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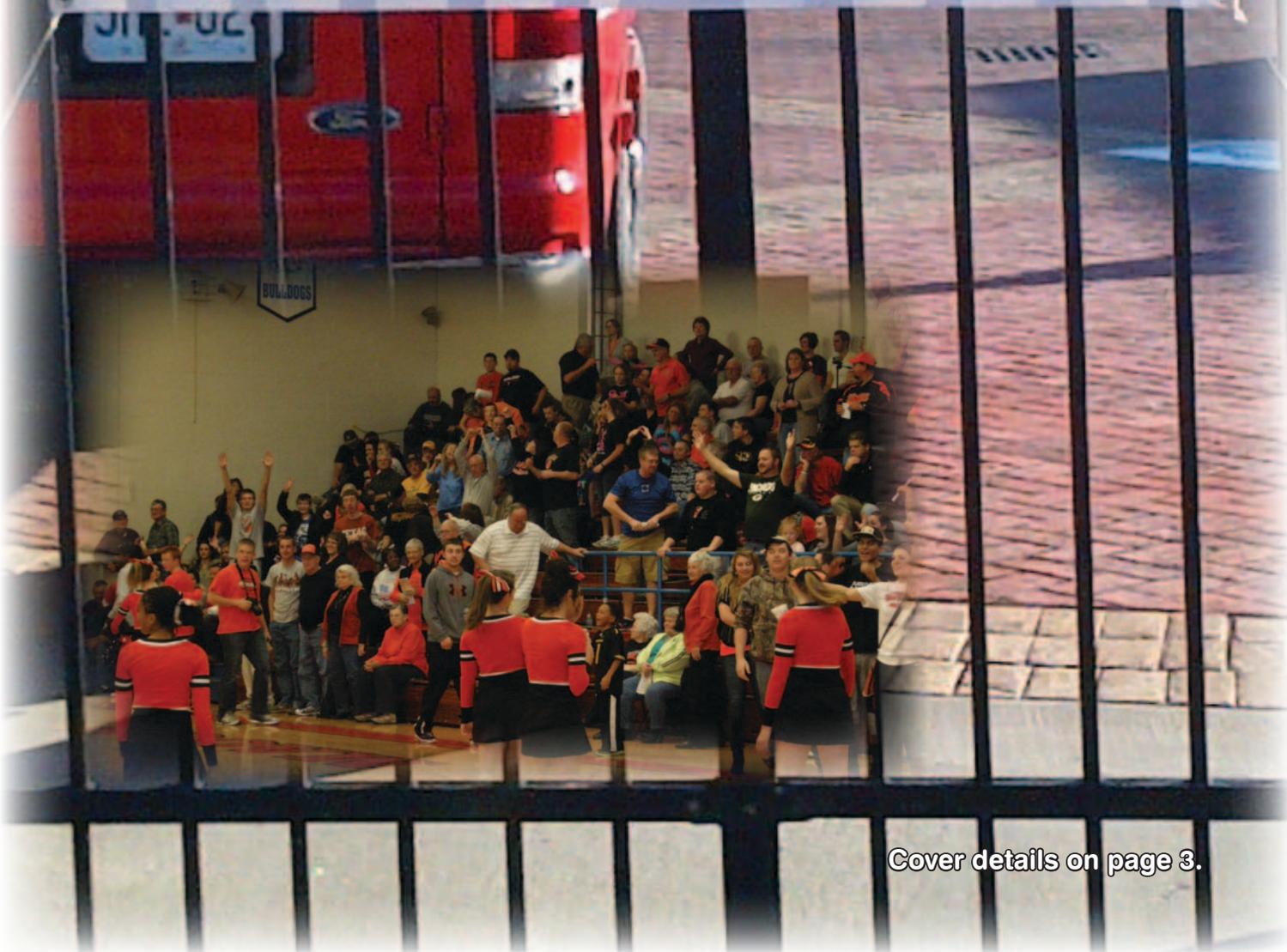
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It only takes 3 SECONDS to BUCKLE UP,

but DEAD is FOREVER.



Please **“Click It 4 Life”**.



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# From the Staff ...

**Major Kemp A. Shoun**  
**Administrative Services Bureau**



## Recruiting—Your Life In Review

We continuously push recruiting as an organization, but this is typical of any law enforcement agency. In fact, there are seminars and training programs marketed daily based on the idea of recruiting good, qualified applicants and where to find them. In other words, there is an entire industry built around giving you the magic pill that fixes your recruiting problems. I spent several years in the Patrol's Human Resources Division back in the days of threatened federal lawsuits. Everything was based (and still is today) on your agency's ability to match the make-up of the population you serve. The success of recruiting depends on your ability to reach out to those groups that are underrepresented in your particular workforce.

What we are now seeing in the law enforcement market is not just the inability to recruit qualified underrepresented groups of employees, but also the inability to recruit qualified employees as a whole. We are in a changing society where law enforcement qualifications are being questioned as too stringent. The Patrol has held its ground on hiring standards in a time in which other agencies have had to relax their standards in an attempt to fill their ranks.

The first step to hiring qualified employees is getting the attention of qualified applicants. That is where each of us comes into play. We are all career counselors to some degree and we must be honest with others about the qualifications and demands of our employment. I am sometimes heartbroken when a person I consider to be a great applicant has issues in their past that leaves them unemployable by the Patrol. In our electronic society nothing is hidden, and sometimes our imperfections are posted for all to see. While none of us is perfect, we continue to pursue the best applicants and some things cannot be overlooked simply because the person is now on the right track.

After 27 years with the agency, I look back and think of those on the Patrol who I knew before they were hired. We tend to attract friends, family, and acquaintances of all our employees. This is a recruiting base we can continuously count on to produce a steady stream of applicants. The question we need to ask ourselves, "Does my attitude and approach to life draw them in, or drive them away?" No one at a recruiting seminar needs to tell me the following values are important to my work and my life.

- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Respect
- Professionalism
- Compassion
- Resourcefulness
- Character
- Commitment

I think applicants see something in us as individuals or as an organization that draws them to the Patrol. Based on my experiences and the friendships I have built within this organization, I think they are onto something.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kemp Shoun".

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## LE Agencies Stand United

By Troop I

In October 2012, two billboards were erected in the Rolla area to show the unified effort of state, county, and local law enforcement agencies as they attempt to protect the public from the destructive effects of illegal drugs. One billboard is positioned on the Interstate 44 Business Loop in Rolla, while the other is located on U.S. Highway 63, near



Rolla's south city limits. Posing on the U.S. 63 billboard, behind a Patrol cruiser, is Troop I Commanding Officer Captain Lee Ann H. Kenley. Accompanying her are Rolla Police Chief Mark Kearse and Phelps County Sheriff Rick Lisenbe. The billboards will be up for two years and were made possible when the sign owner, Mr. Gary Haven, offered Chief Kearse the use of both for the price of one. It took some time and effort by Chief Kearse, but he located the eerie face on the second



billboard on-line. He learned the photo was on display at a Los Angeles Art Gallery. After contacting the artist, the chief was able to work out a reasonable offer for its use.

## Cover

*This banner greeted spectators as they arrived at Hannibal High School for a playoff game. (inset) Macon High School cheerleaders throw "Click It 4 Life" T-shirts into the crowd.*

# Col. Replogle Recognizes Honorary Troopers

By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A

On October 11, 2012, Colonel Ron Replogle recognized Mr. Richard Jewell, Mr. Weldon Richert, and Mr. Ruiz Rafael with Honorary Trooper certificates for their actions at the scene of two separate traffic crashes.

On Wednesday, August 1, 2012, Trooper Jeffrey W. Huff, Troop A, investigated a head-on motor vehicle crash involving an impaired driver traveling the wrong way on Interstate 435 at Interstate 35 in Claycomo, MO. The victims were two sisters from Nashville, TN, who sustained serious injuries and were entrapped inside their vehicle. Mr. Jewell, of Orrick, MO, witnessed the crash and stopped to assist the occupants of both vehicles. Mr. Jewell used his flashlight to flag down another vehicle and asked them call 9-1-1. While doing this, Mr. Jewell noticed a fire underneath the car containing the two trapped females, as well as a fire starting on the ground between the two vehicles. Mr. Jewell ran back to his truck and retrieved a fire extinguisher. Mr. Jewell was able to successfully extinguish both fires, preventing more serious or fatal injuries to all three individuals involved in the crash.

On July 23, 2012, Trooper Blake R. DeHaan, Troop A, investigated a motor vehicle crash involving four vehicles on U.S. Highway 71, south of Peculiar, MO. Three of the four drivers were transported to the hospital. When Tpr. DeHaan arrived on the scene, he noticed a vehicle engulfed in flames. The young, female driver was unconscious and lying safely on the shoulder of the highway. She was transported from the scene by Life Flight air ambulance with disabling injuries.

During the course of his investigation, Tpr. DeHaan learned that two men helped rescue the female victim from her burning vehicle. Mr. Weldon E. Richert, from Cable, WI, first attempted to use his fire extinguisher to extinguish the fire. When the fire extinguisher failed to extinguish the fire, Mr. Richert unbuckled the driver and attempted to remove her from the ve-

*Mr. Ruiz Rafael accepts an Honorary Trooper certificate from Col. Replogle (left).*



*Col. Replogle (right) presents an Honorary Trooper certificate to Mr. Richard Jewell.*



hicle, at which time the driver became entangled in her seat belt. Mr. Ruiz Rafael, Independence, MO, arrived on the scene and helped to pull her to safety. During the rescue, Mr. Richert received second degree burns to his arm and was treated by paramedics at the scene. The driver ultimately survived her injuries.

Col. Replogle commended all three individuals for their unselfish actions noting they put themselves in danger in order to provide possible lifesaving aid to the crash victims.

*(Editor's Note: Mr. Richert, who lives out-of-state, was not able to attend the presentation.)*

## On Sale Now

The 2013 Special Olympics Missouri T-shirt is on sale now! This year, there are short-sleeved shirts (YM, YL, and Adult S-3XL) and hats available. Size 3XL T-shirts sell for \$15 each; all other shirts and hats are \$10 each. Please make checks payable to SOMO; cash is accepted. See your troop/division representative if you're interested.



# Click It 4 LIFE !

## T-shirts Help Emphasize Importance Of Seat Belt Use

*By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B*

In October 2012, the Missouri State Highway Patrol kicked off a new traffic safety campaign entitled "Click It 4 Life." This new program is geared to emphasize seat belt awareness to those who travel on Missouri roadways. At the time of the creation of the new traffic safety program, over 60 percent of all individuals killed in Missouri traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt. As a part of the ongoing safety campaign, T-shirts were printed promoting seat belt awareness and banners were made for display. Public information and education officers took the T-shirts to local sporting events where they were launched into the crowd of spectators.

Two events have been conducted in the Troop B area and were welcomed warmly by spectators attending the sporting events. On October 31, 2012, T-shirts were thrown to the crowd during the Hannibal High School playoff football game; on November 20, 2012, a similar event was held during halftime at the first Macon High School basketball game. During both events, the "Click It 4 Life" banner was displayed, local cheerleaders threw T-shirts out to the crowd, and public service announcements were read over the public address system.



*Hannibal High School cheerleaders gather around the "Click It 4 Life" banner before a playoff game.*

## HEY, BUDDY, NEED A RIDE?

*By Tpr. Gregory K. Tesch, Troop A*

As a trooper working in a metropolitan zone, you have two main concerns: Morning rush hour traffic and evening rush hour traffic. If you are working in Jackson County on Interstate 70, you do not want to see traffic backed up in any lanes at 4:30 p.m. If it is, you start looking for the crash ...

On November 8, 2012, that is what Sergeant S. Andrew Coats, Troop A, did ... But, he did not find a crash. Instead, he found a new "friend." Sgt. Coats was westbound on Interstate 70, east of Woods Chapel Road, in Blue Springs, MO, and traffic was stopping ahead of him. Some vehicles were even stopping on the left shoulder of the road. Convinced that a crash had occurred ahead of him, Sgt. Coats activated his patrol car's emergency equipment. However, the vehicles did not move out of his

way. Jockeying back and forth between the lanes, he gradually moved forward and caught a glimpse of what was causing the delay: A black and brown, mid-sized, mixed breed dog was trotting down the road, westbound in lane two! Sgt. Coats called Troop A via radio, told them what he was seeing, and requested assistance from Blue Springs Animal Control. He was told that they could not respond, because they were in a meeting with the mayor. Yet, it was rush hour, and traffic was continuing to back up—he had to do *something*.

Sgt. Coats was able to get ahead of the traffic and perform a modified "pit maneuver," following behind and to the side of the trotting dog, effectively "herding" the dog to the right shoulder of the road. Eventually, he was able to guide the dog past the guardrail and onto the grassy trafficway. Of course, by this time, "Fido" was getting a little tired,



*Sgt. S. Andrew Coats gave this stranded, four-pawed traveler a lift.*

so Sgt. Coats did what he would do for any stranded traveler: He offered "Fido" a ride, and "Fido" accepted!

Driving slowly along the shoulder, Sgt. Coats opened his passenger side door and encouraged the dog to get in, which it did. A slight acceleration forward closed the door, and man's best friend was on his way to Blue Springs Animal Control, where a very grateful owner recovered him a short time later.

The result was another self-initiated call for service, "doggone" done well, and a new mascot for Zone 7!"

# Brianpalooza Supports Kelley Family

By Sgt. Jeffery Owen, Troop H

November 2, 2012 brought friends, family, and other supporters together for the Brianpalooza Dodge Ball tournament. The tournament was held to benefit Sergeant Brian E. Kelley in his fight against cancer. Though the principal goal was to raise funds for Brian's treatment, a secondary goal was to bring everyone together in a sporting event which everyone—young and old, athletic or not-so-much—could compete.

Held at the Park Hill Baptist Church in Kansas City North, 21 teams vied for awards, including best costume and worst team. Raffle prizes, donated by a variety of local businesses, were awarded to several members of the robust crowd. Family and friends served chili dogs and other treats at a concession in the lobby.

In the end, the "Bounty Hunters" prevailed and were able to hoist the Golden Wrench plaque. Led by Troop H trainer and fitness guru, Sgt. Christopher E. Wilson, the overpowering athleticism (and youth) of Mr. Jake Phillips (son of Sgt. Roger L. Phillips, Q/DDCC), Mr. Seth Ussary (son of Sgt. Bradley D. Ussary, Q/DDCC), and two friends, the Bounty Hunters carried the day.



The winning team "Bounty Hunters!" was awarded the Golden Wrench. "If you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball!" The team included (l to r) Mr. Cody Guthrie (son of the late Tpr. Fred Guthrie Jr., Troop A), Sgt. Brian E. Kelley, Troop A, Mr. Cameron Heath, Mrs. Deanna Kelley, Mr. Ethan Kelley, Sgt. Chris E. Wilson, Troop H, Mr. Seth Ussary (son of Sgt. Brad D. Ussary, Q/DDCC), and Mr. Jake Phillips (son of Sgt. Roger L. Phillips, Q/DDCC).



