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“Over 80 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION”



From the Staff ...

Major Malik A. Henderson
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On November 3, 2015, the Missouri State Highway Patrol celebrated 50 years of diversity. It was 1965 when the first black trooper completed his Academy training. This celebration was an opportunity to recognize the importance of a diverse organization. Captain Roger D. Whittler, Q/CRD, was absolutely correct when he said, "This ceremony represents a way for us to look at our past, to connect with current and former employees and friends, and gather for our future recruitment."

The Patrol was honored to reconnect with Mr. David McPherson, the event's keynote speaker, and his family at the diversity celebration. Mr. McPherson provided us with a picture of his determination and the challenges he faced in 1965 to become Missouri's first black trooper. An article in this issue shares some of Mr. McPherson's remarks. I encourage you to take time to reflect upon his remarks and ask yourself how you can make a difference. How can you make this agency stronger? It's important that all of us help the Patrol reach the best candidates for openings within the agency, especially minorities and females. Working together, we can spread the word about the opportunities in this agency, both civilian and member.

We were pleased to see retirees and friends of the agency attend the diversity celebration. I would be remiss if I did not mention Ms. Bridget Hug, one of the first female troopers (43rd Recruit Class), attended. Her determination helped open the doors of the Academy for the female troopers who followed. We were honored with her presence.

Another article I want to direct your attention to was written by Mr. McPherson's son. The article reminds us that each of us will leave a legacy. That article is also an important read. You will leave a legacy. What you do or don't do will determine what your legacy is.

Cover

DPS Director Lane Roberts congratulates Tpr. Chelsey B. Nelson. (inset) Judge Paul C. Wilson congratulates Tpr. Adam D. Martin after the new trooper signed his Oath of Office. Judge Wilson administered the oath to the 101st Recruit Class during the ceremony.

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Social Media Snapshot

The trooper Dianna referred to was Sergeant J. Joe Rongey, Troop H. He is a living example of the Patrol's core values.

A Community United



Colonel J. Bret Johnson hosted clergy from Jefferson City, Columbia, and Poplar Bluff, to discuss minority and recruiting issues in law enforcement. In addition, the group is planning unity services in Columbia and St. Louis similar to the one held in Poplar Bluff last fall.

Night Flight Locates Missing Woman

By Cpl. Chad Clark, Q/AD

At 11:12 p.m. on June 27, 2015, Troop B officers responded to assist with a search for a missing elderly female from Clifton Hill, MO. The female had last been seen at her residence hours earlier, and her vehicle was missing. It was reported the missing female was suffering from a medical condition. Troop B officers Sgt. Nick D. Berry, Cpl. Kyle E. Easley, Tpr. Matt J. Lewis, and Tpr. Bruce E. Thoman, joined officers with the Randolph County Sheriff's Department, Chariton County Sheriff's Department, and Moberly Police Department to search for the missing female. After a report of a car horn honking in the area near the missing subject's residence, officers narrowed their search to an area near the residence.

At 1:15 a.m. on June 28, 2015, the Aircraft Division was contacted and requested to respond to the area with a FLIR equipped helicopter. Lt. Mike Hargus and Cpl. Chad C. Clark served as pilot and tactical flight officer, respectively, and flew 93MP from Jefferson City to the search area in Chariton County. Once there, the crew contacted Sgt. Berry, who informed the crew about the car horn honking from somewhere west of the residence. Lt. Hargus and Cpl. Clark began searching the area with FLIR, and after some time, Lt. Hargus observed through night vision goggles what he believed to be car lights flashing. Cpl. Clark located the vehicle with FLIR in a field along a tree line some distance west of the house. The vehicle matched the

description of the missing female's vehicle.

Officers on the ground were directed to that location. With use of the helicopter's spotlight and night vision goggles, Lt. Hargus and Cpl. Clark were able to guide officers to the vehicle. The first to arrive at the vehicle was Cpl. Easley, who had walked around a half mile on foot, and shortly after he arrived members of the sheriff's department arrived via UTV. The missing female was located uninjured in the vehicle. Lt. Hargus and Cpl. Clark again used night vision goggles to guide the officers and the UTV with the female to the other side of the property, where her family was waiting near her residence.

Excellent work, Troop B and Aircraft Division!

MSHP Completes Gold Standard CALEA Assessment



In August 2015, a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. examined all aspects of Missouri State Highway Patrol policies and procedures, management, and operations and support services. The assessors, Ms. Susan Maycock, of Georgetown, Canada, and Mr. David Dishong, of Lincoln, NE, spent four days reviewing files, conducting internal and external interviews, and inspecting a troop headquarters. The assessors also conducted a public forum to receive feedback. Pictured with Ms. Maycock and Mr. Dishong are members of the Patrol's Command Staff: (l to r, front row) Col. J. Bret Johnson, Lt. Col. Sandra K. Karsten, Q/ASO, Major Sarah L. Eberhard, Q/TSB; (l to r, back row) Major Gregory D. Kindle, Q/SSB, Major Malik A. Henderson, Q/ASB, Major Kemp A. Shoun, Q/ESB, Major Gregory K. Smith, Q/FOB.

