

# PATROL NEWS

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“Over 80 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION”



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# From the Staff ...

**Major Timothy P. McGrail**  
**Technical Services Bureau**



In the March/April 2014 *Patrol News*, Major Dale Schmidt wrote in the “From the Staff” article about community oriented service, and I could not help but think how it applied to this organization this past August. Colonel Ron Replogle has continued to emphasize our core values and what better way to practice these values through community oriented policing. The Missouri State Fair started the first week of August, and a daily report on fair activities described the actions performed by troopers. Our primary duty was to make the fair a safe and enjoyable experience for those in attendance. Our officers took enforcement action when it was necessary, but most of the routine calls were for lost/separated children, lost cell phones, and individuals injured or overcome by some type of illness. Our participation at the state fair has become a tradition; and every year, the attendees at the two-week fair become a community where we have made a difference in a positive way.

On August 14, 2014, the Patrol was placed in charge of the Ferguson, MO, situation as a result of a police shooting and the death of an eighteen-year-old African-American followed by civil protests and unrest. Throughout the next two weeks, troopers assigned to Ferguson demonstrated community oriented policing. Our motto is “Service and Protection,” and our troopers are tasked to enforce the laws of this state. But, we are also tasked to serve. Many of us read or saw the story in the news about the troopers that took the time to purchase a basketball and a new net so kids could play basketball. However, there were other actions not making the news that troopers considered routine calls, but that made a difference. On several occasions, residents commented how they just appreciated that the troopers would stop to talk or ask if they needed any assistance.

On August 18, 2014, retired Captain Chris Ricks passed away. The Patrol, along with Jefferson City community, lost a man who believed in community oriented service both as an active member and as a retiree. He was active in his church and civic organizations, Boys State, Special Olympics, and what we remember him most as Santa Claus for “Operation TOYS” (Taking our Youth Shopping) every December. He made a difference in the community where he lived and worked.

Little do we know how much we will make a difference. It does not matter if you are assigned to the state fair, walking the streets in Ferguson, sitting in the command post monitoring the radio traffic, staying back in the zone to ensure a level of coverage, or being in the troops or divisions supporting the Patrol, every employee of the Patrol does make a difference and plays a vital role in fulfilling the Patrol’s mission.

*Timothy P. McGrail*

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## Commanders, Directors Attend Executive Seminar



The 2014 Troop Commanders and Division Directors annual conference agenda was a little different this year. Pictured are those in attendance at the Leadership in Police Organizations Three Day Executive Seminar held at General Headquarters in Jefferson City the last week of July. The seminar is an overview of the three week LPO course offered by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Center for Police Leadership and Training.

## Cover

*Cpl. Steve M. Salfrank, Troop A, works his way through the agility course during the America's Hometown Heroes event hosted by the city of Branson, MO. The police motorcycle competition consisted of a grueling, 700-cone agility course, which took place in Walmart's parking lot.*

# Student Alliance Program: Highlight Of School Year

By Sgt. Mike Watson, Troop D

For the second year, the Carthage Technical Center, which is located on the campus of Carthage High School, hosted Troop D's Student Alliance Program on April 8-10, 2014. In addition to the juniors and seniors from Webb City and Carthage, students from Crowder College Technical Center joined the event. Encompassing students from high schools in Newton and McDonald counties, the program at Crowder College was new for the 2013-2014 school year and offered a dedicated law enforcement curriculum similar to the one offered at Carthage. Presentations throughout the first day included programs on teen Internet and smart phone issues, recruiting and Patrol history, criminal interdiction, and a vehicle and equipment display that included a Chevrolet Tahoe, a motorcycle, and two Dodge Chargers. The day concluded with an impaired driving presentation by Trooper John L.

*A student gives Sgt. Mike A. Cunningham, Q/DDCC, thumbs up after donning the bomb suit.*

Mason, who was recently honored for his career achievement of surpassing 1,000 driving while intoxicated arrests.

The second day featured a Crime Laboratory presentation and the arrival of a Patrol helicopter. In addition to answering many questions about the helicopter, Sergeant Dan P. Wohnoutka, Q/AD, gave a program about speed enforcement utilizing aircraft. The Major Crash Investigation Unit showcased some of their capabilities by mapping a mock crash scene and download-



ing data from a vehicle. Students helped with the mapping, determining the drag factor of the roadway, and then saw the finished product in the classroom in the form of a scale diagram based on data they helped collect.

The third day included a SWAT presentation, which included a display of their specialized equipment and a hands-on look at the Bearcat. The Patrol's Bomb Squad treated students to a demonstration of the unit's capabilities, allowed them to try on parts of the bomb suit, and gave a presentation. At the conclusion of the program, the 65 students were presented with a certificate and a Missouri State Highway Patrol T-shirt.

Carthage Tech Center Instructor Jason Hill says the Student Alliance Program is one of the highlights of the year for the students. Both the Carthage and the Crowder programs have a system in place to track former students as they graduate

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*Students learned about mapping the scene of a traffic crash during the Student Alliance Program.*



*Sgt. Daniel P. Wohnoutka, Q/AD, answers*

# — Alliance

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high school and ultimately enter a career field. While we may never know the exact impact on the future of law enforcement, it is safe to say the troopers who gave of their time and talents have had a positive influence on the youth of the area.

## Sincere Thanks

The following Patrol employees helped make Troop D's 2014 Student Alliance Program a success.

- Sgt. Brad S. Bearden, Q/DDCC
- Cpl. Tom L. Hall, Troop D
- Sgt. (now Lt.) Jeff B. Johnson, Troop D
- Sgt. Shannon W. Crouch, Troop D
- Tpr. Tim A. Barrett, Troop D
- Tpr. Tony Sandoval Jr., Troop D
- Tpr. John L. Mason, Troop D
- Criminalist Sprv. Brad D. Gibson, Q/CLD
- Sgt. Dan P. Wahnoutka, Q/AD
- Sgt. Bryan C. Gruben, Q/FOB
- Sgt. Scott R. Richardson, Q/FOB
- Cpl. Greg T. Curnes, Q/FOB
- Tpr. Joe D. Fischer, Troop D
- Tpr. Doug W. Riley, Troop D
- Tpr. Brian P. O'Sullivan, Troop D
- Sgt. Dave C. Martin, Q/DDCC (now retired)
- Sgt. Mike A. Cunningham, Q/DDCC

“Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.”

—Jack Welch

# Troopers Spend Time With A Friend



### By Troop I

On April 23, 2014, Troop I members joined other law enforcement agencies in presenting medals to and cheering for athletes as they participated in the area Special Olympics games at Waynesville High School. Here, several of the troopers take time to enjoy a few moments with Miss Grace Buschjost, as she rests and relaxes between events. Grace is the granddaughter of retired Highway Patrol Captain Larry Buschjost.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES				
Year To Date October 16,	Same Period Last Year Year To Date	Number Of Increase Or Decrease	2012 Traffic Fatalities	2013 Traffic Fatalities
576	590	-14	826	757

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

# New Employees



Lisa A. Bielawski  
Clerk II  
Q/PRD



Adam L. Buschjost  
Driver Examiner I  
Troop F



Gara E. Dyson  
Clerk Typist I  
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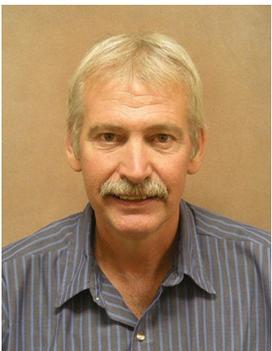
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Maint. Sprv.  
Troop C



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Troop A



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Q/PRD

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Research Analyst II  
Q/RDD



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Driver Examiner I  
Troop F



Tonya M. Sing  
Driver Examiner I  
Troop A



Abby L. Swanson  
Driver Examiner I  
Troop C



Gary Ward  
Building & Grounds  
Maint. I  
Troop C



Donald D. Wyatt  
Driver Examiner I  
Troop B

## November

Nov. 2



- **Central Standard Time begins at 2 a.m.**

Nov. 11

Nov. 27

- **Veterans' Day**
- **Thanksgiving**

“The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly.”

— *Jim Rohn*

# THE GRAPE APE ARREST

By Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, Troop A

On April 29, 2014, Platte County Deputy Maloney stopped a vehicle at the 13-mile marker of Interstate 29 for a traffic violation. During the stop, the driver provided inconsistent statements to Deputy Maloney, which indicated possible criminal activity. The driver, fearing arrest, fled on foot and hid in the nearby woods.

Deputy Maloney requested assistance, and several officers from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Kansas City (MO) Police Department, and deputies from the Platte County Sheriff's Department arrived to aid in the search for the subject. While the officers were planning the search, North Kansas City Bureau of Investigation Officer Joe Thomas drove up in his 2006 Toyota Prius and asked the large group of officers if they were looking for a guy in sweat pants. The officers, resembling Labrador retrievers waiting for a tennis ball to be thrown, turned his direction in unison. Mr. Thomas told them he saw the guy lying in the field just over the hill. Before Mr. Thomas could finish his sentence, all of the officers except one took off running like they were going for a gold medal.

Corporal Matt B. Koch, Troop A, who happened to be working his last shift in Platte County before his promotion to sergeant, stayed behind to gather more information. Apparently, Mr. Thomas' "just over the hill" meant about 1/4 mile. Mr. Thomas asked Cpl. Koch if he wanted a ride to where he last saw the suspect. Cpl. Koch, a former United States Marine, decided to take a page out of a "Heartbreak Ridge" scene, where Gunnery Sergeant Tom Highway (Clint Eastwood) says, "A good Marine improvises, adapts, and overcomes." As Cpl. Koch watched the other officers getting farther away, he told Mr. Thomas, "Take me to him."

Cpl. Koch had to maneuver his way into the rear seat, because the front seat was full of Mr. Thomas' com-

puters and boxes. Mr. Thomas said seeing the trooper with his "Smokey" hat on looking over the front seat from the back seat reminded him of the cartoon character Grape Ape. Even though cramped in the rear seat, Cpl. Koch was on a mission, and soon arrived in the area where the suspect was last seen.

Mr. Thomas said the suspect was still lying on the ground, attempting to hide. However, Cpl. Koch saw him from the car. Mr. Thomas said Cpl. Koch, "... came out of the Prius like he was shot out of a cannon." Mr. Thomas said the suspect did not have a chance. Cpl. Koch snatched the guy up off the ground, and had him handcuffed, searched, and ready for transport as



the other officers arrived breathing hard and sweating profusely.

Cpl. Koch, who had a grin on his face when the other officers arrived, said, "It's better to work smarter than harder, boys."

Mr. Thomas told me he would never forget the image of the burley, hairy trooper wearing his Smokey hat, riding in the back seat of the Prius.

## Collision Center Donates Time & Talents



By Sgt. Dan Crain, Troop I

After eight years of hard use the Troop I seat belt convincer was in bad need of a paint job and a few repairs. The employees of Fairground Chevrolet Collision Center in Rolla, MO, donated their time to re-paint the convincer and provide other necessary touch ups at no charge. Troop I staff and employees would like to thank Fairground Chevrolet Collision Center employees (pictured) for providing their time and talent.

# Creech, Peterson Honored For Water Rescue

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

“Courage is grace under pressure.”

— Ernest Hemingway

Troop B’s Sergeant Jeffery C. Creech (who has since retired) and Trooper Steve R. Peterson proved the above quote during an incident on May 11, 2014. That day, a 2004 Hummer became disabled while attempting to cross a low water crossing on Spencer Creek. Heavy rains the prior evening resulted in a strong current and rising water. Thus, the driver and passenger took refuge on the cab of their vehicle and called 9-1-1 for assistance. First responders were able to throw a rescue line and personal floatation devices to the driver and passenger, but determined they could not safely attempt a rescue without boating equipment. Sgt. Creech and Tpr. Peterson were contacted and began making their way to Spencer Creek from a separate incident.

Before the officers arrived, the Hummer shifted and slowly began moving downstream. Upon arriving at the scene, Sgt. Creech and Tpr. Peterson assessed the situation and then launched their boat into the raging flood waters. They approached the vehicle from downstream, applied pressure to the rear of the Hummer to prevent it from moving, and rescued both subjects. They then safely transported both subjects to shore where they were attended by waiting rescue personnel.

To recognize their courageous actions, then-DPS Director Jerry Lee named them July 2014 DPS Employee of the Month. A ceremony honoring them took place on July 21, 2014, in the second floor conference room at General Headquarters. After hearing the story of Sgt. Creech’s and Tpr. Peter-

son’s actions that day last May, those present watched a video of the rescue.

“It seems like every month there is a water rescue,” said then-Director Lee. “It’s



Col. Ron Replogle (l) and then-DPS Director Jerry Lee (r) recognized Tpr. Steve Peterson and the now retired Sgt. Jeffery Creech for their bravery.

one thing to say you rescued somebody. But, when you’re in the heat of the battle, you have to worry about your safety, the victims’ safety, and the reactions of the people you are rescuing. I congratulate you both.”

Colonel Ron Replogle also spoke at the ceremony, offering his appreciation for how both officers represented the agency and congratulating them on their award.

“I let Jeff drive, because I knew he was retiring in 15 days and if anything got damaged it wouldn’t follow him,” said Tpr. Peterson.

“Thank you,” said Sgt. Creech. “I really appreciate the equipment you put us in. Without it, we couldn’t do that kind of stuff.” Sgt. Creech retired July 1, 2014, after serving and protecting the citizens for 24 years.