Sgt. Brad D. Ussary, Q/DDCC, from "Kelley's Heroes" is seen in action against a member of team "The Wall."



Law Enforcement Liaison For The United States Attorney's Office Les Kerr from "Balls and Dolls" prepares to hurl a ball at an opponent.



Homemade costumes were the norm for this competition. "Team Fuzz" included (l to r) Tpr. Lance M. Newman, Tpr. Brad E. Maudlin, Tpr. J. Clint Gilliland, Tpr. Jon P. Lynch, and Cpl. Mike S. Belshe, all from Troop H.



The best costume award went to "Balls & Dolls", which included (l to r) Mr. Hassan McGaughy, Ms. Renee Cook, Mr. Les Kerr, Ms. Jennifer White, and Ms. Amanda McGaughy.

# New Employees



Dustin A. Boggs  
DE I  
Troop F



Kerry K. Creach  
Senior CJISD Manager  
Q/CJISD



Kristy L. Johnson  
Personnel Analyst I  
Q/HRD



James H. Mullins  
DE I  
Troop C



Alison D. Stokes  
Clerk Typist II  
Q/HRD



Madison Vance  
Clerk II  
Q/TFD

<b>TRAFFIC FATALITIES</b>				
<b>Year To Date Jan. 29, 2013</b>	<b>Same Period Last Year Year To Date</b>	<b>Number Of Increase Or Decrease</b>	<b>2011 Traffic Fatalities</b>	<b>2012 Traffic Fatalities</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>829</b>

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

# Troopers Escort Warriors Home

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

It's late and the air has become chilly. But, nothing is going to prevent a dedicated group of people from providing an escort for a special group of veterans. It's November 6, 2012, and the 21st Central Missouri Honor Flight was coming to a close. The return flight from Washington, D.C., had landed in St. Louis, and two charter buses were bringing a group of America's warriors and their honor flight guardians back to Columbia, MO.

While the veterans were flying back to St. Louis, another honorable group was gathering: Patriot Guard Riders and a contingent of Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers were converging in Kingdom City, MO. Appropriately, they formed their welcome home detail on Angel Drive.

As motorcycle after motorcycle arrived and found a place in line, I spoke with Senior Ride Captain Reed Hickam, of Columbia, MO. He said the Patriot Guard's welcome home detail began after a friend of his called and asked if Reed could gather a couple of friends and provide an escort to the

second honor flight. He did so, and also called the Patrol to inquire about an officer escort. That first welcome home included five members of the Patriot Guard and a trooper who helped escort the buses to the Holiday Inn in Columbia.

"The veterans were so amazed the Patriot Guard Riders would do something like this for them," said Reed.

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No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.

— Calvin Coolidge

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"They tried to thank us. We had to tell them we were there to thank *them*. Their joy fueled our fire for this. After doing 20 of them, it's still like the first time. It'll take me a couple hours tonight to wind down to go to sleep."

The Patriot Guard Riders have continued the tradition since that first phone call. Now, they join the buses at the Kingdom City exit ramp onto Interstate 70. The Central Missouri Honor Flight organizers on the bus send texts to Reed and Sgt. Matthew J. Broniec, Troop F, to coordinate the escort with precision timing.

The veterans on the buses hear an explanation of the Patriot Guard as they travel down the interstate. After the story is read, the veterans are invited to look out the bus windows to see the guard members who came to escort them home. On this particular night, there were 103 motorcycles in the escort, 85

of which are members of the Patriot Guard, one being Sgt. S. David Rudloff, Troop F, and the remainder being motorcycle enthusiast friends of the guard. The other troopers place their vehicles at exit ramps from Kingdom City to Columbia to keep the group together and help make the trip that much safer. The Columbia Police Department handles the U.S. Highway 63 interchange for the group.

"When buses get here, we pass them, so they see every one of us," explained Reed. "Originally, the buses went to the Holiday Inn. Now, they take them to the Marriott. We get to the hotel and greet them when they arrive. There will be a lot of people there, including a bagpipe corps and fire truck from Columbia. The fire department raises a big flag. About 100 flags line the streets near the hotel."

Reed says the veterans count the number of motorcycles and appear surprised by the fact that they volunteer to be part of the escort. The most they have had in the escort was approximately 900—to greet the veterans returning last July 4.

After one of the honor flights, a veteran told him, "We were just in Washington, D.C., and we saw the president's motorcade. We had more motorcycles than he did!"

As each veteran disembarks the bus, a member of the Patriot Guard or a trooper steps forward to greet them and thank them for their service. After the veteran's name and branch of service is announced, the crowd cheers and they are escorted into the hotel for a reception. Family members gather to hear stories and take pictures with their hero. Several of the troopers and Patriot Guard took time to speak with the veterans and thank them for their service.

It was Sgt. Rudloff's first experience with the welcome home detail. He served as the lead motorcycle, an

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*Tpr. Matthew Halford escorts a veteran into the reception.*

# —Warriors

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assignment for which he volunteered. “This is a different kind of assignment and I wanted to be a part of that.”

“It is always an experience to ride with a large group of motorcycles, but the real pay-off on this detail was when the vets began getting off the bus,” Sgt. Rudloff said afterward. “They were obviously amazed at the reception they received, and several of them looked as excited as a kid on Christmas morning. They were humble people, and took such effort to thank me for being there that I sometimes had to interrupt them to thank *them* for their sacrifices and accomplishments during their service.” He said he would absolutely volunteer for future honor flight detail assignments.

For this particular honor flight, there were 10 patrol vehicles and the one motorcycle. The Troop F officers participating included Tpr. Andrew A. Armstrong, Sgt. Wallace V. Ahrens, Sgt. Broniec, Tpr. David L. Fouch, Tpr. Bradley R. Germann, Tpr. Matthew T. Halford, Cpl. Ronald D. Kyle, Sgt. Douglas B. McPike, Cpl. Matthew E. Morice, Sgt. Rudloff, Sgt. David D. Spurgeon, and Cpl. Scott B. White. Capt. Gregory D. Kindle and Lt. Darwin L. Clardy greeted the buses at the Marriott.

Each trooper in this detail quietly went about his assignment to ensure



*Cpl. Scott White watches traffic on Interstate 70 while waiting for the honor flight buses.*

the safe return of some American heroes. It's apparent that this detail means something to the officers who request to be part of it. They very much appreciate that Captain Gregory D. Kindle, commanding officer of Troop F, approved the detail's formation.

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*The Central Missouri Honor Flight mission is “to transport America’s veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices.”*

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Sgt. Broniec said a contingent of road officers have met the buses and

escorted them back into Columbia since the second honor flight. For him personally, this detail is an opportunity “to honor the memory of Tpr. J.D. Ellis, who died in a prisoner of war camp during World War II.”

The Central Missouri Honor Flight is paid for through donations. The veteran doesn't pay any of the \$300 cost of the trip. In less than 24 hours, the group of veterans traveled from Columbia, to our nation's capitol to visit the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam memorials. They also stopped at Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknowns, Marines Iwo Jima memorial, and the Air Force Memorial. Along the way, an honor flight guardian assists each of them as needed. The guardians are veterans, also, and provide not only physical assistance where needed, but also the camaraderie and understanding of someone who's been there.

For more information about the Central Missouri Honor Flight, visit [centralmissourihonorflight.com](http://centralmissourihonorflight.com). For more information about the Patriot Guard Riders, visit [www.patriotguard.org](http://www.patriotguard.org).

**Editor's note:** *Special thanks to Sgt. Spurgeon and Cpl. White who provided my transportation during the detail.*

*Members of the Patriot Guard prepare to welcome home the Central Missouri Honor Flight buses. (Mr. Reed Hickam is on the left.)*





# Spotlight



## Tpr. Brian T. Hillyer



**Appointed:** January 1, 1995.

**First/Current Assignment:** Troop B, Zone 6, Clark/Scotland Counties.

**Family:** Brian is married to Karma (Spence) and they have two daughters, Bailee and Shannon. They also have one grandson, Isaiah.

**Interests:** Spending time with family, collecting toy tractors, landscaping, and working on his 100-year-old barn. He believes he has well over 100 toy tractors in his collection. Brian also volunteers with the American Legion Honor Detail during veteran funerals.

Brian is a native of Imogene, Iowa, and graduated from Nishna Valley High School in 1982. After graduating high school, he farmed and attended college at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. Brian then decided to join the United States Navy in 1986, and served our country in that capacity until 1992. During his enlistment, he served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. After serving in the Navy, Brian went back to college at Northwest Missouri State University and obtained a bachelor's degree in sociology.

He was appointed to the Patrol on January 1, 1995. After graduating from the Patrol Academy, he was assigned

to Troop B, Zone 6, Scotland and Clark counties. One of the highlights of Brian's Patrol career was in 2005, when he was part of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Hurricane Rita detail in Louisiana.

## Tpr. Ryan W. Clement



**Appointed:** July 1, 2011.

**First/Current Assignment:** Troop C, Zone 11, Franklin County.

**Family:** Tpr. Clement is married to Whitney Clement.

**Interests:** Tpr. Clement is an avid outdoorsman, and his hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping, and dirt biking. Tpr. Clement also enjoys singing and playing guitar. Tpr. Clement enjoys spending time with his family and is an active member of Faith Baptist Church in Washington, MO. Tpr. Clement is also active with a Christian organization called "Young Life", which mentors high school students.

"I am a native of Grovespring, MO, and graduated from Hartville High School in 2008," said Tpr. Clement. "After graduation I attended College of the Ozarks in Branson, MO. During my time in college, I applied for, and was accepted to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's 94th Recruit Class. I graduated in January 2012."

## MVI Sprv. Michael P. Kelly



**Appointed:** February 1, 1995.

**Promotions:** Motor Vehicle Inspector II — August 1, 1995; Motor Vehicle Inspector III — February 1, 1998; and Motor Vehicle Inspector Supervisor — September 1, 2000.

**Current Assignment:** Motor Vehicle Inspector Supervisor, Troop B.

**Family:** Mike is married to Shelly (Stamp) and they have two sons, Levi, 18, and Gabe, 13.

**Interests:** Mike enjoys spending time with family and friends, hunting, fishing, and watching his two sons play football.

Mike is a native of Marceline, MO, where he graduated from Marceline R-V High School. After graduation, he worked at Quinn Lumber Company in Marceline. Prior to being employed with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, he worked as the service manager at Smith Motors in Brookfield, MO. On February 1, 1995, Mike began his career with the Patrol as a motor vehicle inspector and was assigned to Troop B in Macon.

In his spare time, Mike is kept very busy with a number of community activities. For several years, he has served as the announcer at Marceline High School football games. He also serves in the Marceline Fire Department as a first responder and

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## — Kelly

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a certified SCUBA diver trained in underwater rescue and recovery. Mike is a Marceline city councilman; the scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 99; an active member of the Saint Bonaventure Catholic Church in Marceline; and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Mike likes raising cattle. Mike said his favorite part of his job is inspecting school buses and creating positive relationships with individuals at his inspection stations.

## Cameron J. Taylor



**Appointed:** January 27, 2011.

**First/Current Assignment:** Clerk Typist II, Troop C.

**Family:** Cameron is single and lives with his parents in Rock Hill, MO.

**Interests:** Cameron loves sports and enjoys following his favorite teams. Besides being a sports aficionado, Cameron has a unique collection of sneakers. Yes, he is what is known in the biz as a “sneaker head.” Cameron has over 500 pairs of sports shoes—new and still in the box.

Cameron grew up in Rock Hill, MO, and attended Christian Brothers High School (C.B.C.). He graduated in 2002. Cameron first began working for the Patrol in 2005 as a temporary employee. He is a dedicated, hard working employee here at Troop C.

# 19 Complete Community Alliance Program

*By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B*

On the evening of November 12, 2012, Troop B congratulated 19 citizens for completing the 2012 Troop B Community Alliance Program at an awards ceremony held and sponsored by the Macon Comfort Inn in Macon, MO. This marked the eighth Community Alliance Program conducted in Troop B since 2001. During the awards ceremony, participants each received a plaque recognizing them for their commitment to the 10-week program, revisited highlights of the program, and enjoyed refreshments. Mr. Walley Malins and Mr. Bill Stuart, representatives of The MASTERS, were also in attendance and provided information about their organization.

The 2012 Troop B Community Alliance Program began on September 10, 2012, and met on consecutive Monday evenings. During this year’s program, the participants were exposed to the many duties of the Patrol, including recruit training, Patrol history, traffic enforcement, polygraph testing, drug enforcement, firearms night, and an evening ride-along with Troop B officers. Twenty-five Troop B officers and employees served as instructors during the program.

Participants of the 2012 Troop B Community Alliance Program were: Jeffrey Alton, of Macon; Jan Barton, of Macon; Gary Belt, of Atlanta, MO; Carrie Bergfield, of Macon; Phillip Bray, of Macon; Jim Burns, of Anabel, MO; Lori Gray, of Kirksville, MO; Jim Knowles, of Anabel; Kathy Liebhart, of Bevier, MO; James Lyon, of Kirksville; Brenda Miller, of Atlanta; Adriana Orsini, of Stoutsville, MO; Betty Roberts, of Macon; Dr. James Spencer, of Macon; Stacy Taylor, of Macon; Layne Walter, of Macon; Beth Watts, of Macon; Philip Wilson, of Macon; and Tim Worstell, of Macon.



*Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt (left), Troop B, and Capt. James E. Wilt (right), Troop B commanding officer, stand with the participants of the 2012 Troop B Community Alliance Program.*

# Missouri State Highway Patrol Reaccredited

*By Research & Development Division*

On November 17, 2012, the Missouri State Highway Patrol was awarded accredited status for the seventh time by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc (CALEA). Commission Chair Louis M. Dekmar and CALEA Executive Director Sylvester Daughtry Jr., presented the award during the CALEA conference held in Jacksonville, FL.

The final step in achieving the award occurred earlier in the day when Colonel Ron Replogle, Captain Timothy P. McGrail\*, Q/CJISD, Captain Timothy G. Baysinger, Q/RDD, Sergeant Jeffrey L. Coulson, Q/RDD, and Sergeant William R. Lowry, Q/RDD, appeared before a review committee comprised of four of the 21 CALEA commissioners. They were: Dr. Theron Bowman, deputy city manager of Arlington, TX; Mr. Stephen DeBenedittis, former mayor of Herndon, VA; Chief Ray Johnson, Chesterfield, MO, Police Department; and Chief Daniel Parkinson, Cornwall, Ontario (Canada), Community Police Service. Commissioner Bowman summarized the contents of the report detailing the August 26-29, 2012 on-site

assessment of the Patrol and provided Col. Replogle opportunities to comment. The other board members offered comments and asked questions of the superintendent.