Mr. Craig Hartley (CALEA executive director, Capt. Rex M. Scism, Q/RDD, Lt. Col. Sandra K. Karsten, Q/ASO, Sgt. Jeffrey L. Coulson, Q/RDD, and Mr. Richard W. Myers (CALEA chairperson and current chief of police in Newport News, VA) are pictured after the CALEA Fall Conference in Miami, FL. The Patrol successfully completed a gold standard assessment process in 2015. The agency has maintained its accredited status since 1992.



BELOW 100: HONORING THE FALLEN BY TRAINING THE LIVING

(Editor's note: This is part one of the article being reprinted with permission from LAW and ORDER, August 2015. Our sincerest appreciation to Mr. Stockton for sharing his article with us.)

By Dale Stockton

Below 100 is a common sense approach to officer safety that has now been underway for four years. Although the training has been delivered in most states, there are still many law enforcement professionals who are either unfamiliar with the program or have misconceptions about what the program stands for. This article will provide an overview from the genesis of Below 100 through the latest developments.

THE BEGINNING

Below 100 got its start when a group of trainers met at a restaurant during the International 2010 Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA) conference. One of the people at the table, Travis Yates, said words to the effect of, "If we could just get officers to slow down, wear their seat belts, and clear intersections, we could really drive down line-of-duty deaths in this country."

A rather intense discussion followed as to what could actually be done regarding the "low-hanging fruit" of officer safety. Specifically, the areas under an officer's control and not those attributable to a determined bad guy. I left that table believing the topic was worth exploring, but I was skeptical, because, like many, I thought most line-of-duty-deaths (LODDs) were due to a committed assailant and not related to an officer's own actions. Nonetheless, I was motivated to take a closer look.

Over the course of the next month, I read through thousands of LODD

summaries on the Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP.org) and engaged with some of the trainers who were part of the original restaurant conversation along with others who were interested in the topic. A clear picture began to emerge as to areas that were disproportionately responsible for predictable, and therefore preventable, LODD losses. Those areas: seat belt use, not wearing body armor, exces-

sive speed, lack of situational awareness, and complacency. The evidence and magnitude of preventable losses were so compelling that I assumed there must be an existing effort underway to address these issues. At the time, I was the editor of another law enforcement trade publication and my intent was to find that effort and put every available resource behind making it successful. After several weeks of looking, it became apparent there was no such program. Although there were initiatives or training courses that addressed parts of the problem, there wasn't a comprehensive approach to tackle the thorny issue of officer culpability. In other words, no one had said, "Look what we're doing to ourselves. We need to change this."

Apparently, the human tendency to blame others (i.e., the bad guys) for our shortcomings had caused a degree of deadly ignorance.

In October 2010, the magazine I was working for rolled out Below 100. The name was intended as a challenge and would mean a significant drop in the terrible "norm" of annual LODDs. The initiative targeted areas that were solidly within an officer's control and that research had shown were responsible disproportionately for a high number of LODDs. A short phrase was developed for each: 1) Wear your seat belt. 2) Wear your vest. 3) Watch your speed. 4) WIN: What's Important Now? 5) Remember: Complacency kills! These five tenets became the cornerstone of Below 100.

The concept was powerful and I hoped we would see full engagement by everyone wearing a badge. However, the shouts of support were less than overwhelming. It was clear that it would take more than the written word to impact longstanding police culture and belief. In January 2011, Chief Scot Haug, Post Falls (Idaho) PD, and I presented the first-ever Below 100 training to about 25 officers at the Shooter Hunter Outdoor Trade (SHOT) show in Las Vegas. It was intended to test the water and determine officer interest. The feedback was solidly positive. In fact, the only "critique" was that we

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The posters accompanying this article can be downloaded from the Below 100 website (www.Below100.org).

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should have done something a long time ago. Simultaneously, Gordon Graham, a renowned police risk management expert, began promoting Below 100 as he spoke to thousands of police decision makers around the country.

With this validation under our belts, the first Below 100 train-the-trainer was scheduled and subsequently presented at the 2011 ILEETA conference, exactly one year after that first restaurant conversation. Attendees were provided the basic course materials and encouraged to take the message to the masses. Over the next several months, a small group of very committed volunteer trainers crisscrossed the country delivering Below 100, usually with a trainer session as part of the presentation. This approach of presenting the material and empowering other trainers led to a high level of organic growth and momentum began to build.

WHY IS IT CALLED BELOW 100?

Sometimes, Below 100 trainers get this question: “Why isn’t the goal

zero?” The sobering answer is that this isn’t realistic. Those who wear a badge stand in the gap between good and evil, a responsibility that can be both dangerous and deadly. If a person is committed to killing a police officer and is willing to die trying, there is a likelihood of success. The tragic case of Corporal Bryon Dickson, Pennsylvania State Police, is a heart-breaking example. By all accounts, Corporal Dickson simply walked out of the barracks and was assassinated with two long-range rifle shots. He did nothing wrong and it’s difficult to see how his death could have been prevented. However, that does not make his loss acceptable.