*Congratulations, retired Sgt. Creech and Tpr. Peterson!*

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Carson*

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

*Conner Derrick*

Tpr. Dwade F. & Mrs. Kayla S. Isringhausen  
Troop C

*Mia Sophia*

Tpr. Gary S. & Mrs. Kayla D. Sloan  
Troop I

*Mason Joseph*

Tpr. Trent J. and Mrs. Rachel A. Haley  
Troop B

*Scarlet Addison*

Tpr. John I. III & Mrs. Jill N. Cobb  
Troop I

*Owen Thomas*

Tpr. Thomas J. & Mrs. Lindsey M. Black  
Troop H

*Emma Grace*

Cpl. Chad C. & Mrs. Angie J. Clark  
Q/AD

*Reagan Marie*

*Ari Francis*  
Tpr. Austin D. & Mrs. Shannon R. Lindgren  
Troop C

*Luke Scott*

Cpl. Ryan J. & Mrs. Stephanie S. Willhoit  
Troop A

# '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 June 23, 2014 – August 22, 2014. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)

## Troop A

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Tpr. T.A. Baxter, 3 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. De Haan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.R. Eaton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.I. Goolsby, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Hall, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.J. Jenner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Jones, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.J. Kline, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 3 arrests  
Sgt. G.D. Primm, 7 arrests  
Tpr. D.M. Smith, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.S. Smith, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.T. Schwarz, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.A. Wood, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.B. Wright, 1 arrest

## Troop B

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Sgt. N.D. Berry, 3 arrests  
Tpr. M.W. Coleman, 1 arrest  
Cpl. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.C. Griffin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.K. Hendershott, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 5 arrests  
Tpr. T.B. Ritter, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.A. Rowe, 2 arrests

## Troop C

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Cpl. J.R. Barlow, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.M. Beard, 3 arrests  
Tpr. K.L. Brown, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.L. Hutchings, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.W. Kaiser, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.D. Lindgren, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.A. Metteer Jr., 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.W. Robinson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.T. Shikles, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.D. Smith, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.R. Thompson, 1 arrest

## Troop D

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Tpr. E.B. Adams, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.L. Hall, 1 arrest\*  
Chief CVO R.L. Talbert, 1 assist\*  
Tpr. J.E. Henderson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 3 arrests  
Tpr. K.L. Knight, 2 arrests  
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 1 arrest

## Troop E

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Cpl. D.W. Crank, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.B. Foster, 1 arrest  
Sgt. D.M. McDaniel, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.S. Stewart, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.J. West, 2 arrests  
Cpl. J.A. Wilson, 1 arrest

## Troop F

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Cpl. B.W. Adamson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. N.J. Borgmeyer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.R. Dowd, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.W. Foust, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.P. Hutzler, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.G. Kettenbach, 1 arrest  
Sgt. S.M. Lance, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.M. Malone III, 1 arrest

Cpl. M.E. Morice, 3 arrests  
Tpr. E.B. Mueller, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.B. Patterson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.A. Schrage, 3 arrests  
Tpr. K.A. Seabaugh, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 1 arrest

## Troop G

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Cpl. B.D. Foster, 3 arrests  
Tpr. R.M. Greenan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.R. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.M. Loring, 3 arrests

## Troop H

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Sgt. L.M. Allen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.K. Griffin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 3 arrests  
Cpl. B.E. Maudlin, 4 arrests  
Tpr. B.N. Raney, 2 arrests  
Tpr. V.F. Selsor, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Zach, 1 arrest

## Troop I

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Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.D. Fariole, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. McCurdy, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.P. Millsap, 1 arrest  
Sgt. A.B. Swearingin, 1 arrest

“There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than 10,000 tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.”

—Washington Irving

# Moberly Optimist Club Honors Tpr. Crutchfield

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

On May 14, 2014, Trooper Tabitha D. Crutchfield, Troop B, was recognized by the Moberly Optimist Club at their annual "Salute to Law Enforcement" banquet, held at Nelly's Restaurant in Moberly, MO. Each year, the Moberly Optimist Club recognizes outstanding officers from the Moberly Police Department, Randolph County Sheriff's Department, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and Moberly Correctional Center for their extra efforts in law enforcement in Randolph County. Tpr. Crutchfield, who is assigned to Troop B, Zone 11, Monroe and Randolph counties, was nominated for the award by her supervisors, Sergeant Jason M. Mattingly and Corporal Paul M. Behrens, both Troop B, for her work effort and professionalism. Randolph County Judge Scott Hayes and Optimist Club member Fred Ward made the presentations.



(Photograph submitted courtesy of the Moberly Index Newspaper)

Mr. Fred Ward, a representative of the Moberly Optimist Club, presented Tpr. Tabitha Crutchfield, Troop B, with its Law Enforcement Award.

## Look Who's Talking



Lt. Daniel S. Bracker, Troop D, hasn't forgotten his days as the troop's public information and education officer. This photo shows him speaking with Ms. Shayla Patrick, KY3 News, concerning traffic crashes involving farm implements. In 2013, there were 173 farm implement traffic crashes, resulting in two fatalities and 12 injuries. In addition, there were two farm implement passenger injuries.



# Spotlight



## Comm. Oper. I Annette G. Tesch



**Appointed:** January 16, 2013.

**First Assignment:** Troop A  
Communications.

**Current Assignment:** Troop G  
Communications.

**Family:** Annette is married to Trooper Gregory K. Tesch, who is assigned to Troop G, Northern Howell and Shannon counties, and they have two grown children: Elizabeth, 26, and Karl, 23. Elizabeth is a pharmacist and active-duty captain in the U.S. Air Force, currently stationed at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida. Karl is also in the U.S. Air Force, serving as an F-16 Fighting Falcon armament specialist, currently stationed at Hill Air Force Base near Ogden, Utah. Annette's oldest brother, Dean, who is physically and intellectually disabled, provides the inspiration for her participation in Special Olympics Missouri.

**Interests:** Annette enjoys playing the piano and violin, running, spending time with her husband and the animals they have rescued, and visiting her children. She is a member of the Missouri State Troopers Association (MOSTA), and regularly attends the monthly meetings with her

husband, because she appreciates the information exchange and enjoys the camaraderie of the other members.

"I'm a self-confessed 'weather-junkie.' I particularly enjoy watching news shows about tornadoes," she said. "But, I really appreciate how members of the Patrol go out of their way to help people during disasters, especially during bad weather, and I'm very glad that I get to be a part of the team!"

## Tpr. Devin W. Foust



**Appointed:** January 3, 2011.

**First Assignment:** Troop E, Zone 6,  
Scott, Mississippi, & New Madrid  
Counties.

**Current Assignment:** Zone 3, Troop  
F, Columbia.

**Family:** Tpr. Foust is engaged to Stefany Rutter, a Columbia native who is employed at Shelter Insurance's home office in Columbia. They plan to be married in October 2015. He says his parents still live in Southeast Missouri.

**Interests:** "I enjoy deer hunting, and within the past two years have gotten into bow hunting," said Tpr. Foust. "I try to make it down to Southeast Missouri as often as possible to visit my family and

spend time at the family lake house. I enjoy spending time with my fiancé, taking our dogs to Rock Bridge State Park, working out, and shooting guns."

Tpr. Foust was raised in Jackson, MO. His dad, Alan, was a sergeant assigned to the Division of Drug and Crime Control's Narcotics Unit before he left the Patrol in the mid-'90s. After high school, he spent eight years in the Army National Guard as a combat engineer. He graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology. Prior to joining the Patrol, he was a sergeant with the Missouri State Park Rangers.

"My most memorable experience may be a pursuit involving a stolen patrol vehicle," said Tpr. Foust. "I've been in several pursuits during my short time on the Patrol, but that one will be hard to beat."

## DE III Anne M. Rayfield



**Appointed:** September 2, 2008.

**First Assignment:** Troop I, Rolla.

**Promotions:** Driver Examiner II —  
August 30, 2009; Driver Examiner  
III — September 4, 2011.

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## — Spotlight

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**Family:** Anne has been married to her high school sweetheart, Sam Rayfield, for 21 years. He serves as a Communications Operator II at Troop I. The Rayfield's have two teenaged daughters, Rachel and Bethany, and one son, Jacob.

**Interests:** Anne is an accomplished artist; she particularly enjoys using oils, acrylics, and charcoal for portraits. She has designed T-shirt logos, including the shirts used by the Troop I DEs during the Polar Bear Plunge event in Rolla. As much as Anne enjoys art, she says it is always second to spending time with her family and their pets.

Anne grew up in Southern Missouri and is a graduate of Eminence High School. Early in her life, Anne worked as a certified nurse assistant, while she and Sam also donated much of their time to serve as first responders. In 1997, the Rayfield's moved to the Rolla area, when Sam took a communication position at Troop I.

Anne and Sam are very humble, but it is hard for them to not be proud of their children. Rachel is a talented artist who has already won several awards and regularly sells her art. Their 14-year-old daughter, Bethany, excels as a writer and is a published poet. Anne added that it appears their eight-year-old son, Jacob, possesses his father's extraordinary computer abilities.

Anne says that she loves her job and is proud that she has the opportunity to be a part of an important milestone in any teen's life—earning their driver's license!

# Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

## 45 years ago

*September 1969* — A survey of 697 uniformed men in the department revealed they had 1,301 children. A picture in this issue showed “The Beverly Hillbillies” actors arriving in Springfield in order to shoot five episodes at Silver Dollar City.

## 35 years ago

*October 1979* — Troopers K.C. Boyle and G.R. Boyce, Troop A, were involved in a “sting.” When they arrived at the scene of an injury traffic crash, they found a T-bird had struck a pickup pulling a flatbed trailer. The truck's cargo—20 beehives each containing 10,000 honeybees—was strewn all over the eastbound lanes of Interstate 70. Although several people who stopped to help were stung, neither trooper was. A local honey farm assisted in recapturing the bees. One hive was left at the scene for any bees left behind.

## 25 years ago

*September 1989* — The Missouri State Highway Patrol began coordinating the statewide D.A.R.E. program. Seven members graduated from D.A.R.E. instructor's school in Springfield, IL.

## 15 years ago

*October 1999* — The National Governors Association held its annual conference in St. Louis, MO. Pictures throughout this issue highlighted the event and the Patrol's part in making it a success. Forty-five governors and approximately 1,700 other attendees came to the NGA conference.

## 5 years ago

*September/October 2009* — This issue spotlighted the 89th Recruit Class graduation. Sgt. Nate Brown, Troop A, won the championship belt at the Ringside World Amateur Boxing Tournament. Patrol members served as pallbearers for Governor Warren Hearnes, who died at age 86. Cpl. Paul W. Meyers, Troop F, recounted his experience on a cycling trip with NASCAR Driver Carl Edwards.

# Police Unity Tour Honors Nation's Heroes

By Sgt. Mike W. Watson, Troop D

More than 20,000 names are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. These names represent from the first known line of duty death in 1791, to the 100 law enforcement officers who died in 2013. Among the names listed in the different sections of its walls are those of the 30 troopers of the Missouri State Highway Patrol who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Each May, the addition of the names of officers who died in the line of duty the previous year takes place as part of the annual candlelight vigil during National Police Week. For the past 16 years, attendees during the week have seen the arrival of the Police Unity Tour as they ride bicycles through our nation's capital and finish their journey at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

First occurring in 1997, the inaugural Police Unity Tour ride took place as 18 police officers rode their bicycles from Florham Park, NJ, to Washington, D.C. The event's purpose was to raise awareness of law enforcement officers who had died in the line of duty and to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum. "We Ride for Those Who Died," was the motto then and one that has continued through to today. For National Police Week 2014, eight chapters of the Police Unity Tour began their journey to Washington, D.C., from different points across the East Coast. On May 12, the chapters met outside the capital and rode as one group through the district, finishing at the memorial. The 1,700 riders this year raised over \$1.7 million for the memorial fund, bringing the total donations since its inception to over \$14 million.

Sergeant Jamie L. Musche, Q/DDCC, and I had the privilege of riding in the Police Unity Tour last

year with Chapter Nine, based out of Hockessin, DE. This year Corporal J. Todd Vermillion, Troop D, joined us. Looking back, I realized the opportunity to be a part of this great event overshadowed our thinking of how



Sgt. Jamie Musche, Q/DDCC, Cpl. J. Todd Vermillion, Troop D, and Sgt. Mike Watson, Troop D, rode 250 miles on their bicycles as part of the Police Unity Tour.



Sgt. Mike Watson, Troop D, Sgt. Jamie Musche, Q/DDCC, and Cpl. Todd Vermillion, Troop D, acted as escorts during the 26th Annual Candlelight Vigil.

*The Police Unity Tour riders approach the nation's capitol.*



much work needed to be done to make it happen. In addition to the required \$1,750 for each of us to ride in the event, we had to come up with money for airfare and funds to ship our bicycles out and back. Fundraising went fairly quickly thanks to a generous community and corporate sponsors Southern Uniform and Equipment in Carthage, MO, and Con-way Truckload in Joplin, MO. Along with 130 riders and support staff from our chapter, we started riding on May 9 in Philadelphia, PA; arriving at our ultimate destination in Washington, D.C., on May 12.

In addition to family members of officers who had died in the line of duty, we rode with city, county, state, and federal law enforcement officers. Troopers in our chapter hailed from Maryland State Police, New Jersey State

Police, Massachusetts State Police, and Delaware State Police. Over the four days, other than one day cut short 15 miles due to a thunderstorm, we rode approximately 250 miles, with overnight stops in New Castle, DE; Aberdeen, MD; and Columbia, MD. During the ride, at least one stop each day would be at a law enforcement agency where we would participate in a memorial service honoring officers from their department that had been killed in the line of duty. Throughout the four days, motor officers from across the East Coast escorted the chapters, blocking intersections and otherwise keeping the riders safe. Support from the communities we rode through was impressive. Late in the morning of May 12, after all the chapters had met in the parking lot of the old RFK Stadium, outside of Wash-

ington, D.C., we proceeded as one group through the capital to the memorial.