The committee review went smoothly and resulted in few questions and numerous complimentary remarks from committee members. Commissioner Bowman commended Col. Replogle and the Patrol for dedication to the accreditation process and continuing professionalism as reflected in the assessment team report. As a result of the successful assessment and review, the committee recommended the commission grant the Patrol full and unconditional reaccreditation.

The complimentary committee review could not have occurred without the cooperation of the many employees who represented the Patrol so well when contacted by the on-site assessment team, and those employees who took time from their regular duties to collect and forward the many pieces of documentation requested for the accreditation files.

The on-site was conducted following a new, Gold Standard Assessment (GSA) model focusing primarily on processes and outcomes associated with standards specific to agency policies to measure the impact of accreditation as opposed to simply confirming compliance through a file-by-file review. Certain criteria must be met for an agency to be considered for participation in the GSA process. Criteria include: two previous accreditation awards at the level of accreditation currently being sought; no compliance issues in the most recent assessment; no process management issues in the most recent assessment; and the agency must not currently be under a consent decree.

The assessment involved extensive assessor contact with employees and individuals from public and private sector positions who have frequent contact with the Patrol or are otherwise able to provide information indicating Patrol compliance with CALEA standards. The assessors made many positive comments about the knowledge and competence displayed by our employees and indicated the interviews with non-Patrol community contacts confirmed the Patrol provides a very high quality level of service to the community. The quality and thoroughness of the reports and documentation presented in our accreditation files also was noted by the assessors. One facet of the GSA process is review of a significant sampling of the approximately 480 accreditation standard files an agency must build and maintain. The agency does not know which files

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*Pictured are (l to r) CALEA Executive Director Sylvester Daughtry Jr., Capt. Timothy McGrail\*, Q/CJISD, Sgt. Jeffrey Coulson, Q/RDD, Capt. Timothy Baysinger, Q/RDD, Sgt. William Lowry, Q/RDD, Col. Ron Replogle, and Commission Chair Louis M. Dekmar at the CALEA awards ceremony in November 2012.*

# — Reaccredited

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will be selected for review; therefore, it is critical that all files be complete and of a quality that will give the assessors a basis to trust the agency is compliant in all aspects of accreditation. Collection of the documentation included in the files would not have been possible were it not for the faithful execution of duties, including the proper completion and filing of required reports,

analysis, and reviews, that are routinely accomplished by all Patrol employees.

During the awards presentation, the commission voted unanimously not only to reaccredit the Patrol, but to award the Patrol the distinction of *Accreditation with Excellence*. *Accreditation with Excellence* is a new award for which an agency must submit an application addressing achievement of more than a dozen criteria which must be confirmed during the on-site visit and considered by the commission.

The Research and Development Division sincerely appreciates the efforts of Patrol employees, which were instrumental in the successful completion of the on-site assessment, the positive atmosphere at the agency review, and the prestigious award bestowed upon the Patrol with reaccreditation.

(\*Major Timothy P. McGrail, Q/TSB, effective December 1, 2012.)

## Anniversaries

### February

#### 30 years

CITS II Sandra L. Bexten,  
Q/ICTD

#### 25 years

Crim. Sprv. E. Todd Garrison,  
Q/CLD

Crim. III Jenny M. Smith,  
Q/CLD

#### 20 years

Comm. Oper. II Gregory L. Hill,  
Troop E

Telecom. Ronald D. King,  
Troop C

Asst. Chief Oper. John T.  
Massey, Troop B

CDL Exam. Jerry F. Thornton,  
Troop H

#### 15 years

Cpl. Shawn D. Altermatt, Troop I

Tpr. Bruce F. Baker, Troop F

DE III Larry D. Barton, Troop C

Tpr. Terry A. Bible, Troop D

Sgt. Darron F. Blankenship,  
Q/DDCC

Tpr. Derek B. Carnagey,  
Troop D

Sgt. Jason J. Cluver, Troop F

Sgt. Jason N. Crites, Troop E

Tpr. William J. Crose, Troop A

Sgt. Shannon W. Crouch,  
Troop D

Sgt. Brian L. Daniel, Troop A

Tpr. Andrew R. Dill, Troop D

Tpr. Myron C. Downey, Troop G

Sgt. Kevin M. Fisher, Troop A

Cpl. Jeffery D. Fugett, Troop D

Sgt. Tyson B. Gardner,  
Q/DDCC

Tpr. Stanley S. Gates, Troop H

Tpr. Jeffrey L. Gertson, Troop D

Cpl. Steven R. Gisselbeck, Q/GD

Cpl. Michael A. Halford, Troop F

Tpr. Kendall G. Hampton, Troop E

Tpr. Mark W. Hicks, Q/GD

Cpl. Gara N. Howard, Troop H

Lt. Christopher S. Jolly, Q/PSD

Cpl. Keith A. Kinsey, Q/GD

DE Chief Rebecca A. Kleffner,  
Troop I

Tpr. Jason W. Krehbiel, Troop D

Sgt. Roger L. Phillips Jr., Q/DDCC

Tpr. Amanda F. Sapp, Q/DDCC

Tpr. Rhonda M. Shanika, Q/GD

Cpl. Christopher K. Shannon,  
Q/GD

Cpl. Corey W. Tucker, Troop E

Sgt. Bradly D. Ussary, Q/DDCC

MVI Sprv. Tobi A. Vance, Troop A

Cpl. Travis L. Williams, Troop H

#### 10 years

Asst. Chief Oper. Elizabeth B. An-  
derson, Troop A

Chief Tech. Bradley W. Coffey,  
Q/ICTD

Pers. Rec. Clerk III Sherry T.  
Lewis, Q/HRD

Buyer II Lola J. Parris, Q/BPD

#### 5 years

Accountant II Deborah K. Duncan,  
Q/BPD

Clerk Typist III Barbara Q.  
Ehlmann, Troop C

Trainer/Auditor I Quinette L.  
Green, Q/CJISD

Trainer/Auditor I Valerie L.  
Hampton, Q/CJISD

Trainer/Auditor I Shannon L.  
Peirce, Q/CJISD

Cpl. Greg M. Prussman, Q/GD

Trainer/Auditor I Sam W. Tuck  
Jr., Q/CJISD

Crim. II Heather A. Dlaback,  
Q/CLD

### March

#### 30 years

Prop. Inv. Cont. Eric S. LeCuru,  
Q/BPD

#### 25 years

DE Chief Cheryl S. Bardwell,  
Q/DED

#### 20 years

Asst. Chief Oper. Teresa J.  
Fewell, Troop A

Asst. Garage Supt. James C.  
Ortbals, Q/MED

#### 15 years

Chief Oper. Dawn M. Moore,  
Troop E

Lab. Evid. Tech. II Pamela S.  
Wakefield, Q/CLD

#### 10 years

Housekeeper III Paula K. For-  
shee, Troop D

#### 5 years

CIT III Ryan L. Boeckman,  
Q/ICTD

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv.  
Larry D. Landers, Q/TND

CITS II Ken M. McBride,  
Q/ICTD

DE III Leo A. Streeter II, Troop A

Clerk Typist III Allison K.  
Williams, Q/TND

# JOY To The World!

## GHQ Employees Give From Their Hearts

All across the state, all throughout the year, Patrol employees are involved in their communities through youth programs, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based groups. During the holidays, various components of the Patrol adopt special projects for the Christmas season. The 580 employees working at General Headquarters in Jefferson City, MO, held a food drive and delivered 3,898 pounds of food to the Samaritan Center on Friday, December 14.



*An employee at the Samaritan Center indicated the Patrol is its largest donor for the food pantry.*

## ICTD Employees Share Their Bounty

The Information Communications Technology Division took part in the GHQ food drive, collecting 1,640 items. (That's 14 items per employee!) The division plans for the food drive during the previous year with various activities and fundraising opportunities. ICTD also enjoyed a Christmas dinner on December 6. Employees hired in 2012 provided the entertainment along with those division members who were part of the Patrol's Blue Notes choir.

*CIT Spec. II Micheale J. Kroeger and CIT II Chelsey Y. Dowell, both Q/ICTD, stand near the food collected by their division for the GHQ food drive.*

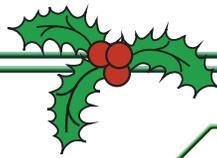


## Angel Tree Honors Heroes

Several years ago, Troop I employees decided to honor the troopers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. They placed a Christmas tree in the lobby of Troop I and decorated it with ceramic angels. Inscribed on each of the angels was the name of a fallen Missouri state trooper. Since then, it has become a tradition during the Christmas season to place this Angel Tree at Troop I. Last year, this tradition included the Phelps County Regional Medical Center in Rolla, MO, when a similar tree was placed in the lobby of "Scooters", a coffee and snack bar within the medical facility. Troop I would like to thank Clerk Typist III Jamie L. Maddux and Housekeeper III Catherine F. Chandler for taking the time to place the tree at a location where it can be seen by so many. Troop I would also like to thank the manager of Scooters, Mrs. Sharon Fiske (wife of Lieutenant Bruce D. Fiske), for allowing the tree to be placed at the restaurant. Troop I employees also participated in Shop With A Cop programs in six counties, wrapped presents at Boys & Girls Town in St. James, MO, and collected coffee/hot chocolate for members of the U.S. military serving in Afghanistan.



*This specially decorated tree graces the lobby of a coffee and snack bar in Phelps County Regional Medical Center in Rolla, MO.*



## Laboratory Personnel Spread Holiday Cheer

The Crime Laboratory Division shared its holiday spirit by adopting two families with a total of six children. The group raised about \$600 with a silent auction and penny war, and made "angel trees" so laboratory employees could choose gifts to purchase. CLD employees also donated \$300 to Operation Guardian Angel with funds left over from our dissolved Lab Flower Fund.



*Criminalist III Kimberly D. Hardin, Criminalist III Shawn M. Bailes, Criminalist III Lisa H. Walker, Criminalist II Celeste D. Forbers, Criminalist III Jennifer A. Hoelscher, Criminalist III Jenny M. Smith, and Fiscal & Budgetary Analyst III Kerry E. Patterson, all Q/CLD, are all smiles after wrapping presents for the families their division adopted.*

## Jingle Bells ... Shotgun Shells

### MIAC Employees Hold Holiday Raffle

This year, the holiday spirit was in full force at the Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC), especially regarding the division's annual Christmas project. Division employees formed a small committee to solicit ideas and determine fundraising activities. For this year's project, MIAC put together the Helping Hand Holiday Gun Raffle, which was a huge success! Total proceeds from the raffle were \$3,083.97. MIAC also hosted a chili day, which raised \$346.75. The proceeds from both events went to the Samaritan Center Christmas Adoption 2012, Central Missouri Food Bank's Buddy Pack Program, and the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Foundation. In addition, families and children from two local churches were provided Christmas gifts and gift cards for the holiday.

MIAC would like to thank all the individuals who participated in the fundraising events, made a financial contribution, and donated their time to make our Christmas project a success. Your generosity provided several local families with a wonderful Christmas!

## Troop B Family Shares Spirit Of Giving



*Admin. Office Support Asst. Paula L. Fry, Comm. Oper. II Tammy M. Smeltser, Clerk Typist III Julianne Samel, Clerk Typist III Tena M. von Thun, all Troop B employees, enjoyed visiting with Kaleb and his parents, Mary and Michael.*



*Troop B's Cpl. Andrew L. Bryan (l) and Sgt. Gregory K. Leftwich are seen with their new friend, Kaleb. Troop B employees adopted Kaleb's family for Christmas 2012.*



## The Troop C Family Gathers For The Holidays



*Troop C's children's Christmas party included making crafts donated by Home Depot.*



*The Schuengel family had their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. (Their son/brother/uncle—Sgt. Joseph G. Schuengel—died in the line of duty in 2010.)*



## Troop A Celebrates With 10th Annual Toy Drive



*Troop A employees joined the Newton family at the Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City, MO, to prepare a taco bar for the 35 families staying there.*



*The 10th Annual Trooper Michael L. Newton Toy Drive illustrates what is best about the Christmas season. Area residents donated approximately \$5,000 in toys to the project, so children at the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Kansas City, MO, and at the University of Kansas Medical Center Pediatrics Unit would receive a special gift. Troopers from the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Kansas Highway Patrol delivered the toys. Advantage Metals Inc made a \$1,000 donation to The MASTERS in memory of Tpr.*

*Newton. In addition to the various projects associated with the toy drive, Troop A assisted Kansas City's Secret Santa as he generously gave to area families in need.*

# Promotions



Sandra K. Karsten  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Q/ASO



Timothy P. McGrail  
Major  
Q/TSB



Larry W. Plunkett Jr.  
Captain  
Q/CJISD



David K. Striegel  
Captain  
Q/AD



Jason N. Crites  
Sergeant  
Troop E



D. Mark Hedrick  
Sergeant  
Troop I



Danielle E. Heil  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC



David H. Mease  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC



Corey B. Root  
Sergeant  
Troop H



Lance D. DeClue  
Corporal  
Troop I



Dustin L. Lyle  
Corporal  
DDCC



Trois L. Maloney  
Corporal  
Troop I



Robert V. McCormick  
Corporal  
Troop A



Lori K. Bielawski  
Chief Oper.  
Troop C



William S. Cantrell  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop D

# Promotions



Terri K. Cole  
Admin. Ofc. Support  
Asst.  
Troop C



Kyle M. Doll  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II  
Troop F



Caitlin P. Fall  
Clerk Typist II  
Q/GD



Matthew R. Freeman  
CVE Insp. Sprv. I  
Troop E



Nancy D. Gottman  
Chief DE  
Troop B



Shelley L. Hardester  
CVE Inspector III  
Troop C



Meghan D. Hauser  
Clerk Typist II  
Q/DDCC



Jacob N. Hendrix  
CIT III  
Q/ICTD



Tina K. Johnson  
DE III  
Troop A



Richard G. Leon  
CVE inspector III  
Troop C



Ronnie W. Lennington  
CVE Inspector III  
Troop G



Jessica K. Mayhew  
Fingerprint Tech. Sprv.  
Q/CJISD



Gregory J. Rehagen  
Assistant Director  
Q/MED



Joshua D. Sharp  
CVE Inspector III  
Troop H



DeWayne R. Sickels  
DE III  
Troop F

# Promotions



Brian C. Sims  
DE III  
Troop C



Vonda K. Smith  
Chief CVO  
Troop A



Kevin J. Summers  
CVE Inspector III  
Troop C



Brandon S. Whittington  
CVE Inspector III  
Troop G



Jeffery A. Wood  
MVI II  
Troop G

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Taylor Rae*

Tpr. Jonathon D. & Mrs. Angie  
K. Fariole  
Troop I

*Cooper Adam*

Tpr. Nicholas A. & Mrs. Kyria J.  
Smith  
Troop I

*Mallory D'Ann*

Tpr. Kyle A. & Mrs. Carrie D.  
Seabaugh  
Troop F

*Roselyn Jewel*

Mr. T. Luke & Clerk Typist II  
Meagan R. Shawhan  
Troop D

*Fletcher Lafayette*

Cpl. Paul W. & Mrs. Rachelle J.  
Meyers  
Troop F

*Isabella Marie*

Cpl. Dustin B. & Mrs. Leanne M.  
Reed  
Troop C

*Anastyn Laney*

Tpr. Benjamin J. & Mrs. Missey A.  
Blankenbeker  
Troop F

*Addison Nicole*

Cpl. Carl W. & Mrs. Rebecca L. Bone  
Troop C

*Brody William*

Tpr. Bryan W. & Angel M. Long  
Troop C

*Walker A*

Tpr. Charles A. & Mrs. Kieron R.  
Bowles  
Troop C

*Payten Renee*

Mr. Derek S. & Asst. Chief Oper.  
Dena R. Applebury  
Troop B

*Blaine Adam*

Auto. Tech. III Michael E. & Mrs.  
Abigail C. Duke  
Q/MED

# At Home On The Range

## Training, Repetition Hallmark Of Bomb Squad

By Karen Burton  
Guest Writer

Sergeant David C. Martin, Q/DDCC, is the Bomb Squad commander for the Missouri State Highway Patrol Explosives Disposal Unit in Jefferson City. Sergeant Michael A. Cunningham, Q/DDCC, is a member of this squad. The unit responds to calls for disposal, diagnosis, relocation, and recovery of explosives for central and most of rural Missouri.

