. Jonathan T. Wilson (Troop E), Tpr. R. Brian Arnold (Troop E), Mr. Nick Summers (Troop E intern), and Sgt. Chuck R. Colbert Jr. (Troop E); (back row, l to r) Tpr. J. David Patton (Q/DDCC), Mr. Brad Dorr (Tpr. Wilson's brother), Tpr. Logan B. Monahan (Troop E), Mr. Michael Pigg (friend), Tpr. Kyle L. Huggins (Troop E), and Tpr. Shane K. Talburt (Troop E).

ship game, where they finished in second place. Troop E SWAT's charity of choice was The Wounded Warrior Project, which received \$500 of the money raised by the tournament. The

first place team played for the Special Olympics, who received \$600.

It was a beautiful day and everyone had a good time. We all look forward to next year's tournament!



The Troop E-eliminators included: (front row, l to r) Tpr. Conrad L. Purnell (Troop E), Mr. Jamie D. Shepard, Comm. Oper. II Danielle R. Shepard (Troop E), Asst. Chief Oper. John B. Beaton (Troop E), Comm. Oper. II Malia N. Cannaday (Troop E), and Mr. C.J. Enderle (retired Sgt. Les Enderle's grandson); (back row, l to r): Mr. Madox R. Belcher (CVI Sprv. Belcher's son), Tpr. Joe M. VanMeter (Troop I), Tpr. Ryan T. Schneid (Troop E), CVI Supervisor Jason M. Belcher (Troop E), Tpr. Dylan L. DeJournett (Troop E), Comm. Oper. III Doug R. Hager (Troop E), Sgt. Rick J. Sanders (Troop E), Tpr. Chris E. Leach (Troop E), and Mr. Steve Enderle (retired Sgt. Les Enderle's son).

FIREBALL RUN INCLUDES MSHAP

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

The Colonel Alvin R. Lubker Safety & Education Center welcomed Fireball Run participants October 3, 2014, when the run traveled through Jefferson City, MO. The Fireball Run is an eight day, 14 destination, life-sized trivial pursuit game. Teams traveled from Frisco, Texas, on September 26, to Independence, MO, on October 4. In its eighth season, this adventure series at Universal Studios in Florida is part live event, part streaming show, and part online television series.

Teams (two people per vehicle, one vehicle per team) included WWE wrestlers, an astronaut, rodeo champions, dragster drivers, business owners, executives, elected leaders, or industry celebrities. Drivers have to be at least 25 years old and possess a valid license to drive in all 50 states. Forty teams are selected to participate in the Fireball Run. To navigate the route and score, teams solve clues based on history, science, nature, theology, and pop culture related to their

geographical location. Proceeds from the race are donated to the Child Rescue Network. Organizers consider the Fireball Run “Our Race To Recover America’s Missing Children.”

One of the teams that stopped by represented Independence, MO. Granola Jones team and drove a 1967 VW Beetle. As the name suggests, Granola Jones manufactures granola snacks. Chief Officer Andrea Schneider said their time in Missouri was wonderful. “I grew up in the middle of Missouri, but I didn’t realize that collectively Missouri has captured our history. The Missouri State Highway Patrol’s Safety Education Center was really a memorable experience for me. To be able to hold the BAR from such notorious people like Bonnie and Clyde will always be a moment in my lifetime that I will remember.”

“We found out about the Fireball Run and learned we could be an overnight destination or a point of interest,” said Mr. Chris Wilson, Jefferson City Visitor’s Bureau. “We felt being a point of interest was a great opportunity to showcase some of our top attractions.” The bureau contacted the show’s producers, who then visited Jef-


erson City. Mr. Wilson said the Fireball Run producers found the Patrol’s museum extremely interesting and felt that would be a significant part of the run. “I know they really enjoyed visiting the museum and were thankful for what you provided. We heard several comments about the hospitality of Jefferson City. My thanks to the Patrol, Capt. J. Tim Hull, Q/PIED, and Lt. John J. Hotz, Q/PIED, for taking part in this. It showcased Jefferson City to a new audience. The producers were looking for a “wow” factor and you provided that for us.”

(Editor’s note: Information about the Fireball Run was retrieved from www.fireballrun.com. Visit Granola Jones at www.eatgranolajones.com.)



Capt. J. Tim Hull, Q/PIED, tells The Cowgirls about the BAR in the Patrol’s museum.

MISSING CHILD



Jesus Dominguez
 DOB: Nov 20, 2006
 LOCATION: Golden Acres, TX
 LAST SEEN: Mar 20, 2008

AGE NOW: 7 SEX: M
 HAIR: Lt. Brown EYES: Brown
 RACE: Hispanic HEIGHT: 3'0"
 WEIGHT: 40 LBS


THE RACE TO RECOVER AMERICA'S MISSING CHILDREN

CHILD HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO FIREBALL RUN ADVENTURALLY TEAM #

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TO ASSIST THIS TEAM REPORT SIGHTINGS OR PROVIDE INFORMATION TO YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

SCANNING THIS CODE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE WILL CONNECT YOU DIRECTLY TO THE NATIONAL MISSING CHILD CENTER