The next night, at the 26th Annual Candlelight Vigil we had the honor, as members of the Police Unity Tour, to escort family members of the officers who had died in the line of duty. As the

survivors arrived in motor coaches, escorted by motor officers from across the country, we had the privilege of walking them to their seats. An estimated 20,000 people gathered for the event at the memorial, which culminated in the reading of the 286 names that were added to the memorial's walls. Along with the 100 who died in 2013, another 186 officers, who had died decades earlier and were discovered by memorial research staff, were added. We were honored to be a small part in paying tribute to the 30 troopers from the Missouri State Highway Patrol as well as the 20,000 other officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. For more information about the memorial or the Police Unity Tour please visit [www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org) or [www.policeunitytour.com](http://www.policeunitytour.com).

# Promotions



Rex M. Scism  
Captain  
Q/RDD



Robert F. Wolf  
Captain  
Q/GSD



Eddie A. Blaylock  
Lieutenant  
Troop C



Brian L. Daniel  
Lieutenant  
Q/FOB



Michael D. Hargus  
Lieutenant  
Q/AD



Amy E. Reynolds  
Lieutenant  
Troop C



Steven V. Wilhoit  
Lieutenant  
Q/DDCC



Neil K. Johnson  
Sergeant  
Troop A



Benjamin C. Jones  
Sergeant  
Troop E



Jeremy L. Weadon  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC



Jeffrey L. White  
Sergeant  
Q/TND



Grant N. Williams  
Sergeant  
Troop E



Patrick D. Sublette  
Corporal  
Q/DDCC



M. Todd Turlington  
Corporal  
Troop E



Ashley N. Brewer  
CJIS Technician II  
Q/CJISD

# Promotions



Lori A. Burkemper  
Clerk IV  
Troop C



Mark D. Counts  
CVE Inspector III  
Troop E



Adam J. Feltrop  
Asst. Garage  
Superintendent  
Q/FFD



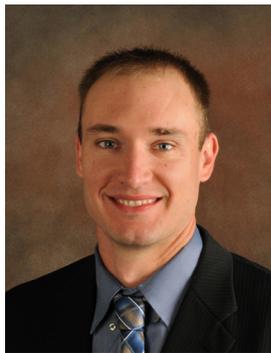
Richard L. Fry  
CVO Sprv. II  
Troop C



Richard L. Hargrove  
MVI III  
Troop F



Stacey L. Hinson  
CJIS Technician II  
Q/CJISD



Jeremy M. Jones  
Criminalist Sprv.  
Q/CLD



Diana J. Kempker  
Fiscal & Budgetary  
Analyst III  
Q/BPD



Sydney V. Kendrick  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/WPD



Sarah M. Ladyman  
MVI III  
Troop C



Louis G. McReynolds  
CVO Sprv. I  
Troop D



Aaron M. Mengwasser  
Bldg. & Grnds.  
Maint. Sprv.  
Q/FFD



Lynn M. Pendleton  
CJIS Technician II  
Q/CJISD



Meagan R. Shawhan  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop D



Cameron J. Taylor  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop C

# Promotions



Madison Vance  
Personnel Analyst I  
Q/HRD



Allen J. Wright  
MVI III  
Troop H



Nikki T. Wrinkles  
Account Clerk II  
Q/CJISD

## DE Sprv. Murphy Named DPS Employee Of The Month

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

May 22, 2014, began like any other day for Driver Examiner Supervisor Timothy Murphy, Troop A. It wouldn't end that way. At 10:30 a.m., DE Sprv. Murphy was administering the driving portion of an examination in the city of Clinton, MO, when he noticed smoke in the air. He directed the applicant to turn onto Water Street as he looked for the source of smoke. As they approached West Benton Street, DE Sprv. Murphy noticed smoke pouring out from the upper floor of a residence.

He directed the applicant to stop the vehicle, and dialed 9-1-1 utilizing the applicant's phone. After requesting assistance, he exited the applicant's vehicle and ran to the residence to check for occupants. He located an elderly homeowner and his granddaughter on the first floor. DE Sprv. Murphy removed the occupants, along with three dogs, from the residence. Unfortunately, he was unable to rescue a fourth dog from the second floor because of the intense smoke. One of the people he rescued was treated for minor burns and smoke inhalation at the local hospital.

DE Sprv. Murphy acted courageously and responded without regard to his personal safety. As a result of his actions, DE Sprv. Murphy was named Department of Public Safety Employee of the Month for August

Then-Director Lee expressed his admiration and congratulated DE Sprv. Murphy saying, "What you did was a great thing, over and above your duty. It's great that you got them out. Congratulations. It is an honor to present the DPS Employee of the Month Award for August 2014 to you. I thank you for all you do."

"It's not in his job description as a driver examiner to run into a burning building, but that's exactly what he did," said Colonel Ron Ropple, Q/Staff. "The young man driving has quite a story about the day he took his test.

Tim said he usually takes a different route, but on that day he chose the route that took him to where the burning home was. That's divine intervention."

"On behalf of Troop A staff and employees, I thank you for your value system, which has brought us here today," said Captain Eric Olson, Troop A. "Congratulations."

"I thought I'd seen everything after 19 years, but that day I saw the fire," said DE Sprv. Murphy. "I thank you for this award. It's an honor."



*DE Sprv. Timothy Murphy's family attended the ceremony to celebrate with him. Pictured are: (l to r) Ms. Britney Murphy (daughter), Mrs. Shannon Murphy, DE Sprv. Murphy, Mrs. Kathy Zink (mother-in-law), Ret. Cpl. Gary Zink (father-in-law), and Nicole Pung (family friend).*

2014. Then-DPS Director Jerry Lee presented the award on August 12, 2014, in the second floor conference room of General Headquarters.

# Troop H Employees Support SOMO Torch Run

On May 27, 2014, Troop H employees put on their running shoes to show their support for Special Olympics by participating in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run. Troop H runners covered the leg of the Torch Run on U.S. Highway 71 that spanned the distance from Maryville, MO, south to the intersection of U.S. 71 and Missouri Route A (Pumpkin Center), which is approximately 12 miles. Sergeant Tyson B. (Crazy Legs) Gardner, Q/DDCC, stated, "It was an honor to participate in the Torch Run. I plan on running in this worthwhile event every year." Pictured are the Troop H employees that participated in this year's run (l to r): CVE Insp. II Jason E. Lawrence, CVE Insp. III Amy L. Hughes, Sgt. Mike P. Quilty, and Sgt. Gara N. Howard, all Troop H, and Sgt. Tyson Gardner, Q/DDCC, Cpl. H. Bradshaw Cowan, Q/GD, and Miss Braelyn Cowan (daughter of Cpl. Cowan). Great job, Troop H!



# Troop I Torch Run: Largest Yet



On May 28, 2014, Troopers from Troop I and Troop D, and officers from other law enforcement agencies joined soldiers from Ft. Leonard Wood to help make this year's Torch Run one of the largest ever in the area. The runners, along with their motorcycle escort, paused for this photo as they prepared for the second leg of the morning run, which culminated in their arrival at Ft. Leonard Wood. Colonel Ron Replogle joined military dignitaries to greet the runners on post and provide words of encouragement and appreciation for their willingness to go the extra mile in supporting Special Olympics.

# Anniversaries

## October

### 35 years

Special Asst. Vickie A. Kleffner,  
Q/TND

### 25 years

Clerk Typist III Jeanette L. Ford,  
Q/TND

Chief Tech. Brian D. Douglas,  
Q/ICTD

### 20 years

Chief Oper. Jim L. Cleveland,  
Troop F

Auto. Tech. III Don H. Duffey,  
Troop E

Computer Info. Tech. Spec. II  
L. Rusty Jones, Q/ICTD

MVI III Kelly S. Weissinger,  
Troop A

DE Sprv. Galen R. Young,  
Troop A

### 15 years

Admin. Office Support Assist.  
Terri K. Cole, Troop C

Computer Info. Tech. III James  
R. Behymer, Q/ICTD

### 10 years

Cpl. Christopher M. Arbuthnot,  
Troop C

Cpl. Ben J. Blankenbeker,  
Troop F

Tpr. Joshua R. Breitbach, Q/GD  
Cpl. J. Wes Collins, Q/DDCC

Tpr. Rob C. Creasey, Troop D  
Quality Control Clerk II Rod E.  
Davis, Q/PRD

Cpl. Cody G. Dunfee, Troop A

Cpl. Matt P. Fisher, Troop A

Tpr. Russ R. Gibson Jr., Troop E

Tpr. Travis I. Goolsby, Troop A

Tpr. Aaron K. Griffin, Troop H

Cpl. Shawn M. Griggs,  
Q/DDCC

Tpr. Huntley H. Hoemann II,  
Troop C

Cpl. Tobin J. Hollmann, Q/DDCC

Cpl. Don K. Jones, Q/DDCC

Cpl. Eric R. Kessler, Troop C

Tpr. J. Alex Lacey, Q/DDCC

Tpr. Brian R. Lange, Troop A

Tpr. W. Sean Lashmet, Troop D

Tpr. Nogi H. McDaniel, Q/DDCC

Sgt. Jason E. McTheeney, Q/GD

Tpr. Ronald A. Metteer Jr.,  
Troop C

Cpl. J. Derek Ogden, Troop A

Comm. Oper. II Justin K. Parks,  
Troop B

Sgt. Dale B. Pounds, Troop G

Cpl. Dustin B. Reed, Troop C

Sgt. Matt R. Schmidt, Troop C

Cpl. Kurt A. Schmutzler, Troop H  
Personnel Records Clerk III Ber-  
nie C. Sieren, Q/HRD

Tpr. Ricky L. Vannada Jr., Troop E

Cpl. Juston R. Wheatley, Troop C

Cpl. Ryan J. Wilhoit, Troop A

Cpl. Tycee M. Williams, Troop C

Tpr. Curtis B. Wilt, Troop F

CJIS Trainer/Auditor III Mike S.  
Zvolanek, Q/CJISD

### 5 years

CVE Inspector III Ryan D. Aldrich,  
Troop E

CVE Inspector Sprv. I Jason M.  
Belcher, Troop E

MVI III Joe W. Eldred, Troop D

CDL Examiner Karri L. Mitchell,  
Troop A

DE II Michael L. Pullam, Troop E  
DE III Christina M. Royster,  
Troop A

Quality Control Clerk II Adrean J.  
Smart, Q/PRD

CVE Inspector III Garry L.  
Umphry, Troop H

## November

### 25 years

MVI Supervisor Kevin D. Green,  
Troop C

### 20 years

Sgt. Bryan G. Arnold, Troop I

Sgt. Don R. Barbour Jr., Troop F

Cpl. Eric T. Bartel, Q/DDCC

Sgt. Nicholas D. Berry, Troop B

Lt. Mark A. Bielawski, Q/GD

MVI III Gary L. Campbell,  
Troop F

Lt. Mike D. Hargus, Q/AD

Cpl. Steve D. Jarrell, Q/GD

Cpl. Terry W. Lee, Troop E

Sgt. Doug M. McDaniel, Troop  
E

Cpl. Russ E. Sargent, Troop E

Cpl. Rick E. Scism, Troop A

Tpr. Ivy A. Warren, Troop D

Cpl. Jim E. Wilde, Troop D

### 15 years

Tpr. Chris A. Winter, Troop F

### 10 years

Building & Grounds Maint. I

Cathy F. Chandler, Troop I

CJIS Technician III Linda L.

Kever, Q/CJISD

CJIS Technician II Jeff S. Koe-  
nigsfeld, Q/CJISD

Computer Info. Tech. Spec. I  
Cristian M. Oros, Q/ICTD

Comm. Oper. III Lela A. Wood,  
Troop F

### 5 years

Cook III Robert A. Claypool,  
Q/TND

DE III Tina K. Johnson, Troop A

CDL Examiner DeWayne R.

Sickels, Troop F

DE III Brian C. Sims, Troop C

MVI III Allen J. Wright, Troop H

# Roll For The Patrol Benefits The MASTERS

*By The MASTERS*

The first ever Roll For The Patrol motorcycle ride took place June 1, 2014. The Mungenast Automotive Family in St. Louis, MO, organized and hosted the event, which is designed to benefit The MASTERS. It is hoped this will become an annual event. One hundred bikers turned out for the event and rode from the Mungenast location on South Lindbergh in St. Louis to Thee Abbey Kitchen, in Arcadia, MO, where everyone enjoyed lunch and listened to music. It was a beautiful day with only a few rain drops on the trip back.

Thanks to the Mungenast family and their management team, this was a great event which provided \$5,000 to The MASTERS! We appreciate all the Patrol members, The MASTERS



*The first Roll For The Patrol welcomed 100 bikers and raised \$5,000 for The MASTERS.*

members, and many friends who participated in the ride or assisted with the event. We want to especially thank Captain Ron C. Johnson, Troop C, and Troop C staff for their support in making the 2014 "Roll For The Patrol" a success.

Plans are being made now for the 2nd Annual Roll For The Patrol, which will be even bigger and better on June 7, 2015. Reserve this date on your calendar and watch for details.

## MSHP Provides Presence At Boys State

*By Sgt. Mike W. Watson, Troop D*

Each year, young men from schools across Missouri gather to form Boys State. They create their own government and run it for a week on the campus of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, MO. Members of the Patrol provide a law enforcement course and mentor the members of the Missouri Boys State Highway Patrol.



*Cpl. Joel E. Givens Sr., Troop A, describes SWAT team equipment.*



*Gov. Jay Nixon speaks to members of the Boys State Highway Patrol.*



*Sgt. Dave Martin, Q/DDCC (now retired), explains how the Patrol's Bomb Unit operates and provides a Boys State participant with firsthand experience with a protective suit.*

# Lt. Davis Represents Missouri In Torch Run

*By Sgt. Dan J. Crain, Troop I*

Lt. Steve P. Davis, Troop I, is well known for having dedicated many hours during his career to Special Olympics Missouri. Steve said his compassion to help these athletes began in 1997, when he had his first experience selling SOMO T-shirts. From that point, he continuously and energetically has taken on more and more responsibility for the cause. Currently, he serves as the Troop I and Region 6 coordinator for SOMO. As part of his commitment, he initiated additional fundraising events, such as a local Polar Bear Plunge. By doing so, SOMO records and goals were exceeded, including the region he supervises being recognized in 2013 for having the greatest percentage increase in funds raised and agency participation, when compared to other areas in the state (from \$8,476.43 in 2012, to \$28,112 in 2013). A big part of raising awareness and funds for Special Olympics is accomplished through the torch runs, and that is what this story is about.