I knew it was coming. I was seated at the top edge of a detonation range for the Missouri State Highway Patrol Explosive Disposal Unit. I had watched my old friend, Sgt. Dave Martin as he had carefully rigged the “explosive train” for the illegal powder. I had donned my goggles, inserted my earplugs, and sat ready to record the “event” with pen in hand. Suddenly, a train whistle blew, and I made note of that fact just as he spoke, “3 ... 2 ... 1 ...” *BOOM!*

My entire body felt the explosion. A wall of air had pushed at me until I felt every piece of the chair behind me. Along with the flash and the boom that penetrated my safety gear, I noticed the smell of a 4<sup>th</sup> of July display.

“Surprised you, didn’t it?” Dave asked.

“Well, maybe ...” I hedged.

He laughs. “Your feet are still in the air.” I look down to see that I have lifted my feet off the ground in some sort of automatic response to the blast.

“I didn’t expect it to be a full body experience, I guess.”

“This ain’t nothin’ like the movies,” he says. He spoke more truth than I knew.

A month before, I had sat across the lunch table from Dave exchanging the life information that keeps old friendships alive. His kids, my kids. His work, my school. I have known



Sgt. Dave Martin, Q/DDCC, shows Karen Burton how to use the detonating device.

Dave since childhood. He is, to me, the easy-going, funny friend I have enjoyed for decades. To others, he has been a career officer in the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He has spent 16 years on the bomb squad. It struck me that I had no idea what he actually *did* at his job.

So, I asked, “What do you do as the bomb squad commander for the Highway Patrol?”

His eyes twinkled, “I blow stuff up.”

“What’s the scariest thing you’ve ever done?”

“Once, I was in a building that had caught fire, trying to put a scope into a safe to see if it contained explosives. I was standing there, in a full bomb suit, with a scope down a hole looking for explosives when someone said, ‘Hey, the building is on fire again.’”

The writer in me was hooked. I had to know *what happened next*. I asked if I could tag along and write about his job. Two weeks later, I was standing in his office in Jefferson City, pen in hand, ready to hear about bombs and fires and heroes, oh my! Instead, I heard about communications, equipment, and procedure. Oh my.

I began my tour of the facility. My pen raced across the page trying to keep track of high vs. low explosives. My head was spinning with acronyms—IABTI, PAN, SOP. He was bursting with information. I struggled to find a question that would help me focus our time and my thoughts. Then, I turned around and saw “The Wall.”

On one wall of the office hung two long shelves littered with museum pieces from the work of the squad: hollowed out grenades, empty mortars, tins for blasting caps, a rocket launcher. This time, my eyes twinkled. I began to point to pieces. I put my pen down and listened. Discovered,

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recovered, confiscated. This Bomb Squad serves most of rural Missouri. If explosives are discovered, if explosives detonate, if explosives need to be recovered from a site, this squad is called. The rocket launcher was discovered in a search by warrant. The tins for blasting caps are quite valuable on Ebay, but the old caps are dangerously unstable. People are injured when they shake the old caps out of their container.

Finally, I ask about the collection of pipes on the shelf. Sgt. Mike Cunningham, also on the squad, hands me a heavy pipe, capped on both ends and wrapped in electrical tape. Attached to one end is a big red button. The button is a barbecue grill igniter, but the wires on the device are not connected to any explosive. I am seeing a “hoax” device, one probably built by looking at pictures on the Internet.

I am handed a small, cardboard cylinder. On the outside is written in bold and misspelled words, “Do not handel ruffly, explosives in here.” Found amongst someone’s possessions, I was holding the proof that you can’t fix stupid. A shiver of fear found its way down my spine as I look at the many pieces on the shelf and realize that there is no shortage of people who lack common sense or access to the Internet.

Training at the range occurs every Tuesday. This Tuesday was a picture perfect autumn morning. I traveled with Dave and Mike down to the field surrounded by dirt levies that is the designated place for detonating explosives. We were joined by chemists from the Highway Patrol Crime Lab, a special agent from the FBI, and an intern from the Highway Patrol Academy. We had illegal explosives. It felt like a party. I had a camera for pictures and video, ready to record the day. Ready for action. Ready.

Dave got our attention. And then, ... repetition. Mind-numbing repeti-



*Sgt. Dave Martin and Sgt. Mike Cunningham, both Q/DDCC, show Karen Burton an electric blasting cap.*

tion. The rules being stated. The rules being followed. Never walk the detonator with the explosives. Always put the blasting cap in the ground before testing the wire. Test the cord, test the cap, test, test, test. Safety goggles. Ear plugs. Hand signals. Set it up.

“Fire in the Hole!” One explosive is detonated. A soil sample is taken for the chemists. Check again. Test, test, test. “Fire in the Hole!” Another explosive is detonated. I admit to myself that I am feeling a bit disappointed by the routine nature of it all. I was hoping for a little swag, I guess.

Then, the group meets to decide how to dispose of the blasting caps. I try to keep up with the conversation between the experts on how to construct the “explosive train,” the step-by-step process of getting the charge to the explosive safely. I cannot keep up with their technical jargon, so I zone out as I wonder what I am going to write about. I take note again of the clearness of the morning. The sky is a cloudless, perfect blue. The sun is welcome on my face in the cool breeze. The conversation behind me fades in and out, until I feel a tickle in the back of my brain. Like a song that is familiar, the conversation behind

me is recognizable. Not the content, but the cadence. I know this rhythm. I am hearing a conversation of people who speak the same language, weaving their way to a decision. I put down my pen. I don’t need to understand the words; I understand the purpose.

The team is working toward a safe outcome. Bruce Willis does not need to come in and carry the explosives off into the sunset. John Wayne is not invited. No one is defending territory or status. Teamwork does not provide the conflict needed for a good movie scene, but teamwork saves lives. Teamwork is the rhythm of this squad. Safety is its song. I pick up my pen to start a new page.

One day at lunch with Mike and Dave, I asked them how they know if a situation is a serious one. Immediately, Dave recited, “A bomb is a bomb ‘til it’s not ...”

And Mike finished, “... and then, it’s training.”

Training and teamwork. I no longer need to write it down. I am coming to understand the type of person who

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willingly takes the long walk up to an unknown device.

The man I see is my friend, but he is also the man in charge—calm, deliberate, and careful. Here on the range, he is at home.

“Are you ready?” he asks me.

I nod and wipe the sweat off my palms. He hands me the firing device.

“You are in control.” He steps away.

“May I have a ‘Fire in the Hole?’” I count to five as I depress the first button on the yellow box to build the charge. He yells the safety warning in three directions.

I raise my eyes to the range as I count, “3 ... 2 ... 1 ...” I press the firing button and *BOOM!* The blasting caps make the biggest explosion of the day, and I somehow refrain from throwing my arms up in a victory cheer. I laugh out loud and think, *this is FUN!*

“Wow, that was a big one.”

“Did you hear that echo?”

I beam because my boom was bigger than anybody else’s. Dave gives me a wink as I hand him the yellow box. Perhaps I found a little swag on the range after all.

One week after my day at the range, I got a text message from Dave that he had been called out on an explosion. I texted him later to ask how it went, and this was his response:

All went well, found fingers, fingernails, and blood, but no additional explosives.

I called him immediately. Someone had made a device, and it had exploded in their hand.

“What are you thinking when you walk up on something like that?” I ask.

“You depend on your training to keep you going,” he says.

I ponder this for a minute, and a thought crystallizes. The training.

“You depend on the training to guide you automatically, so that you can focus your thoughts on the uniqueness of a situation.”

“That’s it!” he exclaims, “Can I use that in training?”

“Of course,” I laugh.

“You should be a writer,” he adds with a chuckle.

And you, my friend, help me sleep better at night because you are a bomb squad commander.

*(Editor’s note: Reprinted with permission. Karen Burton is a graduate student in the master’s degree of fine arts in writing program at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO.)*



*Sgt. Dave Martin, Q/DDCC, prepares a counter charge for black powder.*

# You're Invited To Attend!

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, MO. A social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. and the banquet begins at 6:30 p.m. The awards banquet is open to all employees and their guest/spouse. In the past, the fee has been \$35 per person and we anticipate the same for this year. The presentation of awards immediately follows the banquet. If you have any questions, please contact Special Asst. Kerry L. Bax, Q/ASB, at (573) 526-6159 or [kerry.bax@mshp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:kerry.bax@mshp.dps.mo.gov).

# '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 October 27 to December 24, 2012. The list shows members with their rank/assignment during that time period. (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. D.C. Belardo, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.J. Chapman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.A. Duvall, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.J. Hanrahan, 1 arrest  
Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.J. Jenner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Jones, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.B. Koch, 1 arrest  
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.P. Millsap, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Moeller, 3 arrests  
Tpr. B.M. Parker, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Peters, 2 arrests  
Sgt. T.T. Pitts, 1 arrest  
Cpl. G.D. Primm, 5 arrests  
Cpl. S.M. Salfrank, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.R. Schapp, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.A. Taibi Jr., 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.D. Wallace, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.J. Yoder, 1 arrest

## **Troop B**

Sgt. N.D. Berry, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.F. Brown, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.W. Coleman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.D. Davidson, 2 arrests  
Cpl. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.J. Glover, 3 arrests  
Lt. E.A. Gottman, 3 arrests  
Tpr. L.P. Quinn, 1 arrest  
Sgt. T.R. Rohn, 1 arrest  
Sgt. R.L. Seiner, 1 arrest  
Cpl. N.J. Shinkle, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.D. Tappendorf, 1 arrest

## **Troop C**

Tpr. M.T. Angrisani, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.D. Bengston, 2 arrests  
Cpl. S.V. Buchheit, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.W. Clement, 2 arrests

Cpl. C.T. Davies, 1 arrest  
Lt. S.B. Ferrier, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.L. Grass, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Gullett, 3 arrests  
Tpr. A.S. Huskey, 2 arrests  
Tpr. N.V. Jannin, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.A. Mason, 1 arrest  
Sgt. C.L. Patton, 2 arrests  
Sgt. T.R. Potter, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.G. Sarakas, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.R. Schmidt, 3 arrests  
Cpl. R.L. Watson Jr., 2 arrests

## **Troop D**

Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.W. Choate, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Day, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.D. Green, 3 arrests  
Tpr. R.L. Kelley, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.L. Hall, 2 arrests  
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.J. Long, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.L. Prewitt, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.W. Riley, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.J. Stevens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.R. Waters, 1 arrest

## **Troop E**

Tpr. J.K. Brooks, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. DeJournett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.E. Erpenbach, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.M. Heath Jr., 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.A. Lacey, 3 arrests  
Tpr. B.M. Loring, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.D. Lynch, 2 arrests  
Tpr. E.M. Reynolds, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Spain, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.M. Spain, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.J. West, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.A. Wilson, 1 arrest

## **Troop F**

Tpr. N.J. Borgmeyer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.A. Dickens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 5 arrests

Sgt. B.J. Drummond, 3 arrests  
Tpr. D.F. Echternacht, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.C. Frame, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.J. Graf, 4 arrests  
Cpl. M.A. Halford, 6 arrests  
Tpr. M.T. Halford, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.G. Holzschuh, 2 arrests  
Cpl. S.B. Johnson, 6 arrests  
Cpl. S.M. Lance, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.A. McLaughlin, 5 arrests  
Tpr. D.T. Metzner, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.S. Miller, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.E. Morice, 8 arrests  
Tpr. M.L. Rice, 2 arrests  
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K.A. Schrage, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.S. Thompson, 1 arrest

## **Troop G**

Cpl. S.N. Foster, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.D. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.D. Odle, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Roberts, 3 arrests  
Tpr. E.M. VanWinkle, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.E. Young, 1 arrest

## **Troop H**

Cpl. H.B. Cowan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.M. Cross, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.C. Daly, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.K. Griffin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Johnston, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.E. Maudlin, 1 arrest  
Cpl. L.M. Newman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Peabody, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.S. Rice, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.J. Webb, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Zach, 1 arrest

## **Troop I**

Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 2 arrests  
Cpl. J.L. Keathley, 1 arrest  
Cpl. K.D. Wilmont, 1 arrest

# Looking Back

## ... in the Patrol News

### 45 years ago

*January 1968* — An excerpt of a newscast from KMOX-TV in St. Louis on November 6, 1967, was included. Asst. News Director Max Roby told viewers the Highway Patrol checked a truck and found it was overweight. The St. Charles County magistrate fined the driver \$46 and ordered him to make arrangements to transfer some of the extra weight to another vehicle. That might seem all in a day's work ... except that the truck was hauling three tigers and 10 lions, and being driven by a man named Tarzan Terbini.

### 35 years ago

*February 1978* — Corporal Freddie C. Kling, Troop H, arrested two men for taking two wild turkeys during closed season. Cpl. Kling observed the men stopping their pickup along the bluffs of Interstate 29, stepping out, and firing at the birds. Each man posted \$508 for shooting the birds out of season and \$258 for taking wildlife from a public roadway with a firearm. Thus, these two gentlemen paid \$76.60 per pound for those wild turkeys, which were confiscated.