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Q/ASB



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Captain
Q/PSD



Chris J. Harris
Lieutenant
Q/PSD



Jeff B. Johnson
Lieutenant
Troop D



Jim D. Cox
Sergeant
Troop C



Jason E. McTheeney
Sergeant
Q/GD



Joseph D. Oughton
Sergeant
Troop C



Matt R. Schmidt
Sergeant
Troop C



Glen D. Ward
Sergeant
Q/FOB



Ricky L. Watson Jr.
Sergeant
Troop C



Chad C. Clark
Corporal
Q/AD



Joe D. Davidson
Corporal
Troop B

Promotions



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Corporal
Troop H



David J. Kline
Corporal
Troop A



Dennis D. Mathes
Corporal
Troop A



Larry A. Turner
Corporal
Troop C



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Troop E



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Garage Superintendent
Q/FFD



Teresa L. Darrah
DE II
Troop A



Michael E. Duke
Asst. Garage
Superintendent
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Renee S. Gentry
DE Sprv.
Troop E



Taremba Karizamimba
CVE Insp. Sprv. I
Troop E

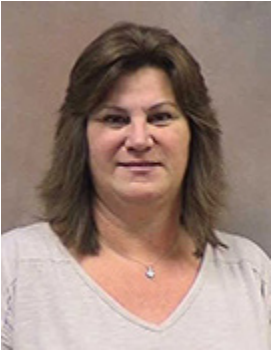


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Criminalist III
Q/CLD



Tyler H. Plassmeyer
CIT III
Q/ICTD

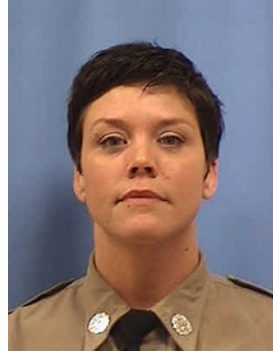
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Tammy D. Ruetters
Quality Control Clerk II
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DE III
Troop D



Brandyn N. Steinman
DE II
Troop F



Alison D. Stokes
Clerk Typist III
Q/HRD



Lateasha Y. Van Housen
DE II
Troop A



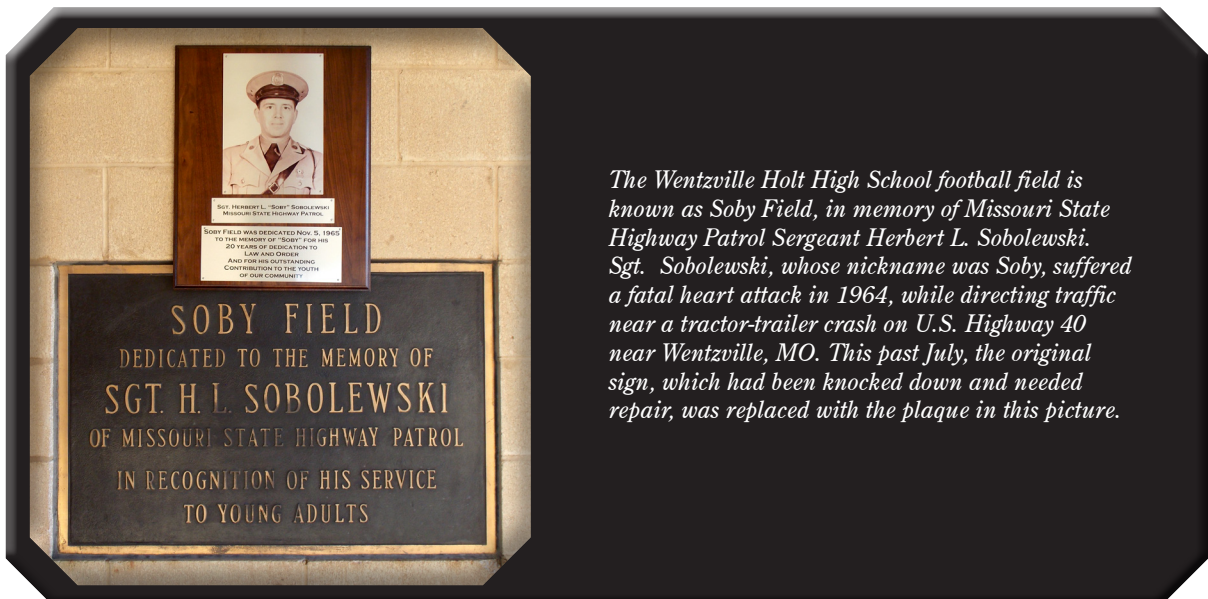
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Troop D



Wayne R. Williams
Build. & Grnds.
Maint. II
Troop G



Jeff A. Wood
MVI III
Troop G



The Wentzville Holt High School football field is known as Soby Field, in memory of Missouri State Highway Patrol Sergeant Herbert L. Sobolewski. Sgt. Sobolewski, whose nickname was Soby, suffered a fatal heart attack in 1964, while directing traffic near a tractor-trailer crash on U.S. Highway 40 near Wentzville, MO. This past July, the original sign, which had been knocked down and needed repair, was replaced with the plaque in this picture.

Retirement

Garage Superintendent Paul R. Becker



On September 1, 2014, Garage Superintendent Paul R. Becker, Q/FFD, retired after more than 29 years of service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Paul began his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on May 1, 1985, as an Automotive Technician II in the then-Motor Equipment Division, where he worked his way up to the position of garage superintendent.

Paul was born and raised in Jefferson City. He graduated from Helias High School in 1976, and from Bailey Technical School in 1978, with a degree in automotive and diesel mechanics.