Over the years, Steve has led the way in organizing the Troop I Torch Runs and been successful in including the efforts of law enforcement with those of soldiers stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood. This was particularly evident with this year's torch run, which began in Rolla, and concluded at Ft. Leonard Wood, where Colonel Ron K. Repogle, Q/Staff, was on hand to help congratulate and thank all the runners for their dedication and participation.

Steve himself is an avid runner and has participated in countless SOMO Torch Runs. It was his hard work and impressive record for SOMO that convinced the Missouri Law Enforcement Torch Run Committee to select him as our state's representative to take part in the Special Olympics USA Games Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg. On June 11, 2014, Steve, along with law enforcement officers from 50 other states, and participating athletes, embarked on a three-day torch run. The first day was



*Lt. Steve Davis, Troop I, helped carry the Special Olympics torch in New York City, NY, and New Jersey.*

through the streets and burroughs of New York City. The second day, the athletes split up and ran at various locations, either Philadelphia, New York City, or in New Jersey. According to Steve, his group was selected for the New Jersey run. However, the officers and athletes came together on the final day, June 15, as they ran into Newark, NJ, where the USA games were held.

During an interview by the *Rolla Daily News*, Steve stated, "This experience, carrying this torch, has catapulted me to a whole other level. I am truly honored and extremely humbled to have been chosen to do this."

The Missouri State Highway Patrol and Troop I are proud and honored to have one of its own selected for this prestigious honor.

## Troop C, Zone 2 Named 2013 Top Zone

Zone 2, Troop C earned top honors for the highest number of DWI arrests for 2013. The "Top Statewide DWI Enforcement Zone" award serves to recognize the zone with the highest number of DWI arrests each year throughout the state. Captain Ronald S. Johnson, commanding officer, Troop C, presented troopers in the North St. Louis County zone with the award on June 13, 2014. Zone 2 arrested 321 DWI offenders last year. The Top Statewide DWI Enforcement Zone recognition will be presented annually.



*Members of Zone 2 are pictured with their award. Pictured are (l to r): Sgt. Mike A. Petlansky, Tpr. Jose Sanchez, Tpr. Jordan A. Hilliard, Sgt. Matt R. Schmidt, Tpr. Dwade F. Isringhausen, Tpr. Derek A. Mason, Tpr. Zach C. Kral, Tpr. Jeffery D. Maudlin, Tpr. Justin J. Moll, and Cpl. Mike E. Broniec.*

# Retirement

## Capt. Mike V. Meyer



Captain Michael V. Meyer was appointed to the Patrol on January 5, 1981, as a member of the 54th Recruit Class. However, the story begins long before that. Mike grew up in St. Charles, MO, and was introduced to law enforcement through his involvement with the Boy Scouts. He became a member of a Law Enforcement Explorer Post sponsored by the St. Charles Police Department. After high school, he bided his time waiting until he was 21 by working as a draftsman and participating in the police ride-along program. His first real contact with a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper came while he was hanging out one night at his old high school and saw a trooper in pursuit of a motorcyclist. The trooper temporarily lost sight of the motorcyclist, and Mike flagged him down and pointed out where the motorcyclist had fled. (This trooper would later become Major Larry White, retired.) Trooper White impressed Mike and he would later have a conversation with Tpr. White at his home. He encouraged Mike to go to college in order to pursue a career with the Patrol and Mike followed his advice.

While attending Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State) in Kirksville, Mike put himself through college by working for the campus Safety and Security and the

Kirksville Police Department. His experience as captain of the varsity rifle team would later come in handy as a sniper for the Patrol. While going through college he also completed an internship working as a police officer for the Winnsboro, South Carolina, Police Department. Upon graduation, he was hired by the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department as a road deputy. He would become one of the original SWAT members for the sheriff's department.

Mike's first assignment as a trooper was Troop C, Lincoln and Pike counties, where he worked for nine years. When he drove to Troy, MO, to meet his FTO for the first time, Trooper Bennie Flowers was openly packing a handgun while mowing his lawn. Mike was warned by Academy instructors that Tpr. Flowers had a contract on his head by local drug dealers. Mike thought this was going to be an exciting start to his career. While still on probation, and not having his own patrol car yet, Mike was running radar on U.S. Highway 61 with Trooper Bill Lowry one night when they were struck by a speeding van driven by a suspected drug dealer/drunk driver. One theory was that the driver of the van deliberately rammed the patrol car because there was no evidence of braking by the van and Mike had parked in the grass, off the shoulder. Also, they had been using Tpr. Flowers' marked white Mercury. The demolished van was found to contain large bags of marijuana. Mike and Tpr. Lowry (now a retired sergeant) were transported to Lincoln County Hospital. The driver of the van was later sent to prison for several years.

In November 1982, his corporal, Norm Kaden (now a retired lieutenant), set Mike up on a blind date with then Shelley Rae Fryrear of Bowling Green, MO. She must have known what she was getting into because Mike was late for this first date due to assisting in a homicide investigation in Troy. She would soon become Mrs. Shelley Meyer.

In 1990, Mike transferred to Troop B, Macon and Shelby counties. That same year he was promoted to corporal and assigned to Sullivan and Putnam counties. In 1992, he transferred to General Headquarters to become a bomb technician with the Explosives Disposal Unit. In 1995, he became a criminal investigator/polygraph examiner with the Division of Drug and Crime Control's Troop F Unit. He was promoted to sergeant in that position in 1998.

Then, in 1999, Mike transferred to the Governor's Security Division protecting Governor Mel Carnahan and his family. On the night Governor Carnahan was killed in a plane crash, Mike was assisting the New Jersey governor in St. Louis for the 2000 Presidential Debates. He had the responsibility of gathering the children of Gov. Carnahan and transporting them to the Governor's Mansion as quickly as possible. Mike and the rest of the division had the arduous task of providing protection services to three families during the transition. Lieutenant Governor Roger Wilson became governor. Bob Holden became governor-elect. Also, Colonel Weldon L. Wilhoit ordered the division to continue protection for Mrs. Jean Carnahan until she was appointed as senator. Members of the division canceled most leave and worked many shifts of 16 hours or more.

In 2001, Mike was appointed as the assistant director of the Governor's Security Division, serving Governors Holden and Blunt. In 2006, he was promoted to lieutenant and designated the division director, serving Governors Blunt and Nixon. Then, in 2011, he was promoted to captain.

During his career, Mike was assigned to several Missouri State Fair details, presidential visits, marijuana eradication, SERT (now SWAT), and numerous manhunts. He said being a bomb technician was the most interesting. A "best assignment" while in Governor's Security Division was a trip to Alaska.

# Retirement

Mike and Shelley have three children. Their son, Blakeley, and daughter, Rachel, both graduated from Truman State University and live in Chicago, IL. Their son, John, is a senior in Calvary Lutheran High School. Mike's plans for retirement are not certain, but will include spending more time with family, fishing, hunting, and photography.

Friends and family gathered Friday, August 22, 2014, to celebrate Mike's career and wish him well in retirement.

"I've never met a trooper more conscientious than Mike Meyer of doing the right thing," said Colonel Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Patrol, at the retirement gathering. The colonel presented Mike's retirement certificate and also read a proclamation from the governor.

Mike provided some words of wisdom for any officer assigned to the Governor's Security Division. "Always have a clean car, a full tank in the car, a fully charged cell phone, and the governor's schedule with you. Go to the bathroom when you can, not necessarily when you have to. Eat when you can. Sleep when you can. If you're new to the Patrol, explore the possibilities and enjoy."

"Michael has had such a great career with the Highway Patrol," said his wife, Shelley. "He has had the opportunity to pursue his interests in several different areas. I never worried about him, because I knew that he was highly skilled and highly trained. However, at his retirement reception I heard more about the work that he did, and perhaps I should have been more concerned. Michael apparently did not share all that he did on the job in order to protect me. I am grateful that the Highway Patrol trains their employees to meet the challenges that they will inevitably encounter. In my experience, the Highway Patrol is a professional agency with a heart for their employees. Thank you."

"It seems there is more paperwork to get out of the organization than to

get into it," Mike said. "I wear this uniform on my last day of work because I'm proud of what it stands for and the people I work with."

*Congratulations, Mike! May you enjoy a long, healthy retirement!*

## Capt. Brad W. Jones



Capt. Jones grew up in Lilbourn, MO, with his parents and younger brother, Stan. His dad was a pharmacist and owned the pharmacy there for almost 40 years. As a matter of fact, Capt. Jones was a pre-pharmacy major at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) when he first went to college.

"You can see how that worked out," he laughed. "I was more interested in law enforcement than pharmacy. I'd been interested in law enforcement—really the Patrol—since high school. I attended Boys State and went through the law enforcement part with the Patrol. I remember Jim Happy [retired sergeant] and Ralph Biele [retired lieutenant colonel] were instructors. That was when I really became interested in the Patrol."

Captain Jones and his wife, Diana, both grew up in Southeast Missouri, but didn't meet until attending Ole Miss. Diana graduated from Ole Miss, married Capt. Jones, and they moved to Cape Girardeau, MO. "I finished my last year at Southeast Missouri State

University, and got my bachelor's degree in criminal justice. I also worked part time for the sheriff's office as a deputy serving papers – lawsuits, subpoenas, jury summons, etc. After graduation, I accepted an offer as a full-time deputy."

He served as a deputy for the Cape Girardeau County Sheriff's Department from 1977-79, earning the rank of sergeant. "I applied for the recruit classes in the summer 1978, and didn't get in. Later, I ended up an alternate for the July 1979 recruit class. There Capt. Larry Baucom called two weeks prior to the class starting and gave me the option of starting the Academy in July or waiting until January 1980. Two weeks later I was in the 50th Recruit Class.

Capt. Jones' first assignment was in Troop I, Lebanon, MO. "We really liked it, but it wasn't home and was four hours away from home," he said. "Jerry Pender was my FTO. In the first three months, we arrested people for everything from excessive speed to murder. Jerry didn't limit himself to enforcing only traffic laws. As a result, I gained a lot of experience during those first three months."

"[Retired Captain] Siah Davis was my first zone sergeant. He was an excellent example of a zone sergeant. I came to appreciate his abilities more, later in my career when I was promoted to sergeant. I worked with a bunch of very good officers in Lebanon. We worked hard and had a good time, too."

Two and a half years later, the Jones family moved to Troop E, Portageville, MO. He was promoted to corporal and sergeant while assigned there. "I was in Portageville for 12 years and worked with a great group of officers. In fact, over 23 officers were assigned to the Portageville zones during my assignment. The zone wasn't exactly an area of the

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state where a lot of officers wanted to be assigned; however, it was a great place to work. Once I was promoted to sergeant, my biggest “problem” was the large amount of paperwork the officers turned in, which meant they were working. I hope that every zone sergeant would have this problem!”

Capt. Jones also served as a troop crash reconstructionist, and back-up pilot for Troop E (for Sergeant David C. May [kod 1999]). “Both of those assignments were interesting,” said Capt. Jones. “I always found working crashes interesting and got to see some unique ones as a reconstructionist. This also allowed me to travel around the troop. It was the same as a pilot since I got to routinely fly to other areas and see officers I never saw otherwise.”

“While I was in Portageville, I had the opportunity to attend the 172nd Session of the FBI National Academy. This was a highlight of my career. The contacts you make with other law enforcement professionals are hard to quantify. The Academy was 11 weeks long at that time and took place in Quantico, VA. Every weekend (when I was off duty) turned into a history field trip. Touring the White House was phenomenal and was led by a secret service agent who was in my section. The first World Trade Center bombing and Waco, TX, incidents occurred during my session and changed the Academy experience.”

Another highlight of his career was being a field training officer for Nelson Wallis [retired sergeant], David Baily [retired lieutenant], and Sergeant Blaine Adams. “Acting as an FTO required that I maintain a good knowledge of the statutes, Patrol policy, and procedures. An added long-term benefit was that we became good friends (and still are).”

In 1991, he was an intern in the Research & Development Division during the initial accreditation process (CALEA). In 1994, he was promoted to lieutenant and transferred to the Human Resources Division at General Headquarters. Capt. Jones said he and Diana sold their house quickly and found themselves (and their two children) between houses.

“We lived with my boss, [retired Captain] Terry Moore. Terry was single at the time and I’m sure having two grown people with a 12-year-old and 7-year-old living with him could have been trying. However, it didn’t seem to bother him at all. I’ll be forever grateful to him for his generosity. We ended up living there a month.”

Capt. Jones said he learned more during those three and a half years in HRD than any other comparable length of time on the Patrol. He described this division as a busy place to work with a group of very knowledgeable and dedicated employees.

While in HRD, Capt. Jones had responsibility for the trooper selection process, trooper/corporal promotional process, assessment center, weight program, drug testing program, and other day-to-day activities. He would serve as a member of the assessment center management team four times. He described the assignment as intense, but good, because of the other team members which included Major Kemp Shown, Major Dale Schmidt (retired), Captain Jim Whitfield (retired), Captain Chris Ricks (deceased), Captain Vince Ellis (retired), Captain Greg Kindle, Captain Paul Parmenter (retired), Ms. Dorina Schlup, and Ms. Jerri Denton.”

Capt. Jones attended the 107th Session of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. The session was in 1997, and was the first session conducted at the Patrol Academy. Capt. Jones said, “The session was like going back to college

and was a good predecessor to starting work on my graduate degree. An outstanding group of officers attended the session. Many of them were from different departments and from several states.”

In March 1998, he transferred to the Patrol’s Law Enforcement Academy where he served as an assistant director. “I enjoyed being both an Academy administrator and instructor. It was a great assignment. Getting to work with the recruits and other Academy personnel was very rewarding.”