### 25 years ago

*January 1988* — Sergeant Conrad H. Henley, Troop A, was directed to a vehicle that had slid off the snow covered roadway into a fence. He found there were 15 cats inside the vehicle and five outside. Apparently, the driver had left the scene to find a tow truck. Sgt. Henley was called to traffic crash nearby, and when he returned, the cat mobile was gone.

### 15 years ago

*February 1998* — A GHQ Christmas fundraiser for Camp Quality became quite a competition. Five volunteers—Director Gerald E. Wethington, Q/ISD; Lieutenant Richard L. Coffey, Q/DDCC; Lieutenant Christian T. Ricks, Q/PIED; Duplicating Equip. Oper. Sprv. Tresha G. McBaine, Q/BPD; and Captain Steven R. Johnson, Q/TFD—stepped forward and said they would kiss a pig if their jar held the most coins. Tresha offered to do so if donations topped \$1,000 and Lt. Ricks said he'd kiss the "other end" if donations went over \$1,100! When it was over, Lt. Coffey (actual winner of the competition) made it three people who gave the pig a smooch. Retired Sergeant Larry D. Long located a pig, which was borrowed for the event. (Camp Quality is a camp for children fighting cancer.)

### 10 years ago

*January 2003* — Gracing the cover were Troop A SERT (SWAT's predecessor) members waving as they stood on the side of a climbing tower. The Department of Agriculture unveiled the new Centennial Admissions Gate and a new zone office at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia.

### 5 years ago

*January/February 2008* — Trooper Jeffrey D. Fugett, Troop D, took part in an international Law Enforcement Torch Run in China for the Special Olympics World Games. The new lobby for the public window opened in the Criminal Records and Identification Division (now Criminal Justice Information Services Division).

## Best Friends

By *SOMO Athlete Jamie Leffer*

People say that I'm not normal,  
Whatever normal might be.  
I guess I know what  
they're saying,  
When I take a good look at me.

Sometimes it's hard to remember,  
Things that I've been taught.  
So, people have to repeat  
themselves,  
And I ask the same questions  
a lot.

Others have trouble  
understanding me,  
When I start to talk.  
And, people stare at me and  
snicker,  
About the funny way I walk.

But, if I get downhearted,  
All I have to do,  
Is think about my best friends,  
'Cause they are different, too.

My best friends are policemen,  
Some are girls and some are  
guys.  
People think they're not normal,  
That they have hearts of ice.

My policemen buddies are big  
and tough,  
And aren't afraid of "bad guys."  
But, I know their hearts are warm  
inside,  
'Cause I've seen tears come to  
their eyes.

They come to Special Olympics,  
Not for pay—they come for free,  
To cheer and hug and congrat-  
ulate me.

So, maybe policemen are not  
normal,  
And, maybe I'm not normal, too.  
But, I feel proud and lucky,  
To have friends who are so true.

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## Lt. Col. Richard L. Coffey



Lieutenant Colonel Richard L. Coffey, assistant superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, retired effective December 1, 2012, after 36 years of dedicated service to the citizens of this state.

Lt. Col. Coffey began his career in 1976 as a fingerprint technician in the Patrol's Criminal Division. On March 1, 1977, he entered the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy as a member of the 46th Recruit Class.

He said being part of a team and working to accomplish something as a group was something he took away from his Academy experience. The Patrol's current command staff stresses this concept to the recruit classes when they speak to them. "The faster they start working together as a group, the easier the Academy will be for them," said Lt. Col. Coffey. "That's something that carries throughout your career with the Patrol. It's not an "I" career. It's a team."

After graduating from the Academy, he was assigned to Troop C, Zone 14, Perry and Ste. Genevieve counties. On December 1, 1982, he was assigned to General Headquarters, Jefferson City, as part of the Executive Security Unit, where he provided security for Governors Christopher Bond and John Ashcroft. Promotions to corporal (August 1, 1985), sergeant (June 1, 1990), lieutenant (June 1, 1994), captain (September 1, 1999), major

(September 1, 2001), and lieutenant colonel (September 1, 2006) followed. He served as an assistant director in the Public Information and Education Division, Research and Development Division, and Division of Drug and Crime Control. As a captain, he served as director of the Research and Development Division. Once promoted to major, he joined the Patrol's command staff as commander of the Technical Services Bureau. Since 2006, Lt. Col. Coffey served first Colonel James F. Keathley then Colonel Ron Replogle as assistant superintendent. It is from this position he retires.

Lt. Col. Coffey says he is proud to have been part of the Patrol's command staff for three forward-looking superintendents. They each encouraged thinking outside the box and sought input and opinions from each of the superintendent's staff members. This spirit of participation and cooperation helped the Patrol make significant progress in its resource capabilities and use of technology over the past few years. Technology moves rapidly, and he complimented those who have helped the Patrol make tremendous strides in this area. He said it wasn't that long ago there weren't many MCDs in cars. Now, having an MCD and being able to access information quickly is the norm. He credits Captain Kim E. Hull, Q/ICTD, with working tirelessly with others in the Field Operations Bureau to procure grants for MCDs when he was assigned to the Technical Services Bureau.

"Not that long ago, we only had typewriters in zone offices," said Lt. Col. Coffey. "I can remember when I was in RDD [Research and Development Division], and Sergeant Allan C. Heseman was pushing to get at least one computer into each zone office."

You walk into the museum and see the 1978 Mercury Patrol car, that big, old boat. I had one of those and it wasn't even my first car," said Lt. Col. Coffey with a laugh. "The oldest mobile radio displayed in the museum is what I used when I started."

Lt. Col. Coffey was born in Clinton, MO. He graduated from Windsor High School, in Windsor, MO, in 1970. In 1974, he earned a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice administration from Central Missouri State University (now University of Central Missouri) in Warrensburg, MO. Lt. Col. Coffey and his wife, Pam, reside in Jefferson City. Pam is employed as an executive assistant to Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster. Lt. Col. Coffey and his wife have two sons: Brian, who is employed by a local construction company, and Brad, who is a section director in the Patrol's Information and Communications Technology Division. Brad and his wife, Amy, who is an assistant manager at Jefferson Bank, have a son named Cameron and a daughter named Carley.

A retirement reception for Lt. Col. Coffey took place on November 9, with a room full of family, friends, and co-workers attending. Grandson Cameron, a Tiger Cub in Cub Scouts, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. (Grandpa sure was proud!) Major J. Bret Johnson, Q/FOB, served as emcee and Colonel Ron Replogle presented the retirement certificate/photo. Along with the accolades and appreciation were laughter and camaraderie. It was obvious for all present that Lt. Col. Coffey was a respected member of the Patrol's command staff.

Major Sandra K. Karsten, Q/TSB, read a special letter from Lt. Col. Coffey's wife, Pam. Knowing the emotion of such a momentous occasion might affect her, Pam had asked that someone else read her words. In the letter she told her husband that she remembered when he became a corporal, and that she was so proud. And then, he "did it again," when he was promoted to sergeant. She described that promotion as a big deal and how much of an honor it was to retire as a sergeant. She wrote that with each promotion she was more proud of Lt. Col. Coffey and mentioned that he had been very humble about all of his promotions.

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“Your family is proud and excited to be here today to honor you,” she wrote. “Being part of the Highway Patrol family has been a blessing to your family, and they are thankful for the day you decided to become a trooper.”

When asked about his retirement plans, he had this to say:

“A couple of recent retirees (Majors Hugh E. McKay and Robert E. Bloomberg) have agreed to show me the ropes about how to retire and fill a day without going to work somewhere,” he laughed. “I have two grandkids I need to spend more time with and spoil a little more, and my golf game needs a lot of work. I have a friend who talked me into helping tutor at the ABLE (Adult Basic Literacy Education) Center. I’ll do that for awhile. There are various volunteer opportunities that will keep me sufficiently occupied. We want to do a little traveling. My wife and I have a trip to Mexico planned early next year with another couple. Pam will still be working for awhile, so I will have to get up every morning and make retirement look miserable until she gets out the door to work!”

When Lt. Col. Coffey mentioned spoiling his grandchildren, he said it’s different than when raising one’s own children. “Your grandchildren can get away with so much more than your own kids did. You kind of encourage some of that,” he said without remorse. When you’re raising your own kids, you might not be able to afford some things that you can as a grandparent. Being a young family just starting out, financial concerns may affect this. Being a grandparent, you have greater opportunities and abilities to do things with them, and a different kind of appreciation watching the changes as they grow up.”

“Being part of the Patrol family has been important to me,” said Lt. Col. Coffey. “The people you get to know, to work with, and to learn from is what I’ll

take with me into retirement, more so than anything I’ve achieved.”

“You have to try to have a little fun along the way. Every day is a gift, so find some way to enjoy each day you’re here,” he advised. “I’m glad I had the opportunity to share some of my days here with each of you.”

*Editor’s note: Congratulations, Lt. Col. Coffey! Best wishes for a long, healthy retirement! Enjoy spoiling the grandchildren and ‘acting miserable’!*

## Capt. James E. Marlin



Captain James E. Marlin, Troop D, retired September 1, 2012, after more than 32 years of distinguished service with the Missouri State Water Patrol and Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Jim is a native of Marshfield, MO, and a graduate of Marshfield High School.

His career in law enforcement began in 1975 with the Webster County Sheriff’s Department. In January 1980, he was appointed as a member of the Water Patrol’s 18th Recruit Class. After graduating in June 1980, his first assignment was in New Madrid County on the Mississippi River. In 1981, he transferred to Lake of the Ozarks in Camden County. In 1989, Jim was promoted to corporal and transferred to Truman Lake as an assistant district supervisor. In 1990, he was promoted to sergeant and moved to Jefferson City, where he was designated as di-

rector of the newly established Water Patrol’s Criminal Investigation Section.

In 1994, Jim was promoted to captain and assigned to District One, which was the west central territory and included the upper part of Lake of the Ozarks, Truman Lake, Pomme de Terre Lake, Stockton Lake, and the Niangua River. On January 1, 2011, Jim became a captain within the Missouri State Highway Patrol in the Water Patrol Division. On October 1, 2011, he was assigned to Troop D as a captain with marine enforcement until his retirement.

Upon reflecting on his career, he said during training the swimming was one of the main physically demanding activities. It was scheduled first thing in the morning and the last thing at night.

“At the end of training,” said Jim, “I never looked at a swimming pool the same way again ... as a place for relaxation.”

Being director of the Criminal Investigations Section involved several areas of responsibility. Jim investigated major thefts, supervised drug task force units and marine dealer compliance, and was able to work hands-on in the field with officers as needed.

“I really enjoyed that aspect,” said Jim. “I was able to work closely with other state, federal, and local law enforcement agencies in the United States.”

He performed the screening and quality control of newly titled and registered boats coming into Missouri that were suspicious and possibly stolen.

“One case I was very proud of came through this process. It was nearly a three-year investigation, which stretched into several states and stolen boats being shipped overseas,” said Jim. “It involved several agencies throughout the United States. We pretty much identified who we were looking for with the information we had developed throughout the course

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of the investigation. We just got lucky one evening at the Lake of the Ozarks when one of our officers became suspicious of a vehicle and boat sitting at a local restaurant. When the subject left the restaurant, he was stopped. This was our man. In his vehicle were forged boat titles, fabricated registrations, false IDs, disguises, altering equipment, and much more. This investigation led to the recovery of over 40 boats and over \$1 million in recovered property. There are still boats that have not been recovered. The whole investigation came together as a result of hard work by officers and simply communicating with other law enforcement agencies. This was a case of networking at its best."

In March 1994, Jim was named "Investigator of the Year" by the National Association of Marine Investigators as a result of this particular investigation.

In May 2001, he graduated from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

Jim has been married to his wife, Tammy, for 37 years and they have two sons. J. Clayton is a corporal assigned to Troop I. He and his wife, Kate, live in Lebanon, MO. Justin and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Marshfield, MO. Jim has four grandchildren, Gabriel, Jaylen, Zane, and Evangeline.

In 1977, Jim's father-in-law was a trooper around the Branson area, and Jim intended to apply for the Patrol. "Things changed when I watched the Water Patrol working on the lake one evening and had the opportunity to meet one of the officers and find out more about the agency. After some researching I knew what I wanted to do."

"Over my career, I have been involved in a lot of different functions of the Patrol—flood duty, drownings, and manhunts, to name a few. After several years of what you get involved with, you think you have seen it all, but really you haven't," said Jim. "If I reflect about the proudest memory of my career with the Water Patrol, it is knowing that our agency was recognized as being the premier marine law enforce-

ment agency throughout the United States. That was due to the fine officers that helped to make it that way. It was a privilege to work with many of them and I am glad I was blessed to be part of it. Throughout my career and many assignments, I have had the opportunity to work with troopers across the state in various capacities. When the merge became effective in January 2011, I was eligible for retirement. But, I wanted to stay on for awhile as I wanted to still be a part of it and see this through."

"Since retiring, I've spent time working around home and with family, and have been taking care of a few cattle on a small farm. One hobby that I acquired this past summer was growing a garden. It was a challenge with all the heat and no rain, but it almost became an obsession. I took a serious interest in it this year after I accidentally let animals get in (her garden) and destroy it last year."

"Now that I am retired, I hope to spend more time hunting (deer and turkey season) and fishing (if they are biting) instead of feeling time is limited, because I need to get back to work."

Thank you, Jim, for your years of dedicated service! Congratulations on your retirement!

## February

- Feb. 8** ● **Tpr. R.W. Harper** died in 1987.
- Feb. 12** ● **Lincoln's birthday.**
- Feb. 16** ● **Cpl. H.C. Bruns** died in 1987.
- Feb. 16** ● **Sgt. R.A. Guiliams** died in 2001.
- Feb. 17** ● **Sgt. R.V. Sullivan** died in 1996.
- Feb. 18** ● **Washington's birthday** observed.
- Feb. 21** ● **Tpr. G.W. Snodgrass** died in 1970.

## Sgt. Michael J. Noellsch



After 28 years of serving the citizens of Missouri, Sergeant Michael J. Noellsch, Q/DDCC, retired on November 1, 2012. Sgt. Noellsch started his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a member of the 56th Recruit Class on January 1, 1984. Upon graduating, he was assigned to Troop H, Zone 9. On October 15, 1990, he transferred into the Division of Drug and Crime Control. He was promoted to corporal in 1993, and to sergeant in 1995. While in DDCC, Sgt. Noellsch was assigned to positions within the Narcotics, Criminal Investigations, Organized Crime, and Rural Crimes units.

One thing worth noting is that during his last month of work, Sgt. Noellsch was able to develop information that may solve the first homicide that he worked 16 years earlier.