Paul is married to Jenny (retired from Q/FOB), and they have four daughters: Shara (and her husband, Eric) Buechter; Samantha (and her husband, Adam) Kelly; Jessica (and her husband, Derek) Monroe, and Jessie Becker. They also have six grandchildren: Courtney Buechter, Rowan Buechter, Benjamin Kelly, Annalise Kelly, Nick Monroe, and Elijah Monroe.

Paul enjoys hunting, golf, trout fishing, camping, bowling, and is a big fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, MIZZOU, and the Kansas City Chiefs.

We wish Paul a long and enjoyable retirement. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service.

Lt. Elvin A. Seals



Lt. Elvin A. Seals retired on October 1, 2014, after 27 years of dedicated service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Elvin was born in St. Louis, MO. He graduated from Eustis High School in 1978. In 1979, Elvin enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served his country for eight years as an "aircraft navigation systems technician." After leaving the Marine Corps as a staff sergeant, Elven married the love of his life, Nina Y. Ward. And the rest, as they say, is history! Together, Elvin and Nina have two children, Sherron and Erica. Sherron resides in St. Louis, MO, and Erica lives in Overland Park, KS.

Elvin entered the Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy on July 1, 1987, as a member of the 59th Recruit Class. His first assignment was in

Platte County as a road trooper. In 1995, Elvin left the road duties behind and became a gaming officer in the Gaming Division. On February 1, 1996, Elvin was promoted to the rank of corporal within the Gaming Division. Two years later, Elvin was promoted to the rank of sergeant. On June 1, 2002, Elvin was promoted to the rank of lieutenant within the Gaming Division. In 2006, Elvin transferred to Troop C as a member of the Troop C staff, where he spent the remainder of his career.

Elvin spent most of his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a supervisor. When asked for a unique or special moment that stands out in his memory, he didn't mention anything about an exciting special assignment he may have been attached to or an arrest he made. He did not mention anything about a memorable pursuit—not one, good, juicy police story.

What he did was expound about how proud he was to be an ordained minister and the association he has with the Hopewell Baptist Church. In 2012, Elvin graduated from the Metropolitan Christian Bible Institute where he received a bachelor's degree in theology. He is currently an associate pastor at Hopewell Baptist Church.

Retired Lt. Elvin Seals, enjoy all your free time! All of us here at Troop C wish you the best of luck!

“The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it.”

—Theodore Roosevelt

Congratulations On Your Retirement!

Doris A. Boes
Quality Control
Clerk II
Q/PRD



*Retired October 1, 2014.
20 years of dedicated service.*

Jim R. Behymer
Computer Info.
Tech. III
Q/ICTD



*Retired November 1, 2014.
15 years of dedicated service.*

Dick F. DeVoto
Bldg. & Grnds.
Maint. Sprv.
Troop E



*Retired November 1, 2014.
Seven years of dedicated service.*

Bob A. Wieberg
Computer Info.
Tech. Spec. I
Q/ICTD



*Retired November 1, 2014.
39 years, six months of dedicated
service.*

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Troop C

Griffin Bradley
Tpr. Morgan B. & Mrs. Danielle M.
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Cpl. Jared W. & Mrs. Hannah J.
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Troop C

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Sgt. Alan R. & Mrs. Angie Sullivan
Q/GSD

Ellabell Lauren
Tpr. Lucas S. & Mrs. Lauren M. Lowe
Troop C

Carter Moore
CVE Insp. II Derick L. & Mrs. Kelly
L. Brunzel
Troop C

Grant Edward
CJIS Trainer Matt F. & Mrs. Jessica
M. Becker
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Blake Edward Oliver
Mr. Ben R. & Quality Control Clerk II
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Galaska
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Troop D

Aria Rene
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Tpr. Charles M. & Mrs. Christine L.
Barclay
Troop I

PATROL HISTORY TRIVIA

By Retired Captain Ernest M. Raub

Badge numbers have been assigned to all members since the Patrol was created. Later, badge numbers were assigned to all uniformed civilian personnel. In some ways a number seems cold and impersonal, but a badge number soon becomes a second name and frequently adopts a personality of its own. Through the years, several unusual circumstances and oddities have occurred involving badge numbers.

As the number of command officers grew, some members have had to give up their relatively low numbers for newly promoted lieutenants. In 1931, numbers one through 10 were reserved for captains and above. "Brown leather" had taken numbers up through badge number 25 by August 15, 1946. Other major changes took place in 1957, 1974, and 1978. These changes resulted in some of the early officers eventually being reassigned a number that had previously been taken away from them. At the end of 2010, badges up to #103 were assigned to command officers. With the 2011 merger of the Missouri State Water Patrol into the Missouri State Highway Patrol, it's understandable that a number of shifts occurred. Thus, the consecutive badge numbers for command officers currently end at #108, but there are several higher numbers assigned to several former Water Patrol lieutenants (J.A. Bair #128, W.E. Talburt #156, J.D. Wall #1218) appearing within those badge numbers assigned to troopers, corporals, and sergeants. This occurred because either the officer kept their MSWP badge number after the merge or were given an open badge number to avoid duplication.