In March 2000, he was promoted to captain and designated director of the Professional Standards Division. He described the investigators and administrative assistants he worked with as a “great group.” He said, “Although the Patrol has occasional problems, when I attended internal affairs conferences and talked to investigators from other departments, I found out what a good department we have and how ethical our employees really are. There is a big contrast between the seriousness of the cases we investigated and the cases IA units in other departments had to investigate.”

In 2005, he would be designated director of the Traffic Division. The division’s name would change twice during his tenure. In 2008, the division became known as Traffic Records Division; in 2014, its name became Patrol Records Division. The name changes were to better reflect the division’s responsibilities. The Custodian of Records section joined Patrol Records Division on July 1, 2014.

“During the nine years I’ve been in the Patrol Records Division, the biggest project was the new crash report that went into use in 2012. That project was also the most fun for me. We had the STARS committee with 46 members. When that was put together I thought it would be overwhelming, but it ended up being a good experience. The committee was made up of safety

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professionals from various fields—law enforcement (troopers, county, local), MoDOT engineers, federal agencies, DOR, St. Louis County Highway Department—who worked well together. The full committee developed the crash report and a subcommittee was put together to create a preparation manual for the new report. The previous manuals were not comprehensive and sometimes difficult to use to complete reports. Consequently, the subcommittee made the decision to develop a comprehensive manual. The new manual ended up being about four times larger than the previous one. It was a huge project, but was well worth the time it took to create.”

He said working with other departments and various federal agencies was enjoyable. In one instance, he accompanied a group of MoDOT and US DOT employees to Washington and Oregon on a “scanning tour.” During the trip they examined roundabouts and other roadway designs, as well as visited a sheriff’s department’s training academy. “I learned more riding around in the van, interacting and talking with the engineers I traveled with than from the meetings we attended. For instance, did you know you can put a roadway on a diet?”

The merger between the Highway Patrol and Water Patrol brought new challenges to PRD, which included processing of boating crash reports and drowning reports. Captain Jones said, “I found learning the boating crash and drowning reporting requirements to be interesting. Crash reporting requirements are not the same for boating crashes. The last couple of years we have written a preparation manual for the current boating crash report and have been working on an amended version of the report. Having the opportunity to work with other of-

ficers on these projects has been educational and rewarding.”

During Capt. Jones’ tenure in the Patrol Records Division, several advancements occurred. Troopers began submitting their crash reports electronically in 2006. “That was a huge change. Prior to that, the reports were all in hard copy with quality control done by the troops’ clerical personnel. Electronic submission ended up helping with timeliness and uniformity.” In 2009, several local agencies began submitting their crash reports electronically through REJIS using LETS software. That first year, approximately 13 percent of the reports came electronically from local departments; now, 35 percent arrive that way. In 2012, the newly developed crash report was implemented along with a new automated field report (FATPOT).

“The division secretaries I’ve worked with—Theresa Backes, Jeanette Muller, Vicky Hees, Jeanie Maasen, Loretta Mitchell, and Debbie Willoughby—have been godsend. Division secretaries are very important to directors and the overall operation of the division. It would be difficult for the divisions to operate efficiently without them.”

“I also want to commend Russ Dunwiddie. Russ provided immeasurable assistance through all my years in PRD,” said Capt. Jones. “He is the constant in that division and he has a great depth of knowledge of all the issues handled by the division. The other employees assigned to the Patrol Records Division are very professional and are serious about their work. They understand that traffic data saves lives and the importance of what they are doing.”

Capt. Jones also appreciates the friendship and camaraderie on the Patrol as well as friendships made because of his job.

So what’s next?

He laughed and said Diana, who has been retired for four years, doesn’t know what she is going to do with him once he retires. “I have been an adjunct professor for 11 years at Columbia College, and plan to continue,” he said. “Diana and I will be traveling some. We went to Israel last October and are going to Italy next year.”

“Throughout my career, if I didn’t have the support of Diana and my children, I couldn’t have done it—especially since moving into GHQ. At the time, it was a difficult change for my entire family and their support was important to my success. Right now, I get to see my daughter, Sarah, a lot because she is in town. Having the Patrol in common with my son, [Trooper] David [Jones, Troop A], is great, and grandchildren are without description.”

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|  Oct. 2  | ● Cpl. M.E. Webster died in 1993.    |
|  Oct. 6  | ● Sgt. R.G. Kimberling died in 1999. |
|  Oct. 13 | ● Columbus Day                       |
|  Oct. 14 | ● Tpr. J.R. Jenkins died in 1969.    |
|  Oct. 15 | ● Sgt. J.G. Schuengel died in 2010.  |
|  Oct. 15 | ● Class A Uniform.                   |
|  Oct. 27 | ● Tpr. W.W. Allman died in 1955.     |

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## Capt. Tim G. Baysinger



In Mrs. Hall's 10th grade general business class at Fulton High School, he wrote down that he wanted to be a trooper. Given the fact that he retired as Captain Timothy G. Baysinger, Q/RDD, on September 1, 2014, it appears that particular assignment was prophetic.

Capt. Baysinger grew up in Fulton, MO, the oldest of three sons. He said he, "Did the usual things: football and wrestled; a little bit of band and choir; Boy Scouts (Eagle Scout)." After high school, he earned a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice administration from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO, in 1978.

After college, he would begin an internship with the University of Missouri-Columbia Police Department that began with a nine-week basic police school. He was already in the selection process for the Patrol at that time. So, after graduating from the basic police school, he found himself right back in another academy.

"By the time I graduated I had 29 weeks of training and no practical experience," said Capt. Baysinger.

Capt. Baysinger was appointed to the Patrol on August 1, 1978, as a member of the 48th Recruit Class. Like a lot of troopers, he remembers the instructors (retired Capt. Paul

Corbin, deceased Capt. Roy Bergman, and former members Gary Wilson and Herb Watchinski) and the stress training.

He remembered, "... having 20 minutes to put on your uniform, get your collar brass on, and line up in the hallway in alphabetical order by height. Obviously, it was something we couldn't do; it was the beginning of the stress training. I understood the purpose of it and dealt with it."

He said he believes his class was more cohesive because there was another class in the Academy at that time. "The other class had two months of training on us, making them our 'superiors.' We had a friendly competition with basketball (they won) and softball (we won). I have a vivid memory of hitting a pretty good ball. I was running around second base to third and I picked up about 200 pounds when (retired Captain) Ron Walker from the other class jumped on my back to slow me down!"

After graduating from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy, he was assigned to Troop H, Zone 4, Princeton, MO. He transferred to Troop F, Zone 3, Columbia, MO, on July 1, 1981. A promotion to corporal occurred on November 1, 1986, which took him to Zone 4, Mexico, MO, where he was designated assistant zone supervisor. He was promoted to sergeant and designated zone supervisor of Zone 8, Fulton, MO, on June 1, 1989.

Capt. Baysinger said his road experience was like other troopers. There were traffic crashes and crimes to investigate, people to assist, and paperwork. Of course, there were several experiences that stand out in his memory. He arrested two bank robbers who robbed the bank in Charitan, IA, and recovered \$11,000. He was involved in the Ashland Bank Robbery pursuit and coordinated activities at the scene where the robbers were stopped. While criminal investigators with the Division of Drug and Crime Control handled the scene of the

shooting, Capt. Baysinger (a sergeant at the time) had to figure out who shot what and where, as well as coordinate with the various emergency and police organizations on scene.

He had the experience of arresting a mental patient for murder once after first having to convince mental hospital officials to release him. For five years, he worked marijuana eradication from May to October. He said this assignment led to criminal and drug investigations, search warrants, arrests, and the seizing of some "good-sized operations."

He transferred to the Research and Development Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City, MO, on November 1, 1998, where he served as assistant director. He was promoted to lieutenant on September 1, 1999, and remained in that position. He was promoted to captain and named director of the Research and Development Division on September 1, 2001.

In this position, Capt. Baysinger led the Patrol through the reaccreditation process with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Inc. four times. He has served as the lead assessor for on-site assessments of several law enforcement agencies across the nation during on-site assessments for CALEA. For the past 10 years, he served as the president of the Missouri Law Enforcement Accreditation Coalition. Capt. Baysinger is highly respected in the field and often called upon to share his expertise with agencies entering the CALEA process. He is also the state director for the American Association of State Troopers.

He completed the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in May 1999, and the FBI National Academy in September 2000. After a nationwide competitive entrance process, Capt. Baysinger completed a master's of arts in security studies: homeland security and defense, at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, in 2006. Of

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all his training, Capt. Baysinger pinpointed the FBI National Academy as having the most impact on him. In that training, he met police management personnel from all over the world. He benefitted from “lots of great networking.”

Now that he’s retiring, Capt. Baysinger plans to teach college courses and continue working as an assessor for CALEA.

Capt. Baysinger is married to Linda (Epperson), whom he met in October 1978. “Her brother and my brother were playing football. There was an afterhours gathering at her parent’s house and she was there. I was in recruit training at the time and went because I didn’t have anything else to do after the game.” The Baysingers were married on December 27, 1980. Capt. Baysinger and Linda have three grown daughters. Jennifer West and her husband, B.J., live in Kansas City, MO. Jennifer teaches history and human geography at Park Hill High School, and her husband is a commercial pilot. Amy Hargrove and her husband, Brandon, live in St. Peters, MO. Amy works for Republic Inc. and her husband is also a commercial pilot. Kellyn Baysinger lives in Merriam, KS, and works for Intouch Solutions in Overland Park, KS.

Thank you, Capt. Baysinger, for 36 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Missouri. Enjoy your retirement!

“The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant.”

—Max DePree

## Capt. Bob L. Powell



I used to think there were two kinds of cops: state troopers and then all the other cops who wanted to be state troopers, but for various reasons it has not worked out for them. I am sure the first things that attracted me to the Missouri State Highway Patrol at a young age were mostly superficial, like nice cars and tailored uniforms. I came to appreciate that troopers were highly respected across the state.

Although he has been retired for several years, Sergeant Tom Siebert is still considered “Mr. Highway Patrolman” in Southwest Missouri. Sgt. Siebert was assigned to do my background investigation. After I completed all the necessary testing, I was selected to enter the 50th Recruit Class starting on July 9, 1979. I hated the Academy, but most of us survived the 22 weeks. It was a great group of recruits, and over the years we became known as “the class the bars fell upon” due to the number of us who achieved rank. The 50th Recruit Class can boast one colonel, two majors, and several captains and lieutenants.

I graduated from Diamond (MO) High School. The population of Diamond was, and may still be, 605 people. Diamond had one blinking light and I think it is gone now. I can only imagine the laughter when the Patrol staff decided to send me to Western Jackson County for my first assign-

ment. Actually, I think I may be the last retiring officer that was assigned to Western Jackson County.

The most important person in a trooper’s career is his field training officer, and I was blessed to get Corporal Mike Mulholland (now a retired lieutenant). Mike is possibly the smartest officer ever on the Highway Patrol. My first day with Mike was Wednesday, December 26, 1979. As we drove north on Missouri Highway 291 over U.S. Highway 40 he was telling me his expectations. One thing he said was that he was the boss and what he says goes, no questions asked. During my years as a troop commander we brought in about a dozen groups of new troopers for orientation. Without fail, I explained to each group the FTO is the boss and what he says goes. I wanted to make that clear to the FTO and the new officers. Mike may have thought I wasn’t listening.

On my fourth day, we assisted Trooper Roy Messick (now retired) with a fatal crash at Interstate 70 and Interstate 435 that killed a young father in a roll-over. Mike and I went to the home to make the next-of-kin notification. The wife was at home and a couple of small children were lying on their stomachs on the floor watching Saturday morning cartoons. The family had no idea the devastating news we were there to deliver. Over the years, next-of-kin notifications never got easier and it is frequently identified as the most difficult job for a trooper.

Tpr. Messick was a real policeman. I learned a lot from him about tracking criminals, manhunts, and crash investigation. But, mostly I owe Tpr. Messick for nicknaming me “Boogie” and/or “Boog” after the baseball player Boog Powell.

My first troop commander was Captain Mel Fisher. Capt. Fisher eventually retired as the colonel of the Patrol, and is still treated like a rock star when he attends functions. I am honored to have him as a leader and a

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friend.

I went to work each day wanting to put a criminal in jail and there is a lot of satisfaction in arresting the truly bad guys. But, often, the most satisfaction came from helping people. Before everyone had cell phones, people prayed for help when they were stranded on the highways. It was pretty nice when they said they were, “praying for help and you showed up.” (In many ways this form of communication works better than our current radio system.)

There are so many people I wish I could thank for making my job unbelievably fun and interesting. All the friends I made in Troop A, Troop D, and across the state will not be forgotten. A special thanks to the dedicated Troop A staff for working tirelessly while I was the troop commander. A very special thanks to Barbara Kidwell, the Troop A administrative assistant (retired), who made us all look professional.

There are a million things I'd like to say. Like, thank you to my wife and family for their support over the years. Another thing I'd say is, “Don't go on television with Sgt. Collin Stosberg and Sgt. Bill Lowe, the Troop A PIEOs, if you are fat and old.”

*Editor's note: Captain Bob Powell retired September 1, 2014, after over 35 years of dedicated service. Capt. Powell served in Troop A (Jackson, Lafayette, Clay, and Platte counties) and Troop D (Service Center) during his career. He holds an associate's of science degree in law enforcement from Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, MO. Capt. Powell and his wife, Nannette (Kellison), have three children and six grandchildren with another due in December 2014. Thank you, sir, for your years of service. Enjoy your retirement!*

## Lt. Sid W. Conklin



After more than 31 years of dedicated service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol and over 34 years in Missouri law enforcement, Lieutenant Sidney W. Conklin retired effective September 1, 2014.

Sid was born in Mexico, MO, and graduated from Mexico High School in 1972. He graduated from Moberly Junior College and attended Northeast Missouri State University. He served in the United States Army for seven years and was honorably discharged in May 1979. While serving, he attained the rank of staff sergeant and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal twice. Sid was also an Army drill sergeant for three years.