Sgt. Noellsch plans to stay busy after retirement by working on the family farms. Congratulations, Sgt. Noellsch, on your retirement! You will be missed by your friends at the Patrol.

## March

- Mar. 2** ● **Tpr. J.M. Froemsdorf** died in 1985.
- Mar. 10** ● **Central Daylight Time** begins at 2 a.m.
- Mar. 20** ● **Sgt. C.D. Graham Jr.** died in 2005.

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## Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Sherry L. Carter



On December 1, 2012, Troop C Administrative Office Support Assistant Sherry L. Carter retired. Sherry began her 27-year career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on July 6, 1966, as a stenographer at the old Troop C on Ballas Road. She was 18 years old and the only clerical employee who took shorthand.

When the Troop C Headquarters was opened in Town and Country in 1967, she was placed in her own office and designated as Captain Willie S. Barton's secretary. For those of you who knew Capt. Barton, you know this was an adventure all its own. In 1971, Sherry left Troop C due to her marriage to then Trooper James L. Carter. The Patrol had many rules "in the olden days" and one of those was that you could not work with your spouse. Jim worked the road and Sherry worked in the office, but the staff considered that a no-no.

In 1990, Sherry returned to the Patrol, and in 2000, she became the secretary for Captain Paul D. Parmenter. Capt. Parmenter retired in September 2002, and Captain Ronald S. Johnson returned to Troop C from Troop A as the troop commander. Sherry worked for Capt. Johnson until her retirement in 2012. She would like to thank Capt. Johnson not only for his friendship, but for being the best boss a girl could ever want. She always told him not to keep putting her on a pedestal. She will truly

miss her day-to-day interactions with Capt. Johnson and the entire Troop C staff.

Sherry has performed many of the clerical jobs at Troop C, including working in DDCC and, for six months, she worked as a telecommunicator at Troop C. Sherry remembers when typing was done on a manual typewriter. If you made a mistake, the forms were in triplicate, so if you had to make corrections, it was on three sheets.

Sherry said she has enjoyed her job practically every day of the 27 years she has worked for the Patrol. The good days far outweighed the bad days. On the days when the Patrol lost officers in the line of duty, she would have rather been anywhere else but at her job. For the most part though, she enjoyed everything else. She has most enjoyed preparing for the retirees' breakfast, kids' day, and the childrens' Christmas party. For the last three years, she has been Mrs. Santa Clause. Sherry volunteered to be one of the drinkers three different times for Community Alliance Program. After her final time, she was graciously retired for reasons she did not want to discuss.

In 2002, Sherry was chosen as the first Civilian Employee of the Year. She said this was overwhelming—she felt the things she did, she did because it was her job. This was quite an honor for her and something she will always remember and treasure.

Sherry said the things she will miss the most is working for and "spoiling" the best staff in the entire state, and the many Patrol "sons and daughters" she has acquired over the years. She will miss the day-to-day interaction, but she knows that even retired, she will be part of the Patrol family.

Sherry said many people have influenced her over the 27 years—the most being her beloved husband, Jim. Sherry lost Jim in 2001. She said he truly loved his job and was very proud of the Patrol. He instilled that love and pride in Sherry. His philosophy was "treat others as you would have them treat you." He would say almost daily, "The sweetest thing in the world is a

smile, so give as many as you can and give them often." Sherry hopes that she has lived up to that and wishes to be remembered for that.

Sherry's children, Stephanie, Kelly, and Christopher, all live in the immediate area and she already spends every day with her grandchildren, Haley, Carter, Paige, and Jackson. She does want to visit her sister, Cindy, in the state of Georgia more often, and do some "power shopping" with her sister, Kathy, who is also retiring from Troop C on December 1.

Sherry wishes everyone to know that many of you have played such an important part in her life and for that, she will always be thankful.

Thank you, Sherry, for taking such good care of Troop C! Enjoy your retirement!

## CVO Sprv. I Marty R. Clevenger



On January 1, 2013, Commercial Vehicle Officer Supervisor I Marty R. Clevenger, Troop H, retired as an employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol with more than 27 years of service. He began his career with the Patrol on October 1, 1985 as a commercial vehicle inspector at A-2 in Kearney, MO. In 1987, Marty transferred to H-2 at Eagleville, MO, where he would spend the rest of his career, retiring as a commercial vehicle officer supervisor.

Marty grew up at New Hampton, MO, and graduated from South Harri-

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son High School at Bethany, MO. After high school, he attended college in Mason City, IA, and became an emergency medical technician through classes at the University of Missouri. Prior to his employment with the Patrol, he was the assistant manager of North Missouri Lumber Company.

Marty is married to the former Shannon Fraley, of Fayetteville, AR. Shannon currently manages the Casey's Truck Stop in Bethany, MO. The couple has two daughters and two sons.

During his career, Marty participated in several truck checks, assignments, and trainings. He also conveyed the story of the truck driver he placed out-of-service for bald tires. The driver—in an attempt to get back on the road—took out his pocket knife and began to cut new grooves in the bald tires. Marty's experience has left him with many stories and memories. He said that his best memories will be the people that he worked with and the friendships that were a part of working at the scale house.

Upon his retirement, Marty plans to visit his grandkids, go hunting, and try to find the ideal, part-time employment.

All of us at Troop H wish Marty the very best in a long retirement!

## MVI III Kerry N. Klein



On December 1, 2012, after more than 15 years of dedicated service, Motor Vehicle Inspector III Kerry N. Klein,

Troop H, retired as an employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Prior to his employment with the Patrol, Kerry finished a 23-year-career with the St. Joseph Police Department, where he was a master sergeant.

On August 1, 1996, Kerry began his career with the Patrol as a telecommunicator at Troop H. After working for the Patrol for a year and a half, he left the organization for just over a year before being rehired as a motor vehicle inspector at Troop A, Lee's Summit. Three months later, he transferred to Troop H where he would remain until his retirement.

Kerry is a native of St. Joseph and graduated from Lafayette High School in 1970. After graduation, he attended Missouri Western State University until his appointment to the St. Joseph Police Department in 1973.

Kerry is married to Patsy (Welch) of St. Joseph and the couple has spent 41 years together.

Kerry says his co-workers were excellent people who are true professionals that care about their work. "The knowledge of the people at the Patrol is one thing that drew me to a career in the organization," he said.

As far as plans for the future, Kerry plans to go slow and revisit his old hobbies of hunting, fishing at Bennett Springs, and chasing massive large-mouth bass. He also plans to continue caring for his elderly parents and have enough time to ride his motorcycle. Kerry is a member of the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club in St. Joseph. He and Patsy enjoy spending quality time riding their Honda VTX 1800. Kerry adds that if he gets bored, he might find a part-time job.

All of the employees at Troop H wish the Kleins the very best in retirement!

## Chief DE Cynthia A. Anders



On December 1, 2012, Troop B Chief Driver Examiner Cynthia A. Anders retired after serving over 24 years with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Cindy began her career with the Patrol on September 1, 1988, as a driver examiner in Troop C. She was assigned to the St. Charles, MO, driver examination station. In 1989, she was promoted to Driver Examiner II and assigned to the Troop C traveling driver examination crew. In 1993, Cindy was promoted to Driver Examiner III; she remained in the same assignment. In September 1999, she was promoted to supervisor and was assigned to the Hazelwood, MO, driver examination station; in September 2006, she transferred to Troop B and was designated the supervisor of the Hannibal driver examination crew. On July 1, 2007, Cindy was promoted to chief driver examiner. It is from this position she retires. While assigned to Troop B, Cindy also served as the Troop B Special Olympics coordinator for four years.

Cindy is a native of Quincy, IL, and graduated from Quincy Notre Dame High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO; a master's degree in gerontology from Lindenwood University in St. Charles; and a master's

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degree in counseling from Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis.

Cindy and her husband, Martin, have five children: Becky Orf, of Bowling Green, MO; Corporal Brian Anders, Q/DDCC, of Hannibal; Beth Holland, of Bowling Green; Brad Anders, of Bowling Green; and Ben Anders, of Bowling Green. They also have five grandchildren ranging in ages from one to 12 years old.

Cindy said she enjoyed the opportunity to work for the Patrol. Her favorite part was spending time with fellow driver examiners and interacting with the testing applicants. Cindy's plans after retirement include opening a private counseling practice in Bowling Green, and spending as much time with her grandchildren as possible.

Troop B will certainly miss Cindy's experience and great work attitude. Each of us wish her the best of luck in her new career, and hope she has a long fun-filled retirement.

## Cook Sprv. Richard L. Hagenhoff



The Law Enforcement Training Academy announces the retirement of Cook Supervisor Richard L. Hagenhoff, Q/TND, on January 1, 2013. Richard retires after six years with the Patrol's Academy. Richard is married, and he and his wife, Anita, have three

daughters and one son: Beth, of Jefferson City, Lynn, of Loose Creek, MO, Laura, of Westphalia, MO, and Jason, of Meta, MO.

Richard was employed with the Department of Corrections prior to becoming a cook supervisor with the Patrol. Richard is also a veteran, having served from 1967 to 1970 in the United States Air Force.

Richard has enjoyed it here, and every day has been different. Richard's most memorable event on staff was the first recruit banquet. It takes a lot more work and planning than most realize.

On Friday, November 30, 2012, a retirement celebration took place in the Academy cafeteria to honor the occasion. Richard expects to spend more time developing new hobbies and making time for his model trains.

Congratulations, Richard! May you enjoy a long, healthy retirement!

## *Colonel Alvin R. Lubker Memorial Safety & Education Center*

The Patrol's Safety Education Center has been re-named the Colonel Alvin R. Lubker Memorial Safety & Education Center effective December 22, 2012. Colonel Ron Replogle made the announcement during a celebration of life ceremony for Colonel Alvin R. Lubker held that day in the museum. Approximately 120 people attended.

Throughout his career, Col. Alvin Lubker promoted his belief that education and enforcement

were a vital part of highway safety. Col. Lubker and his wife, Marva, donated several items to the Safety Education Center, which opened in 1982. Many of those items remain on display today, including several uniforms and badges, documents and displays, a 1931 Ford Roadster known as "Otto—the Talking Car," and a 1942 Chevrolet patrol car. Even in retirement, Col. Lubker was passionate about the Patrol's mission and purpose. He remained convinced that education, along with enforcement, was the proper avenue to highway safety. On November 13,

2012, Al Lubker, 79, died in Scottsdale, AZ.

"As a tribute to a former superintendent, who believed strongly in safety education, the Safety Education Center was renamed the Colonel Alvin R. Lubker Memorial Safety & Education Center," said Col. Replogle. "Through Col. Lubker's tireless work a large portion of Patrol history has been preserved for future generations, and education in highway safety has become widely accepted."

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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**William G. Rogers**  
Lieutenant  
Troop D

*Retired June 1, 2012  
34 years of dedicated service.*



**Danny F. Fox**  
CVO Sprv. II  
Troop G

*Retired November 1, 2012.  
26 years, eight months of  
dedicated service.*

**George W.  
Hamilton**  
Sergeant  
Q/GD

*Retired November 1, 2012.  
26 years of dedicated service.*



**Michael D.  
McCallister**  
Comm. Oper. III  
Troop G

*Retired November 1, 2012.  
25 years of dedicated service.*



**Valerie J. Becker**  
DE Sprv.  
Troop A

*Retired December 1, 2012.  
28 years of dedicated service.*



**Kathy A. Easter**  
Clerk IV  
Troop C

*Retired December 1, 2012.  
25 years of dedicated service.*



**Mildred K.  
Schulte**  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop F

*Retired December 1, 2012.  
Five years, six months  
dedicated service.*



# “People Looked Up To Brian ...”

*Sgt. Jeffery M. Owen, Troop A*

**Brian was tall.** If you were around Brian for any length of time it was useful to know his height: Six foot nine, for those of you that don't know. (A couple inches taller than his big brother, Kevin.) You needed to know that because without fail, no matter where you went, people would say, “Wow, you're tall.” They would crane their neck back in an exaggerated angle as if they were talking to a giraffe and ask, “So, how tall are you?” Brian would tolerate it and conversation would ensue and Brian had a new friend. It was that easy for Brian. It always was. Maybe his height was a great conversation starter. Or, maybe it was the fact that he was such an obviously good and genuine person, people naturally gravitated to him. Either way, Brian made a mark on this world. He was a tall man in every sense of that word.

Brian meant so much to so many people from so many walks of life. I mean, look around and see how many people came out today to say goodbye to Brian. I can't think of a better testament to his life than the simple truth of so many people coming here today.

When Deanna asked me to provide the eulogy, my first thought was, “How on Earth am I to sum up Brian's life?” He was one of those “bigger than life” kinds of people. People loved Brian. His quick wit, his disarming smile that made you smile back, his ability to make you feel good; to be part of a team. No matter what I said, I'd leave something out.

I have a huge hole in my heart with Brian's passing as so many others do. But, Brian was an optimistic, bright, and positive person. I believe he would want us to celebrate his life like he lived his life—with equal parts of respect and humor.

Brian Kelley came into my life when I heard I was to be his FTO [field training officer] back in 2001. I had been a classmate of his brother, Kevin Kelley, in 1994 in the Patrol Academy. So, obviously, the first question anyone would ask, “He isn't like Kevin is he?”

Once I was assured, that no, he wasn't like Kevin, it went very smoothly. Now, though I'd like to take credit for Brian's professional success, it was likely “in spite of” anything I taught him. I recall one instance, which was emblematic of our training period. Brian crossed the median too fast and it was a rough ride. I counseled him and I swapped seats to show him how it was done. We entered the median slowly, but the wheels dropped into a rut, Brian's head hit the door frame, the papers flew off the sunscreen, and all the mics popped up in the air, all of this right before we slammed into the other roadway X Games style and scraped the car frame on the roadway. As we were completing the turn, getting up to speed, papers laying all over our laps, Brian looks at me and quietly says, “I think I like my way better.” Brian drove the remaining three months.

I've enjoyed sharing and reading all the BK stories with his friends, classmates, and co-workers. I wanted to share some today. Of course, we knew the command staff of the Patrol would be here, so that knocked out some. We knew his mom would be here, so that tossed out the rest. I tried to include a few.

But, that was Brian. Because, you didn't just simply *know* Brian. You were a part of his life. Everyone who knew Brian has a Brian story. I'm confident we could pass the mic around the room to share BK stories and we wouldn't hear the same story twice.



*Brian E. Kelley*

They all had the same theme: from the mundane to the exciting, throw in Brian's wit, his quick smile, and his genuine care for others and you had a story. He could cut you down in a minute with some cutting remark, get the laugh, then raise you up with a compliment or a “I'm just kidding with you.” Brian could deliver a joke as good as he could take one. Of course, when you give it as much as Brian did, you don't have much choice in that.