Trooper Ralph Cox, an original member was assigned #19, and he carried it until 1943. He received that number back in 1953, when he was promoted to lieutenant, and retired with it in 1956. Herb Groff held #69



from 1948 to 1973 when he was promoted to lieutenant. He, too, was reassigned his old number (in 1979), and kept it until he retired in 1981. Trooper Paul Inman, the first officer to be assigned #34, did not have to forfeit his number when it was assigned to a newly promoted lieutenant in 1957. He was the newly promoted lieutenant, and he kept #34 until he was promoted to captain in 1962. On the other hand, Trooper Vernon Conard lost his badge number not once, but twice to the ever expanding lieutenant rank. He lost #51 in 1973, and was reassigned #61, which he lost the following year for the same reason. He was reassigned #201 which he kept until his retirement.

Some officers who have lost their badge number due to going into the military, leaves of absence, or other reasons have been able to get their original number back. Trooper R.G. Breid held #72 when he went to the military in World War II. The number was briefly reassigned to Trooper R.E. Davis who resigned shortly before Breid returned from the war, and #72 stayed in Callaway County with Breid until his retirement in 1961.

The lowest badge number ever assigned to a trooper was Badge 11, carried by Trooper William E. Austin from 1931 until 1933, when he was one of several officers dismissed due to

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budget problems. Austin got the low number the same way a recruit would today – by being alphabetically first in the class.

As new generations were employed, it was inevitable that a son would someday carry a badge previously assigned to his father. It appears this first occurred in the mid-1960s, when #171, originally carried by Walter Wilson until he was promoted to lieutenant, was assigned to his son, Roger. Since that time, other badges

have been similarly assigned. Three generations of Murphys have held #76 until that number, too, fell victim to the expansion of the lieutenant rank.

Badge number two has been assigned to more officers than any other. It has been held by 27 different officers and reassigned 29 times, including twice to Lieutenant Colonel P.V. Volkmer (retired). E.I. Hockaday carried #2 as both a major and as a lieutenant colonel.

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“Justice consists not in being neutral between right and wrong, but in finding out the right and upholding it, wherever found, against the wrong.”

– Theodore Roosevelt, 1916

Troop H Residents Complete CAP

By Sgt. Jake P. Angle, Troop H

On October 7, 2014, 15 Troop H area residents completed a Community Alliance Program offered at Troop H Headquarters, St. Joseph, MO. Area residents met for five consecutive Tuesday evenings and received classroom and practical instruction on the history of the Patrol, tools of the trade, K-9 operations, marine operations, traffic enforcement, polygraph, firing range, special weapons and tactics, and driving while intoxicated detec-

tion. The highlight of the program was participating in simulated traffic stops. The program concluded with a dinner and an awards ceremony where participants received a plaque for their participation.

The participants in the 2014 Community Alliance Program included: Mr. Jeff Cotton, of Forest City, MO; Mr. Gene Bradley, of Oregon, MO; Mr. Jeff Gardner, of Maryville, MO; Mr.

Bill Walker, of Maryville; Mr. Wendell Lenhardt, of Trenton, MO; Mr. Steve Busch, of Trenton; Mr. Ross Worth, of Cameron, MO; Mr. Charles Adamson, of Cameron; Mr. Brian Roarty, of St. Joseph; Mr. Ralph Greer, of Dearborn, MO; Mr. Jeff Freeman, of St. Joseph; Mr. Charles Morris, of Savannah, MO; Mr. Bruce Witt, of Cameron; Mr. Don Talley, of Plattsburg, MO; and Mr. J.R. Taylor, of Plattsburg.



Captain Jim McDonald (l), Troop H, and Sgt. Jake Angle (r), Troop H are pictured with Troop H's 2014 Troop H Community Alliance Program.

Anniversaries

December

25 years

DE Sprv. Linda J. Byrd, Troop D
CVO Sprv. I Mike R. Morris,
Troop E

15 years

Criminalist Sprv. Stephany S.
Louk-Denney, Q/CLD
Clerk Typist III Juli Samel,
Troop B

5 years

CVE Insp. III Shelley L.
Hardester, Troop C
Fiscal & Budgetary Analyst III
Diana J. Kempker, Q/BPD
CVE Insp. III Ron W.
Lennington, Troop G
CVE Insp. III Richard G. Leon,
Troop C
CVE Insp. III Joshua D. Sharp,
Troop H
DE I Kevin J. Summers, Troop F
CVE Insp. III Brandon S.
Whittington, Troop G

January

35 years

CVE Sprv. II H. Steve Carlyle,
Troop E

25 years

Sgt. Dave C. Bauer, Q/DDCC
Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B
Sgt. Mike A. Bernier, Q/GSD
Sgt. Greg Q. Billings, Q/FOB
Sgt. Troy R. Blunt, Q/DDCC
Sgt. Dan E. Caldwell, Troop C
Sgt. Dale A. Chenoweth, Q/GD
Sgt. Jason P. Clark, Q/DDCC
CVO Sprv. I Chris L. Colman,
Troop A
Lt. Mike W. Cross, Troop A
Sgt. Price R. Davis, Q/GD