Sid began his law enforcement career in January 1980, when he was hired by the Mexico Department of Public Safety. He served there until April 1980, when he was appointed as a sheriff's deputy for Monroe County. He was the chief deputy in Monroe County at the time of his appointment to the Patrol on January 1, 1983.

Upon graduation, he was assigned to Troop B, Moberly, MO, where he served until October 1990. He then transferred to the Division of Drug and Crime Control. While assigned to Troop B, Sid was assigned to marijuana eradication, counter sniper training, and a security detail for the assistant attorney general. He was assigned to

two manhunts as well as MU football details and Missouri State Fair details.

In October 1990, Sid transferred to DDCC and was assigned to Troop B narcotics. He was promoted to corporal in August 1994, and sergeant in February 2000. He is well known for his contributions to the Patrol's Narcotics School, as well as his presentations to recruit classes related to narcotics and outlaw motorcycle gang enforcement operations.

While working narcotics, Sid was part of several investigations involving outlaw motorcycle gangs. The knowledge he gained during these investigations made him one of the state's best resources for intelligence information related to the outlaw motorcycle gang culture. In October 2001, he was assigned to the Organized Crime Unit. Unbeknownst to him, the events of September 11, 2001, would quickly and significantly change the mission of that unit. In the aftermath of the events that day, the Organized Crime Unit was tasked with an anti-terrorism mission as an additional dimension of their duties. In November 2001, Sid was assigned as the supervisor of the Organized Crime and Terrorism Unit. While assigned in that capacity, he traveled frequently, providing comprehensive presentations related to Middle Eastern culture, domestic, and international terrorism, as well as presentations related to the outlaw motorcycle gang culture.

In January 2005, Sid was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. In that capacity, he continued to serve in DDCC, managing the Organized Crime and Terrorism Unit, Narcotics Unit, Criminal Investigation Unit, as well as various other components of the division. He continues to provide presentations on outlaw biker gangs and extremist groups throughout the Midwest.

He has three sons Jason, Joshua, and Jacob, along with five granddaughters and a grandson.

Sid served as the secretary/treasurer of the Missouri State Troopers' Association's Executive Board, and is a

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past president of the Missouri Narcotics Officers' Association and Northeast Missouri Peace Officers' Association. He currently serves as treasurer on the board of directors for the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigator's Association. He is a member of Huntsville and Lick Creek Masonic Lodge and a benefactor life member of the NRA. Sid has become involved in sponsoring hunts and fishing activities on his farm for wounded warriors through a U.S. Army program Healing Outside Of Army Hospitals (HOOAH).

Sid plans to spoil his grandchildren as much as possible. Hoping each will tell their dads, "Well, Grandpa lets me!" He will continue his involvement with HOOAH and spend time hunting and fishing in Alaska.

## Lt. Eldon E. Wulf



On January 15, 1984, Lt. Eldon E. Wulf began his career with the Missouri State Water Patrol. He was a member of the 20th Water Patrol Recruit Class and graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy on May 16, 1984. After the Academy, he was assigned to the newly opened Mark Twain Lake in what was then Water Patrol District 5. In July 1986, he was transferred to Water Patrol District 1A/St. Joseph, Missouri (the district was later changed to District 6). He was assigned to work the waterways in Northwest Missouri, which included the Missouri River, Big Lake, Lake

Contrary, Sugar Lake, Bean Lake, Pony Express Lake, and Smithville Lake.

In November 1993, he was promoted to corporal, transferred to Water Patrol District 4, and assigned to Crawford County. In this assignment, he worked the Meramec River, Gasconade River, Huzzah Creek, and Courtois Creek. On December 1, 1996, he was promoted to sergeant and transferred to Water Patrol District 6, Smithville Lake. On July 1, 2008, he was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to Water Patrol General Headquarters as the director of training for the Water Patrol. On January 1, 2011, with the merger of the Water Patrol and Highway Patrol, he was transferred to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Training Division. On July 1, 2013, he was appointed to the position of assistant director of the Training Division. It is from this position that he retires.

Lt. Wulf graduated from South Harrison High School in Bethany, MO, in May 1973. After high school, he joined the U.S. Army and was on active duty for three years as a military policeman. Upon completing his enlistment, he worked for MFA in Bethany for one year. He then attended college at Northwest Missouri State University on the G.I. Bill. He graduated from Northwest in May 1980 with a bachelor's of science in secondary education. He taught industrial arts and coached at South Harrison High School, in Bethany, from 1980 to 1983. From 1982 to 1985, he was a member of the U.S. Naval Reserves and served with the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion (Seabees). He has been married to his wife, Mary, for 37 years. They have one son, Aaron, and a daughter-in-law, Lori, who live in Arlington, VA.

Lt. Wulf was an Academy instructor for 19 years during his career with the Water Patrol. He was an instructor for 10 different Water Patrol Academies. He is a POST generalist instructor and a specialist instructor.

His first Academy was the 25th Water Patrol Academy in 1988, and his last Water Patrol Academy was the 34th, in 2007. He taught report writing, PR-24, aerosol weapons, the monadnock expandable baton, vehicle stop and approach, officer survival skills, general defensive tactics, and other miscellaneous courses throughout his Academy career.

Lt. Wulf's career has seen many highlights. He participated in the John Brown manhunt in 1987. On July 1, 1989, he received a Certificate of Recognition for his rescue of Alan Hensley on the Missouri River. He received a Certificate of Recognition for his assistance in helping to rescue over 300 people on May 15, 1990, during flash flooding along the Big Blue River in Kansas City, MO. He was named the DPS Employee of the Month for September 1990 due to his rescue of Dale King on June 16, 1990, at Nodaway County Lake.

In 1991, he received a scholarship from the PWIA (Personal Watercraft Industry Association) and attended the Indiana River Rescue School in South Bend, IN. He participated in rescue, recovery, and protection missions during the "Flood of 1993" and spent many long hours working during this natural disaster. He was named the NASBLA Missouri Boating Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in 2003. In the spring 2007, he participated in the rescue and evacuation of persons at Big Lake in Holt County. In March 2008, he participated in the rescue and evacuation of people during flash flooding in Southeast Missouri. In 2008, he received a Meritorious Service Citation for his actions in the search for a person who had been swept off of a low water crossing in Clay County on July 4, 2007.

In 2009, Lt. Wulf developed and implemented the Swiftwater Rescue program for the Missouri State Water Patrol. This same program is being used by the Missouri State Highway Patrol to train current troopers and

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other agencies. Lt. Wulf is very proud of the Swiftwater program. He is also very appreciative of the assistance that he has had from current and past instructors, who have helped to implement and teach the Swiftwater class.

In retirement, he plans to stay busy and work another job for a while. He and his wife have plans to do some traveling and visit their son and daughter-in-law in Arlington. He also plans to become a “gentleman farmer.”

Lt. Wulf’s Patrol family is thankful for him and his years of dedicated service. We wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

## Sgt. Dave C. Martin



After more than 31 years of dedicated service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and over 34 years in law enforcement, Sergeant David C. Martin, Q/DDCC, retired effective September 1, 2014.

Dave was born in Fredricktown, MO, grew up near Marquand, MO, and attended Marquand-Zion High School. Dave served his country from 1979 until 1984 with the Missouri Army National Guard as a combat engineer. He worked for the Madison County Sheriff’s Office from 1979 until 1982.

Dave was appointed to the Patrol on January 1, 1983, as a member of the 55th Recruit Class. Dave mentioned the 55th was the last class to wear the old swing holsters with the S&W 66 revolver. Upon graduating, he was assigned to Troop G, Zone 6, Howell, Oregon, and Ozark counties. In September 1994, Dave was promoted to corporal, and was assigned as the assistant zone supervisor or Zone 4, which included Carter and Reynolds counties. While at Troop G, Dave was also assigned as an accident reconstructionist. In April 1996, Dave was assigned to the Division of Drug and Crime Control’s Technical Services Unit. In February 1999, Dave was promoted to sergeant, and in 2002, was assigned as the Technical Services Unit supervisor/Bomb Squad commander, the position from which he retires.

Some of Dave’s memorable assignments include protecting Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama, and Vice Presidents Gore, Cheney, and Biden. In 1995, Dave worked a four-week special assignment with the Kansas City Police Department patrolling South Division with KCPD officers. Dave has been assigned to every governor’s inauguration detail since 1996. He was assigned to the David Tate and John David Brown manhunts, and the Missouri State Fair detail. In 2000, Dave was assigned to the protection detail for the Miss USA Pageant in Branson, MO. Dave commented the Miss USA Pageant was one of his tougher assignments.

Dave is currently the Mid-States Chapter treasurer of the National Technical Investigators Association. He is a recipient of the Thomas J. Soltow award, and volunteers as staff for the National Training conference. Dave is a past state chapter president of the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators. Dave also holds memberships in the International Society of Explosive Engineers and the Kansas-Missouri Bomb Technician Working Group.

Dave has served multiple terms as the GHQ chapter president of the Missouri State Troopers Association

In August 1982, Dave married Patricia Eddleman. They are the parents of three daughters.

Dave looks forward to spending more time with family, traveling, and studying history and anything technological. Dave holds an amateur extra radio license, and retirement will provide him time to indulge his hobbies of amateur radio, photography, and hunting.

Dave you will be missed, but all your coworkers and friends in DDCC wish you and Patricia a long and enjoyable retirement.

## Sgt. Dave H. Mease



After more than 29 years of dedicated service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Sergeant David H. Mease retired effective September 1, 2014.

Dave was born in Springfield, MO, and grew up south of there in Reeds Spring, MO. He graduated from Reeds Spring High School in 1976. After high school, he worked for several years in agriculture, transportation, and construction-related jobs.

Dave was appointed to the Patrol in September 1985. Upon graduating from the Academy, he was assigned to

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Troop F, Boonville. In January 1992, he gained a dedicated partner and generally all-around good sidekick named "Argo." Argo was a 65-pound, light-red and tan, German shepherd who served faithfully with Dave for seven years. Prior to service with the Patrol, Argo had been a Czechoslovakian border dog.

Together, they worked as part of Troop F's criminal interdiction team, primarily along the Interstate 70 corridor, and were responsible for countless seizures of contraband, including approximately 9,000 pounds of marijuana and 160 kilos of cocaine. In addition to contraband seizures, Argo was responsible for the seizure of currencies derived from illegal activity totaling \$500,000, apprehending numerous fugitives from justice, and many educational presentations to youth and civic groups. Argo was retired from service to the state in September 1997, and lived with Dave for his remaining three years.

In December 1992, during his time in the canine program, Dave was promoted to the rank of corporal. In August 1997, he was appointed as the supervisor of the Troop F Criminal Interdiction Team. He also served as a sniper and sniper team leader for the Troop F SWAT team for 14 years. While serving with SWAT, he earned the distinction of being the only "door gunner" used by the Patrol's Aircraft Division. The title, although bestowed in somewhat of a tongue-in-cheek manner, was the result of a very serious incident that occurred in May 1994, when he and two Patrol pilots, in helicopter 90MP, were fired upon by two murder suspects as the pilot attempted to use the aircraft to forcibly stop the suspect's vehicle.

In May 2001, Dave transferred into the Gaming Division and was assigned to the Ameristar Casino in Kansas City, MO. When Isle of Capri Boonville came online in December 2001, he was reassigned to that property. He served on the enforcement

team at the Boonville casino until July 2004, when he returned to road duty in Zone 7, Cooper County. In October 2007, he was assigned as the assistant supervisor of that zone and remained in that position until June 2010, when he transferred to the Division of Drug and Crime Control, Rural Crimes Unit.

Dave's knowledge and experience in agriculture made him a natural fit and a valuable asset to that unit. He traveled a wide area of the state frequenting sale barns and grain elevators, investigating theft and fraud activity affecting the agricultural community. In December 2012, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and remained in that assignment until his retirement.

Thank you, Dave, for your years of dedicated service. Enjoy your retirement!

## Sgt. Dave M. Markham



After more than 37 years of dedicated service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Sergeant David M. Markham retired effective September 1, 2014.

Dave was born in East St. Louis, IL, and grew up in Van Buren, MO. He attended High School in Van Buren. David graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice in 1977.

Dave was hired by the Patrol on June 1, 1977, as a commercial motor vehicle inspector assigned to Weigh Station E-3 West in Caruthersville, MO. He entered the Academy on June 1, 1978, as a member of the 47th Recruit Class. Upon graduating, he was assigned to Troop E, Zone 5, where he worked New Madrid and Pemiscot counties, and resided in Caruthersville.

Dave transferred to Troop E, Zone 3, on November 1, 1980, which served the citizens of Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, and Scott counties. Dave was promoted to corporal on June 1, 1990, and designated assistant zone commander of Zone 4, which served the citizens of Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, and Scott counties. During this time, he maintained his residence in Lutesville, MO. Dave was promoted to sergeant on November 1, 1991, designated as zone commander of Zone 7, and resided in Sikeston, MO. Zone 7 serves the citizens of New Madrid, Mississippi, and Scott counties.

During his career, Dave attended several Missouri State Fairs and numerous schools and classes. He served as an EVOG, red handle, and PR 24 police baton instructor. Dave was assigned to the 1999 National Governors Convention in St. Louis, MO; the Jerome Mallet manhunt; The Covenant, The Sword, and The Arm of the Lord standoff; the Hells Angels motorcycle rally; and the Caruthersville tornado details.

Dave retired on September 1, 2010, after serving 20 years in the United States Naval Reserve. At the time of his retirement, he was master-at-arms chief petty officer. Dave was assigned to the security department of the Naval Base in the Kingdom of Bahrain in the Middle East. He was mobilized and deployed to Bahrain in 2001 and again in 2006.