**People looked up to Brian for his athletic ability.** Brian and I were booking a guy into jail one night in St Joseph. The booking officer kept staring at Brian. Finally, he saw Brian's name on the report and says, “Are YOU *THE* Brian Kelley—from Brookfield?!” Brian kind of shrugs sheepishly, mumbles “yeah,” and this guy starts reciting Brian's high school basketball records, his trip to state, and, *MOST* importantly, Brian shattering

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the backboard on a dunk in practice ... And, shattering one again in a game. Guys from Brookfield, MO, just don't do that, you see.

That's when I knew I was in the company of a basketball celebrity. I'm not sure the guy would have been more excited if he'd met Michael Jordan. I am told there are pieces of that backboard **STILL** being preserved all over Brookfield.

Brian was a two-time, first team all-state player in basketball. His senior year he was a finalist for "Mr. Basketball," and, along the way, he carried the Brookfield Bulldogs to a runner-up for state championship. His high school career scoring total was over 1,700 points, a school record which stands today and probably always will. Brian went on to Missouri Southern [State University, Joplin, MO] on a full-ride basketball scholarship.

Brian loved watching sports, especially NASCAR, Cardinals baseball, and KU basketball. His love for KU basketball was supported, at least in part by his equal dislike for MU basketball. And, I think he loved talking smack with his friends about sports more than he enjoyed watching it.

Brian was a dedicated golfer. He hit every tournament that time and family allowed him. In fact, in 2010, he hit a hole-in-one at the practice round of the Patrol's annual golf tournament. It was a par three and 147 yards. He bought everyone a beer. Everyone except [Sergeant] D.J. Hedrick, who got an Amaretto Sour. I'm not entirely clear how you get on the Highway Patrol drinking Amaretto Sours ... but, it was still Brian's treat.

Now, not to say Brian was always Mr. Clean. I do believe the statute of limitations has run [out] on this story. But, as a testament to Brian's Brookfield High School spirit, he and several folks, some of whom are currently officers in the K.C. area and in attendance today, attempted to steal their rival Marceline High School's bell ... Not a small feat, since it required an acetylene cutting torch and

a number of people who could hoist a couple hundred pounds of brass and steel into a waiting pickup truck. To you city folk, that's not a big deal, but I'll assure you, in the country, that's a *huuuuge* deal.

Thankfully, or regretfully, I suppose, big brother Kevin Kelley was working Marceline P.D. at the time and encouraged them to **not** cut the bell down. Had not his brother Kevin stopped him, his law enforcement career would have been slightly hampered ... though he would have had yet another school record.

**People looked up to Brian because he was a generous.** When I say generous, I mean it in every sense of the word. He was generous of his time and support. He never saw a charity golf tournament he could avoid. I don't know how many thousands of dollars he helped raise for Special Olympics over the years. Even if it were awkward and difficult, he would do it. Brian even did the Polar Bear plunge one year on a dare. If you aren't aware, that's when you jump in a lake for charity ... in the middle of winter. If you didn't know, Brian was not a fan of cold weather. The only thing he didn't do that day for the charity was wear the lace tutu, though he replaced it with an equally ridiculous get-up. Anything for a laugh, especially for a good cause.

**People looked up to Brian for his friendship.** I used to tease Brian for having over 600 friends on Facebook. I said, "Don't you ever reject anyone?" He looked at me oddly and said, "No, why would you?" as if the idea of rejecting a friend was utterly preposterous. If you had to choose one quality that defined Brian, it would have to be friendship. Brian understood what that word meant and what it entailed more than most people.

Because, while some people make acquaintances, Brian made friends. He didn't change friends over the years, he just kept collecting them. He was one of those rare men that maintained friends from grade school, through every job he had, and through each assignment he worked ... and valued them all. Heck, Brian was friends with

people he ticketed and arrested. When I met my girlfriend, she told me about getting stopped and ticketed a couple times by a "real tall trooper" who was "so nice."

"Yeah," I told her, "I know who you're talking about."

His sincerity and warmth shined through. One aspect of Brian's friendship stands out above all else. I know not everyone could make it in to see Brian in the last several weeks, but that man was never alone. Never. He had a constant stream of friends coming to see him. Brian always mustered the energy to greet them, to laugh, to joke, to put them at ease even though *he* was the one who you'd think was in the awkward position. No matter how weak or ill, he would make every effort to greet and interact, he would make eye contact, he would acknowledge them, he would listen, or most of all, he would joke. For a man so incredibly ill as he, in pain most of us can only imagine, he took the time to be a friend to every person who came into that room.

Because, to Brian it was unthinkable to not greet a friend. To put the feelings of others before that of our own. Even the nurses easily grew to love him and fought over being assigned his nurse. *We should all be grateful to have had such a good friend as that. I think we can aspire to BE such a good friend as that.*

**People looked up to Brian for his police work.** Brian was focused on being in law enforcement his entire life. Like his sports career and his personality, he strived to always be a part of something bigger than himself.

Brian graduated from Missouri Western [State University in St. Joseph, MO] with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He began his policing career in Marceline, MO, near his hometown. He later took a position with the Moberly, MO, Police Department. In 2001, he was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol where he was assigned to Troop H, St. Joseph. He quickly made a name for himself for being a hard working, but fair officer. Among a stack of awards

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Brian earned in Troop H, he was given the Patrol's Meritorious Service Award, our second highest honor, for a shooting incident with a drug courier where Brian was dragged down the highway. In 2007, he transferred to Troop A, Platte County. 2008 saw him promoted to corporal, and sergeant in 2010. He also served on the SWAT team as well as the honor guard.

Now, when I say Brian loved the Highway Patrol, I mean he LOVED the Highway Patrol. He embodied everything a Missouri state trooper should be. The motto of the Patrol, like most state and local police agencies, is "Service and Protection." Anyone who knew Brian would attest he lived by those words. He practiced them himself and he worked hard to engrain them in everyone he worked with and supervised. In a jaded and cynical world, he believed those words: "Service and Protection". They weren't just words on a patch or a sticker on a car door.

Now, to be perfectly clear, that isn't to say Brian was always super serious, because he more often wasn't. In fact, his capacity for humor and jokes was boundless. Had we had hosted his service at Buffalo Wild Wings rather than a church, I would share more freely. But, suffice it to say, Brian was a master at what we like to call "cop humor," which to those of you who don't work in law enforcement, is pretty consistent with what you may know as ninth grade study hall. He took his job seriously ... except in those times when he didn't need to be serious. Like the time he went to SWAT water training ... wearing a little, black Speedo. You can't un-see things like that, my friends. Nor could he ever fully explain to his teammates why he even owned a Speedo in the first place. Do your job ... do it right ... have fun doing it. It worked for Brian.

I could tell stories about BK's commitment to work all day. One stands out. In 2010, Brian worked a traffic crash on Interstate 29 where a

driver was seriously injured and the passenger, Abby Cockrill, age 22, was killed when their vehicle was hit from behind by a drunken driver going over 150 mph. Brian worked to ensure the suspect had a warrant waiting on him when he was released from the hospital. He worked with the families of both women and made sure every question they had was answered, and they were never left alone in the process. Brian received an award from the prosecutor's office where the prosecutor, Eric Zahnd, said, "From comforting the deceased victim's family to repeatedly checking with the survivor to make sure she was recovering from her emotional trauma, Sgt. Kelley went above and beyond the call of duty to comfort the victims of this senseless crime." That sums up Brian's career pretty well.

**People looked up to Brian for his faith.** Brian regularly attended services at North Heartland Community Church. It was an important part of his family and life. As Brian's illness progressed he continued to put his faith in God. We don't always understand God's plan, but we can trust in His plan. That's not to say he gave up, because Brian never gave up. He fought to the end. But, he did accept that plan which God had for him. I know that gave him and his family some degree of comfort.

**People looked up to Brian for his love of family.** I saved my thoughts on Brian's love for family to the end, not because it is the least, but because it is the most important. His parents and Dee's parents, his siblings, his in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews ... it made no difference. They were family and they were important. To be around the Kelley clan made you feel a part of them.

He had friends that became family: Pete Shultz, Sheila Barton, and Mike Curley. They rarely left his side those last couple weeks.

Brian loved his brother, Kevin, dearly. If you hung around them much, and didn't know them, you may question that comment. Nothing either liked more than jabbing the other.

But, it was clear Brian was as proud of Kevin as Kevin was of him. Kevin gave Brian his graduation certificate at his Patrol graduation, a tradition on the Patrol when you have a family member on. If you look at Kevin, beaming in that picture, that says it all. When you see the pictures of Kevin sitting with Brian at his chemo treatments, it's the very same smile ... The love between brothers.

But, you really have to look up to Brian and his love for his wife, Deanna, and his son, Ethan, and daughter, Brynn. They were truly the source of his strength. He exemplified everything a father and husband should be. A few years ago he purchased a pop-up camper and whenever possible he would pack up the gang and off they'd go to Mount Rushmore or Weston. Near or far did not matter, as long they were together as a family. It was one of the things he talked about the most. It was one of the things he valued the most.

I'll tell on myself ... As I was writing this eulogy, at times I'd get a bit of a block. My mind would wander and I'd think of who to call. And each time, the first person that would jump to mind would be Brian, of course. Because Brian is who I'd call when I was in a jam and I needed someone to shoot me straight. It may sound silly, but even as I look out on this sea of blue and brown, I expect to see his face.

I've come to the conclusion Brian will always be there, just the same. I'll miss craning my neck around to talk to him. But, remember: Brian is tall. And, he's never been taller than right now. He'll be looking over us every day. You're just going to have to look *just a bit* higher [**Heaven**] and he'll be there.

We love you, Brian. God bless you, brother.

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## Joseph C. Bacon



Joseph Clifford Bacon, 77, of Jefferson City, died Sunday, November 11, 2012, at St. Joseph Bluffs, Jefferson City.

He was born on September 24, 1935, in Osage County near Linn, MO, the son of the late Samuel Sheppard and Edith Ida (Fisher) Bacon. He was married on April 4, 1959, in St. Louis County to Marilyn Ann Worley who survives at the home.

Mr. Bacon was a 1953 graduate of Linn High School. He attended the University of Missouri, and Columbia College, from which he earned a bachelor's of arts degree in 1975.

He was employed with the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a driver examiner from 1957 to 1960; and commissioned as a Highway Patrol trooper in 1960, serving at Kirksville, Unionville, and Canton. In 1972, he graduated from the Northwestern University Traffic Institute's Police Administration Program. Mr. Bacon was one of 86 police officers from around the country and abroad who attended this college-accredited, nine-month training program on management development. He was assigned to General Headquarters in 1972, and retired in 1991 at the rank sergeant after 34 years with the Patrol.

He retired in 1995 as a chief warrant officer 4 CID Unit from the Missouri Army National Guard.

Mr. Bacon was a member of First United Methodist Church and its Harmony Sunday School Class. He was a member of the Missouri Association of

State Troopers Emergency Relief Society (The MASTERS); MU Tigers Quarterback Club; Association of Retired Missouri State Employees; Northwestern Traffic Institute Alumni Association; and Learning In Retirement Inc. He was a member of Linn Lodge No. 326, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two daughters, Patricia Ann Bacon and Lisa Lee Bacon, both of Jefferson City; and one sister, Nellie Orlyes Lytton, Independence, MO. He was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Bacon; and three sisters, Marceline Patterson, Mary White, and Helen Barbarick.

Funeral services took place Saturday, November 17, 2012, at Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home with the Rev. Daniel Hilty and Chaplain Jim Mueller officiating. Entombment was in River-view Cemetery Mausoleum.

Memorials are suggested to The MASTERS, 5287 Highway 67 North, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901; or First United Methodist Church, 201 Monroe Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

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

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## Alvin "Al" R. Lubker



Former Superintendent Alvin (Al) R. Lubker, 79, formerly of Jefferson City, died unexpectedly on November

13, 2012, in Scottsdale, AZ. Al was born April 12, 1933, in St. Louis. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1951-1954. After leaving the service, he was initially employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a weight inspector. In 1955, he entered the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy. His first assignment as a trooper was in Troop C, St. Francois County.

He then transferred to become the first resident trooper of Washington County. He served as a safety officer and as director of the Public Information and Education Division, and rose to the rank of superintendent (1977 through 1981). He then returned to the ranks, retiring as a captain in 1988. Al spent over 37 years working for an organization he truly loved.

Sen. Edwin Dirck once stated, "The most important things in Al Lubker's life were his family and the Missouri State Highway Patrol ... not always in that order."

During his tenure as superintendent, his proudest accomplishment was his collaboration with Highway Patrol supporters in the formation of The MASTERS, a benevolent organization designed to provide assistance to families of fallen troopers. He was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite, and a member of the Order of Demolay, achieving the award of Legion of Honor.

Al will be remembered as a creative and talented individual with the ability to solve any problem, fix any device, and always making time for others. He was a unique communicator with the ability to make all feel comfortable and valued.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Marva (Mitchell) Lubker, of Lee's Summit MO; and a daughter and son-in-law, Drs. Julie and John Strickland, of Leawood, KS. He was the devoted grandfather of three, Brian Strickland, of Pasadena, CA, Laura Strickland, of Denver, CO, and Emily Strickland, of Leawood, KS. He

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was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Jewel (Scaggs) Lubker.

In keeping with his wishes, there were no formal services. Memorial contributions should be made to The MASTERS, 5287 Highway 67 North, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901. [www.themastersmo.org](http://www.themastersmo.org)

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

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## Cynthia L. Baker



Cynthia Lynn Baker, 55, of Jefferson City, MO, died on November 30, 2012, at the Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, MO.

Cindy was born on January 15, 1957, in Sweet Springs, MO, to Jerome C. and Charleen (Lange) McNatt. She was a 1975 graduate of Odessa High School. On March 5, 1977, she married Jerry B. Baker Jr. who survives of the home. Cindy and Jerry are members of the First Christian Church in Odessa.

She was most recently employed with the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a clerk typist. Miss Missouri's Outstanding Teen was a passion of hers and she also served on the board. In her spare time she liked sewing, making crafts, and scrapbooking. Cindy loved spending time with her

family and friends. She will be greatly missed. In addition to her parents and husband, she is survived by a daughter, Stasha Lynn (and her husband, Christopher) Coker, of Kansas City, MO; two sisters, Minda Irene (and her husband, Ray) Walters, of Denver, CO, and Beth Ann (and husband, Jim) Walker, of Lipan, Texas; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Funeral services took place Wednesday, December 5, 2012, at the First Christian Church in Odessa, MO, with Reverend Clint Coffey officiating. Burial was in the Odessa City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Dr. Tamara Hopkins, to be used for supplies to comfort cancer patients.