Cpl. P.R. Andy Donnell, Troop D
Capt. Vern C. Dougan, Q/ICTD
Lt. Nelson D. Elfrink, Troop B
Lt. John M. Enderle, Q/GD
DE III Virginia K. Estes, Troop A
Lt. Steve B. Ferrier, Troop C
Sgt. Mike T. Finnegan, Q/GD
Cpl. John P. Gassen, Q/GD
Sgt. Eldon L. Grissom, Troop B
Cpl. Curtis R. Haden, Troop G
Sgt. Mike W. Jones, Troop I
Sgt. Greg K. Leftwich, Troop B
Cpl. Patrick E. Leonard, Q/GD
Sgt. Matthew A. Lopane, Q/GD
Sgt. Andy A. Mallery, Q/FOB
Sgt. Tony J. Mattox, Troop F
Sgt. Kevin L. Mills, Troop D
DE III Grace A. Nichols, Troop A
Sgt. Troy L. Pittman, Q/GD
Capt. Jim W. Remillard, Troop I
Cpl. R. Rick Ryerson, Troop F
Sgt. Rick J. Sanders, Troop E
Cpl. Jay A. Shirley, Q/GD
Sgt. Dave D. Spurgeon, Troop F
Sgt. Mark R. Stamps, Troop C
DE III Chris M. Stefanus, Troop C
Cpl. Fred J. Stoffregen, Troop E

20 years

Sgt. Jerry L. Arnold, Troop F
Cpl. Bruce A. Becker, Q/GD
Sgt. Matt J. Broniec, Troop F
Tpr. Mike L. Cary, Troop D
Sgt. Steve J. Childers, Troop I
Cpl. Jason R. Cornett, Troop D
Sgt. Jeff L. Coulson, Q/RDD
Sgt. Jason H. Glendenning,
Troop I
Cpl. Todd A. Hadlock, Troop D
Sgt. Ralph W. Hicks II, Q/GD
Tpr. Brian T. Hillyer, Troop B
Sgt. Bob E. Hoehn, Troop C
Sgt. Brian D. Holcomb, Q/GD
Sgt. Paul J. Kempke, Q/FOB
Admin. Office Support Asst. Dee

A. Kempker, Troop F
Sgt. Barry A. Kumpf, Troop A
Sgt. Jody T. Laramore, Troop E
Lt. Don S. Larsen, Troop G
Cpl. Lonnie R. Lejeune, Troop E
Cpl. C. Tyler Moreland, Troop D
Sgt. Dan F. Nash, Q/DDCC
Sgt. Christopher L. Patton,
Troop C
Lt. Shawn P. Skoglund, Troop H
Sgt. J. Scott Stoelting, Q/DDCC
Cpl. Casey O. Tubbs, Troop A

15 years

DE Sprv. Cindy S. Brown,
Troop C
Computer Info. Tech. III John P.
Doyle, Q/ICTD
Computer Info. Tech. Spec. II
Micheale J. Kroeger, Q/ICTD
Criminalist Sprv. Matt J. Lepper,
Q/CLD
Telecom. Maria T. Moore,
Troop F

10 years

Tpr. Tom L. Belote, Q/GD
Tpr. Cole P. Chatman, Troop G
Cpl. Brian D. Foster, Troop G
Tpr. Rob W. Garrett, Troop D
Tpr. Diana P. Hutzler, Troop F
Computer Info. Tech. Spec. I
Amanda E. Libbert, Q/ICTD
Cpl. Dustin T. Metzner, Q/AD
Tpr. W. Robert Plumley Jr.,
Troop F
Admin. Office Support Asst.
Susan K. Sickman, Q/WPD
Tpr. Jason M. Worthley, Troop F
Tpr. Matt R. Young, Troop D

5 years

Criminalist III Laura M. Crandal,
Q/CLD
CVE Inspector III Jeremy W.
Rhoades, Troop H

Firearms Section Takes Aim, Compares Rounds

By Crim. Spru. E. Todd Garrison

The Crime Laboratory Division firearms examiners recently engaged in their annual in-service training. One block of the training involved testing and firing several different calibers of ammunition, bullet designs, and firearm platforms including handguns, rifles, and shotguns. The examiners fired into a variety of materials. This helped to ascertain terminal performance of projectiles and observe the impact characteristics associated with different caliber cartridges and firearms. Target materials included 1 1/4" steel plates, steel "I" beams, and "bullet proof" glass.

Each of the steel target substrates were shot several times with several calibers of rifle bullets, including .223-caliber Remington, .243-caliber Winchester, .308-caliber Winchester, 7.62x39mm, and .50-caliber BMG. The smaller rifle calibers were stopped at various depths by the steel materials. The larger .50-caliber projectile perforated and penetrated the steel targets as expected. When a high velocity projectile hits a metal target, a phenomenon occurs similar to when a drop of rain hits a body of water. The initial hit or entrance creates a "splash crown" in both the raindrop/water and bullet/metal impact scenarios.

The Crime Lab firearms examiners were further able to evaluate the performance of

ballistic glass salvaged from one of the MSHP BearCat armored vehicles. These bullet proof windows are categorized as a "multi hit" and comprised of two ballistic glass panels laminated together with an overall thickness of approximately 2 1/2". The glass' ability to withstand the .50-caliber BMG full metal jacket bullet's impact and stop it was nothing short of impressive. The large .50-caliber bullet's impact penetrated and perforated the first panel, but was terminated by the second panel which absorbed the bullet's remaining energy. In comparison, a .40-caliber,

S&W, jacketed hollow point bullet (MSHP issue) fired into the glass made a small shallow impact divot.



This photo showing the impact of a water drop is used to illustrate the impact of a bullet, which is a similar phenomenon.