On October 28, 1980, Dave married Randy Sue Richardson. Randy is a Troop E driver examiner supervisor. Randy retired at the same time as

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## — Markham

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Dave. The Markhams are members of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Sikeston. They have one daughter, Stephanie Brown, and one son, Joseph Markham. Stephanie, her husband, Rusty, and their two children, Spencer and Molly, live in Jackson, MO. Joseph lives in Van Buren, MO, and has a son, Ethan. Dave and Randy are looking forward to traveling after retirement, but also plan to have plenty of “grandchildren time.”

Thank you for your years of service, Dave. Enjoy your retirement!

## DE Sprv. Randy S. Markham



On September 1, 2014, Troop E Driver Examiner Supervisor Randy Sue Markham retired after serving with the Missouri State Highway Patrol for nearly 21 years.

Randy began her career with the Patrol on January 1, 1993. Upon her employment, she and her husband, Troop E Sergeant David (Dave) Markham, became the first couple employed by the Patrol to be assigned to Troop E. Randy's first assignment was the Cape Girardeau (MO) traveling crew as a Driver Examiner I. She was promoted to Driver Examiner II on July 1, 1993, and to Driver Exam-

iner III on April 1, 1996. In April 1998, Randy was promoted to driver examiner supervisor, taking a position on the Kennett (MO) traveling crew for a short time before returning to service in Cape Girardeau in September of that same year. On June 1, 2004, Randy was assigned to lead the Malden (MO) traveling crew. She supervised there until May 2006, at which time she took the opportunity to work closer to home, as supervisor of the crew covering Cape Girardeau, Charleston, MO, and Sikeston, MO.

During her years with the Patrol, Randy served seven counties in Southeast Missouri. She served as a supervisor for 16 years. Much of this time was spent as the senior supervisor, serving as a mentor to the Troop E examiners and assisting the chief examiner with management duties. In addition to her driver examination duties, Randy also assisted the Motor Vehicle Inspection Division with vehicle and school bus inspections.

Randy is the daughter of the late Elmer H. Richardson and Betty J. Branum. She is a native of Deering, MO, and graduated from Caruthersville (MO) High School. Randy was working at the Caruthersville Housing Authority when she met her husband, Dave, who was a trooper stationed in Pemiscot County. Randy and Dave were married on January 28, 1980. Randy and Dave moved to Marble Hill, MO, when Dave transferred to Bollinger County in 1980, and then to Sikeston in 1991, when Dave was promoted to sergeant and stationed in Scott County.

Dave and Randy have one daughter, Stephanie Brown, and one son, Joseph Markham. Stephanie, her husband, Rusty, and their two children, Spencer and Molly, live in Jackson, MO. Joseph lives in Van Buren, MO. Joseph has a son, Ethan. Randy and her husband are members of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Sikeston.

Randy became interested in the Patrol after having been part of the Patrol family, as a trooper's wife, for 13

years. She thought it seemed like an interesting job. Randy's favorite part of the job has always been the interaction with the public and meeting interesting people. She is known as a caring “people” person, who always did what she could to help anyone and everyone.

Randy's affiliation with the Patrol has provided many interesting opportunities. In July 2000, Randy was invited to participate in the filming of Arrest & Trial, a syndicated nontraditional court television show which documented actual criminal cases using both reenactments and real trial footage. The show was filmed in Benton, MO, and hosted by Brian Dennehy. Randy's acting debut was as a juror, shocked by statements from the accused.

After retirement, Randy and Dave plan to travel and get in a lot more “grandchildren time.”

## DE III Carmen L. Bailey



On June 30, 2014, Driver Examiner III Carmen L. Bailey, retired after 27 years of service in Troop C.

Carmen began her 27-year career with the Patrol in 1987, as a fingerprint technician at General Headquarters in Jefferson City, MO. In 1990, Carmen moved to St. Louis, MO, and started

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## — Bailey

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her career as a driver examiner in Ferguson, MO. Throughout her career, she worked in the South Kingshighway Driver Examination Station, the Jennings DE Station, and finished her career at the St. Charles DE Station.

Carmen was born in St. Louis, and grew up in the Richmond Heights, MO, area. She attended and graduated from Maplewood Richmond Heights Senior High School in 1978. After high school, she attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City, studying to be a home economics teacher. Shortly after her college studies, Carmen worked in the House of Representatives in Jefferson City as an administrative assistant to State Rep. O.L. Shelton. After a short stint there, she moved to the Secretary of State's office as a file clerk.

Carmen has two grown children, George Tyus, of Texas, and Lamar Tyus, who lives in Jefferson City.

Carmen said on her last day here at Troop C, "I had a great time with the Patrol and I am so glad I was able to see this special day." She said she loves the security the Patrol offered to her over the span of her career. She plans on spending more time with her grandkids and riding her motorcycle (which she made clear to me was a "TRIKE" named "Mista"!)

We here at Troop C wish Carmen a long, healthy retirement, and thank her for her dedication to a career in helping keep our roadways safe by working with the new drivers of Missouri. Good luck, Carmen!

“To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.”

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Aircraft Division Gets WET

*By Sgt. Jeff Noack, Q/AD*

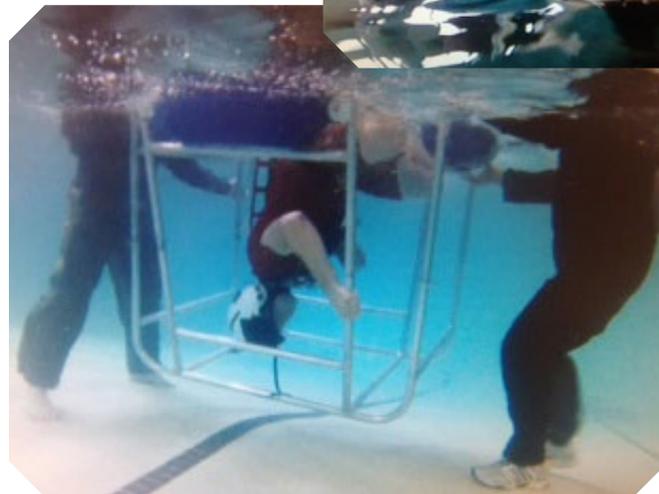
During the months of June and July 2014, members of the Aircraft Division completed in-house survival training in the Water Egress Trainer or WET. The WET is an underwater escape trainer with a generic fuselage section representing an aircraft cockpit. It is complete with a crew seat and seat belts, communication connections, and a full-size, detachable door.

Sergeant David C. Dinges, Q/AD, and Corporal Dustin T. Metzner, Q/AD, both Patrol pilots, provided the water egress education, which included topics such as bracing for impact, unlatching cabin doors, and finding reference points prior to impact with the water. The reference points are used to help the crew successfully orient themselves in a dark and inverted aircraft in order to find a usable opening for quick egress.

To achieve this training, a crew of operators and an underwater safety officer communicate with the crew member in the WET. When procedures are confirmed, the WET is inverted to replicate the aircraft's actions after a water landing. The safety officer observes the inverted crew member while underwater and verifies he/she follows proper egress procedures. Other challenges, such as blocked doors, are practiced.

This water training was conducted for division pilots and tactical flight officers. Statistical information about water landings indicates a helicopter will (if initially upright) roll to an inverted position, potentially trapping crew members. Thus, the crew members could survive the impact only to drown while attempting to exit. WET training teaches survival skills and strategies to use after a forced landing in water, and builds confidence in one's ability to exit an aircraft in water situations.

*Cpl. Dustin Metzner (center) prepares to undergo WET training under the supervision of Capt. David K. Striegel (l) and Tpr. Dustin L. Braynard (r). Sgt. Dan P. Wahnoutka (far right) acted as the safety officer during the exercise.*



*Cpl. Dustin Metzner (in cage) experiences Water Egress Training with Capt. David K. Striegel (l) and Tpr. Dustin L. Braynard (r) operating the apparatus.*

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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**Laverne L. Baker**  
Quality Control  
Clerk II  
Q/PRD

*Retired September 1, 2014.  
26 years, 11 months of dedicated  
service.*



**Kevin L. Creed**  
CIT III  
Q/ICTD

*Retired September 1, 2014.  
Five years, six months of dedicated  
service.*



**Jacqueline E. Childs**  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop C

*Retired September 1, 2014.  
19 years, five months of dedicated  
service.*



**Michael L. Frerer**  
CVO Sprv. II  
Troop D

*Retired September 1, 2014.  
36 years of dedicated service.*



**Shirley A. Frerer**  
DE III  
Troop D

*Retired September 1, 2014  
17 years, six months of dedicated  
service.*



**John F. Harrison**  
Trooper  
Q/GD

*Retired September 1, 2014.  
29 years of dedicated service.*



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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**Allan C. Heseman**  
Sergeant  
Q/RDD

*Retired September 1, 2014.  
34 years of dedicated service.*



**Cheryl A. Jaegers**  
Information Analyst II  
Q/PRD

*Retired September 1, 2014.  
30 years, 10 months of dedicated  
service.*



**Barbara A. Kidwell**  
Admin. Office  
Support Asst.  
Troop A

*Retired September 1, 2014.  
26 years, 10 months of  
dedicated service.*



**Joy A. Sweigart**  
CJIS Technician III  
Q/CJISD

*Retired September 1, 2014.  
15 years, nine months of dedicated  
service.*



**Edward W.  
Wagganer**  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II  
Troop C

*Retired September 1, 2014.  
Nine years of dedicated service.*



**Ted E. Wilkins**  
CVE Inspector III  
Troop D

*Retired September 1, 2014.  
11 years of dedicated service.*



# Patrol Names Chuck Drury Honorary Trooper

By Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C

The American Heritage Dictionary defines a “friend” as a person whom one knows, likes, and trusts ... a person with whom one is allied in a struggle or cause, one who supports. This definition describes the friendship the Missouri State Highway Patrol has with Mr. Charles “Chuck” Drury.

On June 24, 2014, the Missouri State Highway Patrol bestowed Mr. Drury with the highest honor it awards a citizen – the Honorary Trooper Award. The ceremony, held at Troop C, Weldon Spring, was attended by numerous Troop C officers, including Captain Ronald S. Johnson, commanding officer, and his staff. Major Tim McDonald, Q/Staff, Captain J. Tim Hull, Q/PIED, and Lt. John J. Hotz, Q/PIED, also attended the ceremony. Colonel Ronald K. Replogle and Lieutenant Colonel Sandra K. Karsten made a special appearance to present Mr. Drury with a plaque, making him the 406th Honorary Trooper in Missouri. They also presented him with the first ever shadow box given to an Honorary Trooper, containing a class A uniform, complete with Sam Browne belt, holster, color brass, and name plate with his name and new title engraved on it.

Mr. Drury attended and graduated as a member of Troop C’s 2005 Community Alliance Program. Since the fall 2005, he has become a true friend of the Patrol and has donated time and resources to the organization. His generosity has been an inspiration to many officers across the great state of Missouri. The Missouri State Highway Patrol is proud to welcome Mr. Drury to the family as a brother, “trooper,” and above all, a friend!



(l to r) Mr. Chuck Drury listens as Col. Ron Replogle presents a special shadow box to him in appreciation for his assistance to the Patrol. Lt. Col. Sandy Karsten and Lt. John Hotz helped with the presentation.

## Thank You

On behalf of the Mitchell family, we would like to extend our deepest appreciation for your support after the passing of my father in May of this year. In particular, I would like to thank Colonel Ron K. Replogle, Lt. Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, Major J. Bret Johnson, Major Duane L. Robinson, and Captain James W. Remillard; along with Capt. Remillard’s staff and troopers who attended and assisted with traffic following the service. Words cannot express our humble gratitude that these people took the time to be present at the services in Rolla, MO, especially on Memorial Day weekend.

A very special “thank you” to all those responsible for over \$2,000 in memorial contributions to The MASTERS in the name of Gene Mitchell.

*Mr. Doug Mitchell & family  
The MASTERS*

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the kind words, prayers, flowers, and cards we received following the loss of my father, David Earl Reuter.

*Tpr. Dale R. Reuter, Troop H*

*To my MSHP family:*  
Words can’t express how thankful my family and I are for all the cards and prayers following the death of my grandma. My family was amazed at the outpouring of support and I am so blessed to work for such a wonderful organization. Thank you.

*Mr. Keith & Asst. Chief Oper.  
Melissa A. Swinford & family  
Troop H*

Thank you for the calls, texts, cards, and prayers after the death of my dad. Thanks to all who took time away from your family to attend the funeral service. Your kindness helped me through a difficult time.

*Lt. Jon C. Pruiett  
Troop E*

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and condolences that were extended to me and my family following the loss of my grandfather, Harold Dugger. Your kind words and thoughts were greatly appreciated during this time.

*Sincerely,  
Account Clerk III Chelsea  
Countryman & family  
Troop A*

# Deaths

## L. Faye Sandlin



L. Faye Sandlin, 72, of Poplar Bluff, MO, died on July 14, 2014, at her home. Faye was born on July 3, 1942, to the late Harvey and Elizabeth Dickens in Chelyan, WV. On Jan. 8, 1959, she married Lorenzo Lee Sandlin in Broseley, MO. He preceded her in death July 29, 2004. She was a long-time resident of Poplar Bluff, and a member of the Highland Drive Church of Christ. Faye enjoyed crafts and spending time with family and friends. She was employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a housekeeper.

Faye is survived by three sons, Lorenzo Sandlin and Keith Sandlin, both of Poplar Bluff, and Kevin Sandlin, of Windsor, MO; two brothers, Raymond Dickens, of Peytona, WV, and Roger Dickens, of Franklin, IN; two sisters, Zola McGriff, of Vidor, TX, and Joyce Muthart, of Ravenswood, WV; nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Faye was preceded in death by one son, Willie Sandlin; one brother, Willis Dickens; and one grandson, Matthew Ryan Sandlin.