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

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## Brian E. Kelley



Brian E. Kelley, 37, of Kansas City, MO, died Wednesday, December 5, 2012, at North Kansas City Hospital. He was born January 20, 1975, to Leland and Marybeth (Hobbs) Kelley in Brookfield, MO.

Brian married Deanna Wright, of Kansas City, MO, on August 7, 1998, in Parkville, MO.

Brian was a sergeant on the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He was stationed at Troop H, St. Joseph, MO,

from 2001-2006. He then transferred to Troop A, where he served in Platte County as the zone supervisor and as a member of Troop A SWAT and Troop A Honor Guard.

Brian was a member of the North Heartland Community Church and Missouri State Troopers Association.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Brian is survived by his wife and two children, son, Ethan Christopher Kelley, and daughter, Brynn LeeAnn Kelley, all of the home; a brother, Sgt. Kevin C. (and his wife, Cassi) Kelley, of Holts Summit, MO; a sister, Robyn (and her husband, David) Brinkley, of Linneus, MO; his parents; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service took place Monday, December 10, 2012, at Northland Cathedral, in Kansas City, MO. The family suggests memorial gifts to Brian E. Kelley Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o UMB Bank of Brookfield or the Andrew J. Somora Foundation.

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

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## Angela C. Tinnin



Angela C. (Capps) Tinnin, 39, of Holts Summit, died Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at her home. She was born November 29, 1973 in Corpus Christi, Texas, the daughter of Jimmy Lee and Kathryn (Kinder) Capps. She attended Flour Bluff High School near

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Corpus Christi, and was a graduate of Ramona High School in Ramona, CA.

Angie worked in retail sales—managing clothing and jewelry stores—in Hawaii, California, and Texas. She was a communications operator in Morgan County, Gasconade County, and Boonville, MO.

In 2003, Angie joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol, working in telecommunications before becoming a radio operator. One of her proudest accomplishments was being assigned to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Troop F SWAT team. She later transferred to the Criminal Justice Information Services Division as a CJIS trainer/auditor. In that capacity, Angie conducted MULES training for outside criminal justice agencies on location or at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy.

Angie's children were her life. She was a devoted mother and loved them dearly.

On November 29, 2011, Angie was united in marriage to Sergeant Timothy R. Tinnin, Troop F, who survives at their home. Together they enjoyed traveling, making annual trips to Mexico, riding motorcycles, and listening to live music. Angie was a very talented photographer and painter.

Other survivors include her parents, Jimmy and Kathryn Capps, of Versailles; three children, Reiana Barton, Madison Day, and Connor Day, all of the home; two stepchildren, Kaitlin Tinnin, of Jefferson City, and Tim M. (and his wife, Rachel) Tinnin, of Raymore; her paternal grandmother, Lula Capps, of Versailles; one brother, James A. Capps, of Stover, MO; her best friend, Lindsay Williams, of Holts Summit; two step-grandchildren, Brian and Jolie Taylor; two sisters-in-law, Laura (and her husband, David) Lewis, of Holts Summit, Cheryl (and her husband, Joe) Kellen, Salt Lake City, Utah; a brother-in-law, Tom (and his wife, Donna) Tinnin, of Tahlequah, OK; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and friends. She

was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Wanita Kinder.

Funeral services took place Saturday, December 15, 2012, at Capital West Christian Church in Jefferson City, with Rev. Rick Yoder officiating. Private family interment occurred in the Versailles City Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Andrew J. Somora Foundation, 5819 N. Ames Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, 64151, or Hospice Compassus, 600 Monroe Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65101.

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

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## Luther O. Brickey



Mr. Luther O. Brickey, 98 years, of Jefferson City, MO, died Friday, December 14, 2012, at Capital Region Medical Center.

Luther was born on August 21, 1914 in Brumley, MO, a son of James T. and Bessie J. (Beard) Brickey. He was married on April 6, 1935 in California, MO, to Barcie Beatrice McCulloch, who preceded him in death on June 23, 1998.

A lifelong resident of the Central Missouri area, Luther graduated from Bagnell High School in Miller County, MO. He was employed with

Tweedie Shoe Factory for over 30 years, worked at Gerbes East Store, and retired from the Missouri Highway Patrol in the late 1980s. After his retirement, Luther served as a doorkeeper with the Missouri Senate at the Capitol.

He was a member of the Jefferson Lodge #43 A.F. & A.M. He enjoyed watching western movies and being outdoors, especially fishing with his family. He was an avid Cardinals baseball fan and never missed a game on TV.

Survivors include: one daughter, Patricia L. (and her husband, Dennis) Strader, of Jefferson City; two sons, Robert J. Brickey, of Yuma, AZ, and Larry V. (and his wife, Arleta) Brickey, of Jefferson City; seven grandchildren, Shawn Strader, Michael Strader, Keith (and his wife, Jeannine) Brickey, Karen Brickey, Leigh Ann Brickey, Johnny (and his wife, Kriss) Rico, and Vivian Graff; seven great-grandchildren, Kalen Brickey, Krista Brickey, Kurtis Brickey, Kari Lofton, Michael Salazar, Louie Salazar, and Anita Hawkins; five great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Barcie Brickey; one daughter-in-law, Rosalind Brickey; five sisters, Emma McIntyre, Ruby Jennings, Phyllis Reed, Cecil Copeland, and Wilma Chaney; one brother, Edgar Brickey; and two infant brothers.

Funeral services took place December 18, 2012 in the Freeman Chapel with the Reverend Dr. Robert Erickson and the Reverend Dr. David Henry officiating. Graveside services and interment were held at Riverview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Jefferson City Animal Shelter or the Callaway Hills Animal Shelter.

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

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# The MASTERS — Al Lubker's Legacy

By Mr. Chris Graham, member  
The MASTERS

It is with deep sadness that I learned of the passing of Al Lubker. My parents moved next door to the Lubkers in 1973. There were no finer neighbors than Al and Marva Lubker for the next 27 years.

The MASTERS is Al Lubker's legacy. In 1978, Al proposed the idea of creating an organization for the Highway Patrol similar to the St. Louis Backstoppers. A fund would be created from which an immediate cash payment, funeral expenses, assistance with payment of debts, and college tuition for children of Patrol members killed in the line of duty would be paid. My dad [Tom Graham], Fred Weber, John Fabick (both Backstoppers members and long-time friends of the Patrol) and I incorporated the Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society, known as The MASTERS.

I hand-carried the articles of incorporation to the Missouri Secretary of

State's office and received the charter on January 10, 1979. I then applied for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status from the IRS, which was granted in April 1979, and The MASTERS was in business. This organization was Al's idea and came from his genuine concern for the men and women who daily risk their lives in the performance of their duties. We were happy to facilitate making it a reality.

Unfortunately, the purposes for which The MASTERS was formed have been placed in action 20 times since 1979 when troopers have lost their lives. However, because of Al Lubker's foresight and persistence, The MASTERS has been there to assist the families of those fallen troopers. The stories they tell about how the organization helped them is the proof of Al's wisdom.

The entire Patrol family—active, retired, friends, and especially those beneficiaries of The MASTERS—



Alvin "Al" R. Lubker

should remember and give thanks that Al Lubker's legacy makes the Patrol a better organization.

*(Editor's note: Mr. Graham is an incorporator of The MASTERS. He currently practices national security law in Washington, D.C.)*

## Sympathy

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

Tpr. Dustin L. Braynard (Q/AD) - grandmother  
Sgt. Craig N. Ponder (G) - father  
Ret. Sgt. Gordon C. Sanders - father-in-law  
Ret. Sgt. Don L. Lasswell - father-in-law  
Ret. Tpr. Dale S. Stewart - mother  
Ret. CVO Sprv. I Thomas W. Cross - father  
Ret. Cpl. Earl H. Lankau - son  
Ret. Lt. William V. Cottom - son  
Tpr. Jonathan A. Cluver (F) - brother-in-law  
Ret. Sgt. Larry L. Lawyer - wife

Sgt. Thomas M. Scott (Q/GSD) - father  
Tpr. Graydon L. Gaines (B) - father  
Criminalist III Courtney E. Workman (Q/CLD) - father  
Criminalist III M. Scott Workman (Q/CLD) - father-in-law  
CVO II Eric D. Cornman (Q/CVED) - uncle  
MVI Sprv. Stacy R. Hillis (E) - grandmother  
DE II Kelly D. Sebek (E) - grandmother  
Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Sue C. Lauerberth (Q/CJISD) - brother  
Lt. Kevin C. Kelley (Q/CVED) - brother

Sgt. Timothy R. Tinnin (F) - wife  
Ret. Lt. David L. Bailey - mother  
Cpl. Casey O. Tubbs (A) - father  
Ret. Cpl. Harold E. Crafton - mother  
Tpr. Dustin H. Crafton (F) - grandmother  
Ret. Sgt. William C. Clayton - sister  
Criminalist III Rickie Sutton (Q/CLD) - wife  
Accounts Clerk III Dianne P. Stricker (C) - husband  
Capt. Lance M. MacLaughlin (Q/BPD) - father-in-law  
Lt. Mark A. Bielawski (Q/GD) - mother-in-law

## Upcoming C.O.P.S. Programs

- **C.O.P.S. Kids Camp**—July 29 - August 4, 2013
- **Outward Bound Adventure For Teens**—July 29 - August 4, 2013

# ~ Thank You ~

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, cards, letters, and flowers after the death of my father. We are grateful for the support we received from the Patrol and appreciate the many people who attended the visitation and funeral. As I looked into the crowd and saw the many members there, I knew how blessed my family is to be a part of this organization. Thanks, again, for everything.

*Sgt. Craig N. Ponder & family  
Troop G*



We would like to thank our Patrol family for the cards, phone calls, flowers, and comforting words after the

loss of our loved one. Your kindness has been deeply appreciated!

*Ret. Cpl. Harold E. "Junior"  
Crafton*

*Tpr. Dustin H. Crafton, Troop F  
(The family of Jo Kate Crafton)*



We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who offered their support following the death of our grandfather/grandfather-in-law, Billy Lewis. It was wonderful to have the consolation of those that attended the visitation and service. Your cards, thoughts, and prayers were greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,  
Tpr. Kindel C. & CDL Examiner J.  
Candy Ward  
Troop E*

## Thank You For The Lovely Farewell

*By Ret. Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Sherry L. Carter  
& Ret. Clerk IV Kathy A. Easter*

As we begin the next chapter in our lives—retirement—we wanted to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who had a part in making our retirement party so spectacular. When we entered the large meeting room on November 15, 2012, it was as if we had entered a very elegant, private dining room. A very special thank you to Mrs. Nina Seals, wife of Lieutenant Elvin A. Seals, Troop C, who has an amazing talent for decorating. She made the room look exquisite and took time out of her busy schedule to share her impeccable taste and style in coordinating such a beautiful, sophisticated, and elegant space.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this celebration happen. Whether your part was large or small, it did not go unnoticed, and we are very appreciative of each and every gesture. It takes much effort to prepare food and clean-up when hosting a luncheon of that size. Many thanks for all you did. Thank

you, Mrs. Debbie Autry, wife of retired Sergeant Franke C. Autry, for taking 300 plus pictures and then putting them on disks for us to enjoy for many years. Thank you to all the employees, retirees, family, and friends for sharing this day with us. It made it very special in every way. You have made an impact on our lives and we are so happy you came to share in it.

Thank you, Colonel Ron Replogle, for your part in the day's events and for taking time out of your busy schedule to share our special day with us. We appreciate the superintendent's challenge coins, the kind words, and your making the presentations. Also, to retired Lieutenant Colonel Richard L. Coffey: Thank you for taking the time to come and share this day with us. Congratulations on your retirement. May you have many years to enjoy this new season in your life.

A special thanks to Troop C Stenographer III Terri A. Cole, Account Clerk III Dianne P. Stricker, and Chief

Driver Examiner Nancy A. Mooney. You three were the epitome of secrecy! All your help was so appreciated, along with the help of several driver examiners and many of our clerical co-workers. To Corporal J. Scott Ashby and Driver Examiner Supervisor Myla E. Ashby: Thank you so much for all you did. If we didn't mention you by name, your efforts did not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Last, but not least, our heartfelt thanks, gratitude, and appreciation go to Captain Ronald S. Johnson, Troop C's commanding officer, and the Troop C Staff: Lieutenants John M. Enderle, Robert F. Wolf, Elvin A. Seals, Norman A. Murphy, Jon C. Pruiett, and Stephen B. Ferrier. The planning, effort, time, and expense each of you gave so selflessly truly made this a day like no other. Superlatives are insufficient to describe our elation with all you did. You gave us memories we will treasure for a lifetime!

*Thank you and God bless.*

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# Troop A SWAT Honors Teammate, Leader

By Cpl. Gregory D. Primm, Troop A

On Tuesday, December 4, 2012, the current Troop A SWAT team and former team members gathered at North Kansas City Hospital to visit their entry team leader and teammate, Sergeant Brian E. Kelley, Troop A. For those who are not aware, Brian bravely battled cancer over the past year. Despite the obstacles, his sense of humor, toughness, and friendships were stronger than anyone I have ever known. The number of lives he has touched are many and the love for him immeasurable.

There was not a dry eye in the room when they presented him with a custom-made assault rifle. On behalf of the team, Corporal Gregory D. Primm, Troop A, handed Brian the rifle and said, *"The rules in SWAT are: 1) Cover your angles and 2) Never go in alone. You have always had your angles covered and now you are going in, but you're not going in alone. You are just going in first. You have always been a leader and have shown us how to do things right—on the team and in this situation. Thank you."*

Despite lacking the strength for many other things, Brian shouldered his new rifle, put his eye into the optics, and pressed the trigger. He clearly en-



Pictured is Sgt. Brian Kelley surrounded by his SWAT buddies, holding a special gift (insert).

joyed this! His son, Ethan, will be the first one to shoot this gun, along with his uncle, Sergeant Kevin C. Kelley, Q/CVED.

The rifle was custom-made by Mr. Tim Padgett at Black Dawn Armory in Sedalia, MO. The team raised the money to purchase the rifle, and when they tried to pay Mr. Padgett, he refused and requested all the funds for the rifle be donated to Brian's family. As a result, the Troop A SWAT team presented Brian and his family with \$1,817.

"This was the epitome of SWAT ... to be bigger than ourselves and ac-

complish great things as a team," stated Cpl. Primm.

\*Sgt. Kevin Kelley was promoted to lieutenant effective February 1, 2013.

*(Editor's note: That same day, Kansas City's "Secret Santa" visited Sgt. Brian Kelley and his family at the hospital. This generous individual was in town providing monetary gifts to several people, and asked his Patrol escort if he knew of anyone else the Secret Santa could visit. Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A, told him about the Kelley family and he said, "Let's go." Unfortunately, Sgt. Brian Kelley died Wednesday, December 5, 2012. His obituary and a tribute are included in this issue.)*