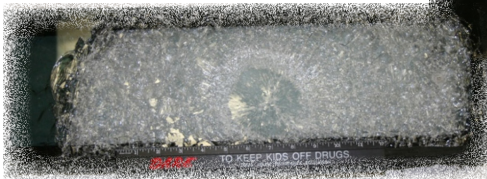
The plate impacts in this picture are an illustration of "splash crown." (See water drop photo.)



This photo compares the .40-caliber Smith & Wesson bullet to the .50-caliber BMG bullet.



The firearms examiners evaluated the performance of ballistic glass from a BearCat armored vehicle. These photos show both sides after impact.

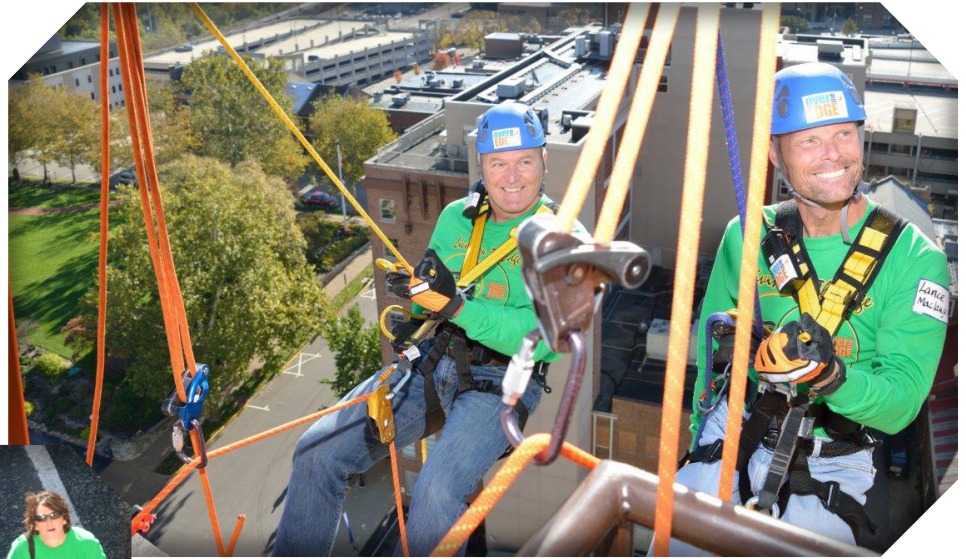


Over The Edge



After almost a year of fundraising, the Livin' On The Edge team went Over The Edge for Special Olympics. The team included 20 Patrol employees and three friends. The group raised \$30,025 for SOMO.

Colonel Ron Replogle (l) and Captain Lance McLaughlin, Q/BPD, went Over The Edge at the same time. "The first step back off the ledge of the wall was the hardest," said Colonel Ron Replogle. "Everything in my mind and body was telling me not to do it. Once the harness and ropes took hold, Lance and I had a great descend down the wall."



Team captain/Quality Control Clerk II Nina D. Holtmeyer, Q/PRD, said, "I want to thank all of the employees of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and their families who supported us in raising this terrific amount for the Special Olympics athletes. It is a worthy cause. I especially want to thank the team members for all their hard work and dedication." From l to r are Clerk IV Lisa L. Kempker, Q/PIED, Mr. Ronnie Kempker, Mr. Jim Holtmeyer, Quality Control Clerk II Nina Holtmeyer, Q/PRD, and Designated Principle Asst. Cindy A. Scheidt, Q/ASO.



A trainer instructs a group of Patrol employees how to go Over The Edge safely. Info. Analyst II Karen C. Burge, Q/DDCC, Clerk IV Lisa Kempker, Q/PIED, Capt. Kyle D. Marquart, Q/CIB, Clerk Typist I Leann M. Marquart, Q/HRD, and two SOMO volunteer instructors are pictured.

Deaths

Larry J. Goetz



Retired Sergeant Larry J. Goetz, 76, of Troy, MO, died on Saturday, August 30, 2014, at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, MO. He was born on August 19, 1938, in St. Louis, MO, to Joseph and Betty (Moore) Goetz. Larry grew up in the St. Louis area, graduating from Berkeley High School. At the age of 27, he began working for the Missouri State Highway Patrol where he served as an officer managing the weight scales, as an undercover agent for the DEA, as a desk sergeant at Troop C, and for the Gaming Division. Larry retired as a sergeant on August 31, 1998.

Throughout all these years, he also worked in construction as a drywall taper. He did not have a lazy bone in his body. Larry was a high energy person who liked to make things happen. In his earlier years, he also raised miniature beagles, pointers, and setters. Larry was married to Mary (Doll) and together their family consisted of three children: Debbie, David, and Shelley. Larry appreciated his family very much.

Surviving are his three children: Debbie Finklang (and her husband, John), of Lake St. Louis, MO, David Goetz, of St. Charles, MO, and Shelley Wichmann, of O'Fallon, MO; his five grandchildren: Michelle Huber (and her husband, Kyle), Brandee Brooks (and her husband, Josh), Jackson Wichmann, William Wichmann, Emma Wichmann, and a great-granddaughter,

Alivia Huber; his brother, Harley Goetz (and his wife, Phyllis), of Camdenton; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mary, and his sister, Carol Vogel.