Visitation occurred on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at Fitch-Hillis Funeral Chapel. The funeral service followed in the chapel. Brother Keith Sandlin officiated. Burial followed in City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's

Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

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

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## Christian T. "Chris" Ricks



Retired Captain Christian T. "Chris" Ricks, 65, of Jefferson City, MO, died on Monday, August 18, 2014, at the University Hospital, Columbia, MO. Chris was born November 12, 1948, in St. Charles, MO, the son of O'Garlan C. and Kathryn G. Trescott Ricks. He was married on August 4, 1979, in Libertyville, MO, to Bonnie S. Steinbach.

Chris was a 1966 graduate of Elsberry High School and a 1970 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia with a degree in economics. In 1976, he graduated from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO, with a master's of science degree in criminal justice.

Chris joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol on May 1, 1971, and was assigned to Troop C in Jefferson County. From 1973 until 1978, and from 1981 until 1989, he was assigned to the Executive Security Unit, later named the Governor's Security Divi-

sion, and moved to Jefferson City during that time. Throughout his remaining years on the Highway Patrol, he worked as the assistant director of the Personnel Division (1989 – 1994), as the assistant director of the Training Division (1994 -1998), and as the assistant director and then director of the Public Information and Education Division (1998 – 2006). Chris was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1983, the rank of lieutenant in 1988, and the rank of captain in 2000, the rank he held until his retirement on August 1, 2006.

From 2006 until 2010, he was a contract consultant for the Missouri Information Analysis Center. He was a contract consultant for the Center for Educational Safety, an instructor for Northwest University in their Center for Public Safety, and a criminal justice instructor at Columbia College.

He was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church and an active member of Wesley United Methodist Church. At the church, he served as camp director and was active in the Missouri East Annual Conference and the Missouri East Walk to Emmaus.

Chris was a member and past president of the Sunrise Optimist Club and past lieutenant governor of Optimist International. He served on the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Committee and on the board of directors of Boys State. He served on the executive board of the Missouri State Troopers Association and the American Association of State Troopers. He was a member and past chairman of the First Financial Credit Union board of directors, formerly known as the Jefferson City Highway Credit Union, and served on the Jefferson City Police Personnel Board. Chris was also a member of the Jefferson Lodge No. 43, A.F. & A.M.

Chris was an active supporter of Jefferson City Jays athletics being involved in football and track. He was actively involved in Boy Scouts of

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America attaining the rank of star as a youth and serving as an adult leader of Boy Scout Troop 2.

Survivors include: his wife of 35 years, Bonnie Ricks; one daughter, Andrea L. Ricks Young, of Sedalia, MO; one son, Christian T. “Scott” Ricks II and his fiancée, Beth Rudder, of Kansas City, MO; one granddaughter, Elizabeth K. Young; his mother, Kathryn Ricks, of Elsberry, MO; one brother, Allen Ricks, of Manchester, MO; one sister, Carol Ricks, of Jefferson City; his mother-in-law, Dorothy Steinbach, of Jefferson City; his brother-in-law, Tom Lawson, of Farmington, MO; his sister-in-law, Melba Steinbach, of Cape Girardeau, MO; one niece, Joy Lawson, of Kansas City; and one nephew, Dennis Lawson, of Farmington.

He was preceded in death by his father, O’Garlan Ricks; his father-in-law, Oswald Steinbach; his sister-in-law, Diane Lawson; and his brother-in-law, Glenn Steinbach.

Visitation took place Friday, August 22, 2014, and Saturday, August 23, 2014. Funeral services took place Saturday, August 23, 2014, at Wesley United Methodist Church, with the Reverend Thomas Vansant officiating. Interment followed at Riverview Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Freeman Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Wesley United Methodist Church to be used for several of Chris’ favorite charities including camp scholarships through the church, Special Olympics, and The MASTERS program.

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

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## Mitchel E. Threlkeld



Mitchel “Mitch” Elijah Threlkeld, 91, of Poplar Bluff, MO, died Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at the Missouri Veteran’s Home in Cape Girardeau, MO.

Mr. Threlkeld was born July 29, 1923, in Naylor, MO, to the late George Carlis and Eula Belle Cope Threlkeld. He was a graduate of Doniphan High School Class of 1942 and attended Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. He proudly served his country from 1944 to 1946 as a medic in the U.S. Army during WWII in France. On December 30, 1947, he married Betty Davis in Poplar Bluff. She survives. He retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a driver examiner.

Mr. Threlkeld was a member of First Christian Church in Poplar Bluff, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #179. He enjoyed going to flea markets, gardening, working in his yard, playing golf, and baseball with his sons, playing cards, country music, square dancing, and serving as a scoutmaster.

Other survivors include three children: Janice Duffy, of Poplar Bluff, Robert Mitchel Threlkeld (and his wife, Bobbie), of Sherwood, AR, and Steven Davis Threlkeld (and his wife, Jana), of Dallas, TX; six grandchildren: Melissa Gooden, Laura Devorak (and her husband, Kevin), Jennifer Threlkeld, Eric Threlkeld (and his wife, Allie), Andrew Threlkeld (and his wife, Katherine), and Hannah Threlkeld; eight great-

grandchildren: Jordan Gooden, Caleb Gooden, Johnathan Ball, Hunter Devorak, Destiny Paul, Brookelyn Anderson, Wyatt Anderson, and Molly Threlkeld; a great-great-granddaughter, Kylee Devorak; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

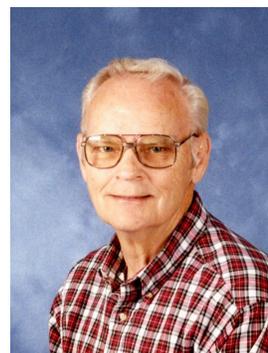
A brother, Champ Threlkeld, an infant brother, an infant sister, four other sisters, Edith West, Ann Potter, Ethel Collins, and Virginia Strickland, and son-in-law, David Duffy, preceded Mr. Threlkeld in death.

Visitation occurred on Friday, August 22, 2014, at First Christian Church in Poplar Bluff. The funeral service took place August 23, 2014, at First Christian Church, with the Rev. Jeffrey Hammonds officiating. Burial with full military honors followed in the Poplar Bluff City Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Men’s Bible Class at First Christian Church, 1601 N. Main, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

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

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## Leonard J. Schmid



Leonard Joseph Schmid, 81, of Jefferson City, died on Friday, August 22, 2014, at Heisinger Bluffs. He was born on December 18, 1932, in Bonnots Mill, MO, a son of the late Joseph J. and

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Opal L. (Bonnot) Schmid. On April 25, 1956, Leonard was united in marriage in Tunica, MS, to Carolyn Ann Terror, who preceded him in death on April 23, 2005.

Leonard graduated from Loose Creek High School in 1950. He served as a corporal in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955. He worked for the Kroger and Schulte's grocery stores in the 1950s. He worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol in the Identification and Records Unit from April 1958 until his retirement in January 1986. After his retirement, he did upholstery work out of his home.

He was a member of the American Legion and a Golden Eagle with the

Fraternal Order of the Eagles. He enjoyed playing cards with his family and friends, bingo, and helping others fix things. Leonard had a natural talent of being able to fix almost anything.

He is survived by his nine siblings: Arbell Vogel, Dorothy Welch (and her husband, Don), Emma Bonnot, Vera Gerling (and her husband, Don), all of Jefferson City, Donald Schmid (and his wife, Patsy), of Linn, MO, Irene Muenks (and her husband, Ronald), of St. Martins, MO, Ann Groner (and her husband, David), of Berger, MO, Hilda Eichholz (and her husband, Leon), of Wardville, MO, and Ruth Miles (and her husband, Albert), of Indian Creek; 42 nieces and nephews; and numerous great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and friends. He also was preceded in death by one sister: Rosemarie Duden-

hoeffer; and four brothers-in-law: Julius Vogel, Louis Bonnot, Richard LeCuru, and Bernard Dudenhoeffer.

Friends were received on Monday, August 25, 2014, at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home, which also included a prayer service. A mass of Christian burial occurred on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, at Cathedral of St. Joseph with Fr. Christopher Aubuchon officiating. Interment followed in the Hawthorn Memorial Gardens. Houser-Millard Funeral Directors directed the funeral arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the SSM Hospice or the charity of the donor's choice.

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

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## Sympathy

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

Ret. Clerk Typist III Nancy J. Reed - husband  
 Director Bill E. Marbaker III (Q/CLD) - sister  
 Recruit Andrew W. Marbaker (Q/TND) - aunt  
 Sgt. S. Neal Foster (G) - grandfather  
 Asst. Chief Oper. Melissa A. Swinford (H) - grandmother  
 Ret. Sgt. Richard W. Lindsay - father  
 Tpr. Larry L. Ray (D) - father  
 Tpr. Alex R. Vivas (Q/DDCC) - father  
 Sgt. Jeff L. White (Q/DDCC) - father  
 Sgt. Scott E. Rawson (Q/DDCC) - mother  
 Tpr. Levi E. Rawson (D) - grandmother  
 Cpl. Jessie C. Phillips (Q/GD) - mother  
 Comm. Oper. II Cassie M. Sinden (I) - grandmother  
 Ret. Chief Telecom. Eng. David N. Colgrove - mother  
 Sgt. Tom B. Ziegler (H) - father-in-law

Sgt. Gara N. Howard (H) - grandmother  
 Cpl. Tom R. Walley (Q/RDD) - mother  
 Cpl. James A. Wilson (E) - father  
 Comm. Oper. I Patricia J. Limbaugh (E) - father  
 Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Randy W. Grant (E) - mother  
 DE III Bill W. Grant (E) - mother  
 Ret. Auto. Tech. III Jim H. Ellis - brother-in-law  
 Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. I Brad D. Johnson (A) - father  
 CITS I Amanda E. Libbert (Q/ICTD) - grandmother  
 Ret. Prog./Analyst Mgr. Eileen R. Brune - mother  
 Sgt. Heath A. Sears (Q/FOB) - father  
 Lt. Jon C. Pruiett (E) - father  
 Ret. Lt. Eldon E. Wulf - grandmother  
 DE III Donna S. Henman (H) - father-in-law  
 Sgt. Keith L. Lichay (C) - mother  
 Sgt. Phil D. Hoffman (Q/GD) - sister  
 Account Clerk III Chelsea M. Countryman (A) - grandfather

Ret. Insurance Clerk Evelyn M. Borgmeyer - father  
 Ret. Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Shirley R. Talken - father  
 Tpr. Nick J. Borgmeyer (F) - grandfather  
 Lt. Brian N. Anderson (B) - grandfather-in-law  
 Tpr. Josey J. Long (D) - father  
 Ret. Lt. Bob E. Zubeck - wife  
 Lt. Steve P. Davis (I) - brother-in-law  
 Ret. DE Sprv. I David L. Mears - brother  
 Clerk Typist III Marilyn J. Gilmore (H) - uncle  
 Comm. Oper. III Kathy Y. Simpson (H) - sister  
 Cpl. Roger A. Myers (D) - father  
 Tpr. Thomas J. Black (H) - grandfather  
 Comm. Oper. II Eric B. Douglas (D) - father  
 Clerk Typist III Nita M. Douglas (D) - father-in-law  
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## Branson Recognizes America's Hometown Heroes

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The Branson/Lakes Area hosted its first salute to America's Hometown Heroes from June 13-21, 2014. Branson has always been known for honoring veterans, but community leaders and state representatives felt a need to recognize law enforcement in a similar fashion. This week-long series of events paid tribute to active and retired law enforcement personnel, including their families, and honored those who serve and protect. Throughout the duration of the law enforcement week, America's heroes enjoyed many activities and could take advantage of special offers and discounts provided at local businesses and attractions. Some of the events included a golf tournament, motorcycle rodeo, 5K walk/run, barbecue, concert, and a banquet with Mr. Gordon Graham, a nationally-recognized speaker. Sponsors included: Bass Pro Shops, Silver Dollar City, Missouri State Troopers Association, Dixie Stampede, Empire Electric, and the Presley's Country Jubilee, among others.

One of the America's Hometown Heroes events was a police motorcycle training/competition with a grueling 700-cone, timed, agility course in Walmart's parking lot. Motorcycle troopers and policemen from Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma participated.

The competition was fierce, but sportsmanship among the officers was outstanding.

Corporal Steve M. Salfrank, Troop A, took first place in his division and later won the grand prize—the coveted "Top Gun" award.

*Listed are the results of the competition:*

### Division I

*1st Place* — Corporal Steve Salfrank, Troop A, with a course time of 2 minutes, 44 seconds.

*2nd Place* — Sergeant Dave Rudloff, Troop F, with a course time of 2 minutes, 57 seconds.

*3rd Place* — Officer Chris Chamber, Broken Arrow (OK) Police Department, with a course time of 3 minutes, 16 seconds.

### Division II

*1st Place* — Corporal Trey Hargus, Fayetteville (AR) Police Department, with a course time of 2 minutes, 46 seconds.

*2nd Place* — Officer Corey Waters, Joplin (MO) Police Department with a course time of 2 minutes, 52 seconds.

*3rd Place* — Corporal Dan Haskins, Joplin (MO) Police Department, with a course time of 2 minutes, 53 seconds.

### Top Gun Award Winner

Corporal Steve Salfrank with a course time of 2 minutes, 43 seconds. (For this part of the competition, there was no practice run and competitors completed the course backward.)

Troop D's color guard (Sgt. Jeff B. Johnson, Tpr. Joe Drum, Tpr. Kotter J. Kasischke, Sgt. M. Travis Polodna, and Tpr. Tony Sandoval) presented the colors during the opening ceremony of the America's Hometown Heroes event at Branson Landing. Cpl. John Lueckenoff, sang "God Bless America," and Colonel Ron Replogle spoke at the ceremony.

The America's Hometown Heroes is expected to become an annual tribute to law enforcement. As a matter of fact, the 2nd Annual America's Hometown Heroes event is scheduled for June 14-20, 2015, in Branson. Additional information, registration, and sponsorship can be found at [www.bransonsalutes.com](http://www.bransonsalutes.com).