Visitation took place September 2, 2014, at the McCoy-Blossom Funeral & Cremation Center. A funeral mass occurred on September 3, 2014, at the St. Mary's Church in Hawk Point, MO. Fr. John Keenoy officiated. Interment followed in the Hawk Point City Cemetery, Hawk Point, MO. Memorial gifts may be made to: Ovarian Cancer Foundation, c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral & Cremation Center, 1304 Boone St., Troy, MO 63379.

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

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Dianna M. Whitehouse



Ms. Dianna Margaret Whitehouse, 77, of Warsaw, MO, died on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at Warsaw Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born on February 12, 1937, in Kansas City, MO, to Leo and Anita (Tieman) Bickham. She married Richard Whitehouse on December 1, 1956, in Miami, OK. He survives. Dianna retired in 1993, after

working for 16 years as a driver examiner and clerk typist for the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop A.

Survivors include her husband, Richard; two sons, Vance Whitehouse (and his fiancée, Belinda Meyer), of Independence, and Brandon Whitehouse (and his wife, Susan), of Fishers, IN; one daughter, Shelby Magnuson of Ozark, MO; seven grandchildren: Caitlin Peltier, Megan Whitehouse, Kelsey Magnuson, Sophia Magnuson, Isabella Magnuson, Katie Whitehouse, and Zachary Whitehouse; four great-grandchildren: Nevan Peltier, Autumn Peltier, Adalyn Peltier, Damien Adams, and Joshua Adams; a sister, Cathy Lilleston; brothers, Leo "Mike" Bickham and Tom Bickham; a sister-in-law, Mickey Bickham; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ms. Whitehouse was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Jeannette Basantz; a brother, Tim Bickham; and a sister-in-law, Sandy Bickham.

A funeral service took place September 13, 2014, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Warsaw, with Pastor Callistus C. Okoroji officiating. A graveside service was at Shawnee Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Reser Funeral Home in Warsaw.

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

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January

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| Jan. 1 | • New Year's Day |
| Jan. 18 | • Tpr. K.L. Poynter died in 2002. |
| Jan. 19 | • Martin Luther King Jr. Day |

Deaths

Howard O. Wilt



Mr. Howard O. Wilt went home to be with our Lord on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. He was the beloved husband of Virginia Lucille Wilt (nee Hovis); loving father of Linda March (and her husband, Russell), and Rhonda Reimler (and her husband, H. Fred); cherished grandfather of Brad Reimler (and his wife, Lynn), Jason Northcutt, Timothy Reimler (and his wife, Kristina), and Ryan March (and his wife, Katy); great-grandfather of Christian, Zac, and Lucas Reimler; dearest brother of Earl Wilt (and his wife, Mollie); our dear uncle, great uncle, cousin, and friend to many.

A memorial gathering was held October 11, 2014, with the service following at Grace Free Will Baptist Church, 2258 Tenbrook Rd., Arnold, MO 63010. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Howard's memory can be made to Grace Free Will Baptist Church or a cancer charity of your choice. Services were under the direction of Kutis South County Chapel Service.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Wilt family. Mr. Wilt retired as a driver examiner supervisor after 25 years of dedicated service.

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Thomas L. Meyer



Lt. Thomas L. Meyer, 57, of Jefferson City, MO, died peacefully on Thursday, October 30, 2014, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on November 26, 1956, in Jefferson City, a son of C. Lloyd and Shirley Meyer. He was united in marriage on August 2, 1980, to Tammy Reeder, who survives at the home.

He was a 1975 graduate of Helias High School, and a 1979 graduate of Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO. Tom graduated from the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy in December 1979. He was assigned to Troop H, where he worked from 1979 to 1998, being promoted first to corporal and then sergeant during that time. In 1998, Tom was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to Troop F. He later worked as the lieutenant and assistant director assigned to the Research and Development Division, General Headquarters. He held this position until he retired in 2011.

Tom enjoyed watching sports, the Andy Griffith show, and collecting baseball cards, but his greatest joy was spending time with his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Tammy, he is survived by his two children: Timothy Meyer (and his wife, Abbey), of Rockwall, TX, and Amy DeClue (and her husband, Ron), of Bourbon, MO; his siblings: Greg Meyer, of Jefferson City, Debbie Hilke (and her husband, Don), of Jefferson City, Lt. Scott E. Meyer (and his wife, Cheryl), of St. Joseph, Teresa Mackay (and her husband, Roger), of Holts Summit, Barb Gordon (and her husband, Greg), of Holts Summit, and Carol Meyer, of Jefferson City; one brother-in-law: Paul Anders, of Jefferson City; four grandchildren: Luba, Ava, Cameron, and Nikolaei DeClue. His fifth grandchild, was expected in December 2014. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Linda Anders.

Friends were received November 2, 2014, at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home, with a prayer service. A mass of Christian burial occurred on Monday, November 3, 2014, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, with Fr. Christopher Aubuchon officiating. Interment followed in Resurrection Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hospice Compassus, 600 Monroe Street, Suite 100, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Arrangements were under the direction of HOUSER-MILLARD Funeral Directors.

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

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~ Thank You ~

On behalf of the family of Lawrence "Larry" Johnson we would like to thank those who gave their support through cards, prayers, condolences, help, and friendship. We would also like to thank those who were able to attend the visitation and funeral for our father. Your thoughtfulness and support was greatly appreciated.

Retired Lt. Keith Johnson

Tpr. David L. Johnson, Troop D

DE III R. Kent Johnson, Troop F



My family and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy following the death of my sister, Denise L. Davis. The attendance of the Patrol family at her visitation and funeral was greatly appreciated. I am very blessed to be a part of such a wonderful organization.

Comm. Oper. II Ila R. Duvall,

Troop A



I wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for the cards and prayers my family received following the loss of my brother, Donald Mears. I feel so privileged to be a part of the wonderful Patrol family.

Sincerely,

Ret. DE Sprv. I Dave L. Mears



My family and I wish to express our sincerest thanks to everyone in our Patrol family for the kindness shown us after the death of my mother, Vera Fredericks. We truly appreciated all your prayers, kind words, calls and cards. You have been a comfort and a blessing to us during this difficult time.

God bless you always.

Lab. Evid. Tech. II Rhonda L.

Zeilinger, Troop H



We would like to express our sincere thanks to all Patrol employees for the prayers, thoughts, cards, phone calls, flowers, food, and memorial contributions following the death of retired Lieutenant Thomas L. Meyer. Tom enjoyed his 32 years with the Highway Patrol, but most of all was a great husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend who will be missed greatly. We would also like to thank all those who attended the visitation and the funeral service. The thoughtfulness and support Tammy, Amy, Tim, and the rest of the Meyer families received have been appreciated and will be forever remembered.

Lt. Scott E. Meyer and family

Troop H

Sympathy

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

Lab. Evid. Tech. II Rhonda L. Zeilinger (Q/CLD) - mother

Ret. Auto. Tech. III John M. Keleman - wife

Tpr. Zack K. Bryan (D) - grandmother

Sgt. Tom B. Ziegler (H) - grandfather

Cpl. Mike S. Belshe (H) - brother-in-law

Chief Oper. Lori K. Bielawski (C) - father

Ret. Cpl. John M. Atkinson - wife

Lt. Mike R. Pulliam (E) - mother

Lt. J. Dave Wall (F) - father-in-law

Tpr. J. Bryant May (D) - father

Ret. Lt. D. Keith Johnson - father

DE III R. Kent Johnson (F) - father

Tpr. David L. Johnson (D) - grandfather

Sgt. Corey B. Root (H) - grandmother

Ret. Col. Roger D. Stottlemire - mother-in-law

Cpl. Steven C. Jones (D) - father
CO II Gerald D. Leigh (D) - grandmother

Sgt. Timmy D. Shoop (B) - father
Telecom. Maria Moore (F) - father-in-law

MVI Analyst Larry D. Schrader (Q/MVI) - wife

Tpr. Ronny L. Mast (D) - grandmother-in-law

Clerk Typist III Shanna Weirich (Q/MVI) - father-in-law

Lt. Eric A. Tilford Jr. (H) - brother-in-law

Sgt. Roger D. Shikles (F) - father-in-law

Tpr. Derek T. Shikles (F) - grandfather

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Mark D. Morff (Q/FFD) - father

Ret. Sgt. Cindy D. Newton - mother

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RCIU Recognized For Excellence

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Rural Crime Investigative Unit is the recipient of the International Association of Chiefs of Police/Thomson Reuters Award for Excellence in Criminal Investigation. This honor is bestowed upon the law enforcement agency, law enforcement unit, task force, or inter-agency task force that has shown exceptional innovation and excellence in the area of criminal investigations.

Colonel Ron Replogle, Major Luke Vislay, commander of the Criminal Investigative Bureau, and several members of the RCIU accepted the award at the IACP Annual Conference on October 28, 2014.

"The Missouri State Highway Patrol is honored to accept this award," said Col. Replogle. "The Rural Crimes Investigative Unit was formed in 2009 in response to a growing problem in rural areas. I'm proud that our agency is part of this multi-jurisdictional partnership. Working closely with various agencies, businesses, and the public, the RCIU has recovered over \$8.5 million in stolen property since its inception."

In addition to the over \$8.5 million in stolen property recovered, the RCIU has conducted more than 1,599 criminal investigations and arrested 354 suspects. In one key case, the unit

identified and arrested three suspects involved in multiple thefts from a fertilizer company. The subpoenaed banking records of one suspect found more than \$900,000 in cash deposits directly tied to the thefts.

The RCIU focuses its resources and efforts on crime, specifically targeting the state's agricultural industry and farming communities. The creation of an Internet site enabled all law enforcement agencies in Missouri to contribute intelligence data, and resulted in the first centralized rural crime database in the state. The RCIU works closely with local law enforcement agencies, and federal, state and local

agencies. The unit has also engaged agricultural business owners and civilians to be active law enforcement partners and report crimes and tips through a newly-established 800-number.

"I am pleased to recognize the Missouri State Highway Patrol Rural Crimes Investigative Unit for their work to confront rural crime in their state," said Mr. Dan DeSimone, senior director of Integrated Solutions & Business Development for Thomson Reuters, and a 23-year veteran of the FBI. Thomson Reuters is considered the world's leading source of intelligent information for businesses and professionals.



Photo provided by Thomson Reuters.
Pictured are (l to r) Chief Yousry "Yost" Zakhary, IACP past president, Colonel Ron Replogle, Lt. Phil Gregory, Q/DDCC, Sgt. Troy D. Linneman, Q/DDCC, Major Luke Vislay, Q/CIB, and Mr. Dan DeSimone, senior director of Integrated Solutions & Business Development for Thomson Reuters.