Goals should be challenging but grounded in reality. When a goal is obviously unobtainable, such as “zero death, zero injury,” it serves no purpose and is often dismissed outright. No LODD should ever be considered acceptable, but the truth of law enforcement is that there will be times when lives are lost. During the 20 years preceding Below 100, nearly 3,400 officers lost their lives. The level of annual loss, on average, was more than 165 officers, even when you exclude 2001’s spike due to 9/11 losses. Only by going back to 1943 can you find an annual LODD toll less than 100. It’s a level that is extremely challenging yet achievable. Important: Below 100 is not about statistics. It’s about each and

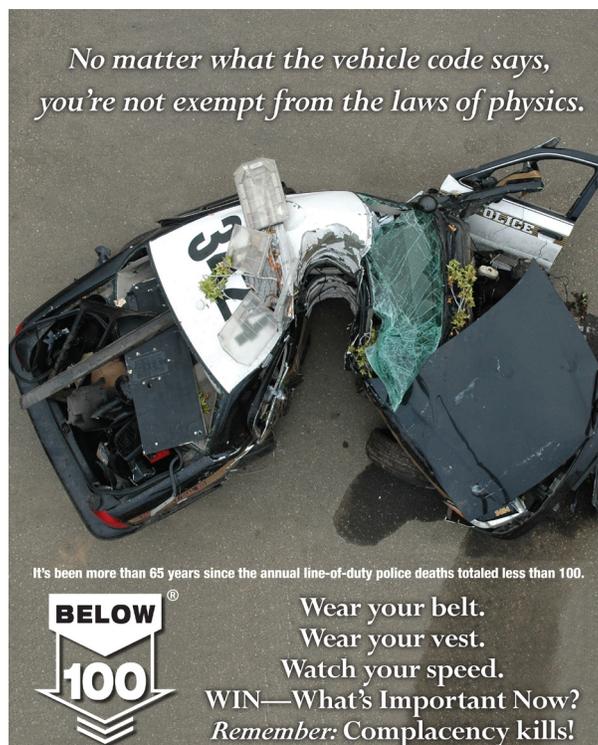
The officer driving this car survived the crash because he was wearing his seat belt and body armor.



The Below 100 organization focuses on training officers to live by the tenets listed on this poster.

every officer, trainer, and supervisor taking individual and collective responsibility for the decisions and actions that contribute to safety. Thousands of law enforcement officers believe in Below 100 and they’re actively working to make that goal a reality. As a result, lives are being saved and career-ending injuries are being prevented.

Dale Stockton is a 32-year-veteran of law enforcement, having worked in all areas of police operations and investigations and retiring as a police captain from Carlsbad, CA. He is a graduate of the 201st FBI National Academy and holds a master’s degree in criminology from the University of California, Irvine. He has served as a commissioner for California POST, the agency responsible for all California policing standards and training. Dale was a founder of Below 100. He currently serves on the board of directors and as a core trainer for the program. Part two of Mr. Stockton’s Below 100 article will appear in the March/April 2016 Patrol News.



No matter what the vehicle code says, you're not exempt from the laws of physics.

It's been more than 65 years since the annual line-of-duty police deaths totaled less than 100.



**Wear your belt.
Wear your vest.
Watch your speed.
WIN—What's Important Now?
Remember: Complacency kills!**

Ballbarians Kick Their Way To Third Place

By Cpl. Dustin B. Reed, Troop C

On September 19, 2015, members of the Troop C Service Center and a few friends formed the MOSTA Ballbarians team and represented our agency in the St. Francois County Backstopper's Kickball Tournament. The Ballbarians took third place in the tournament, which hosted 12 teams. The tournament was a way to raise funds for Backstopper's, an organization that provides assistance to the spouses and children of police officers, firefighters, and publicly-funded paramedics and EMTs. The kickball tournament raised \$3,600 through concessions, entry fees, and spectator donations. The Ballbarians team included (l to r): Ms. Megan Coleman (friend), Mr. Jason Coleman (friend), Criminalist Sprv. Amie J. Nix (Q/CLD),



Kody Mullen (Friend), Jeremy Brauer (Friend), Sergeant Kevin W. Malugen (Q/FOB), Sergeant Donnie L. Crump (Q/DDCC), Corporal Dustin B. Reed (Troop C), Criminalist III Laura M.

Crandal (Q/CLD), Trooper Bryan M. Beard (Troop C), Mr. Keith Groom (friend), Mr. Mark Worley (Backstopper's representative).

Cpl. Webster Blood Drive: Saving Lives One Unit At A Time

By Troop A

The 2015 Corporal Michael E. Webster Blood Drive occurred statewide this year for the second year in a row. The Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop A and its partner agencies collected 1,158 units. The breakdown is as follows:

MSHP totals = 167 pints of blood collected from employees of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the citizens we serve.

The American Red Cross, Be The Match, Community Blood Center of Kansas City, local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, universities, and community colleges held blood drives in memory of Cpl. Webster in the following places:

- University of Central Missouri (two day drive) – 772 units
- Metropolitan Community College (Longview Campus) – 23 units
- Metropolitan Community College (Blue River Campus) – 32 units
- Kansas Highway Patrol (Troop A, Olathe) – 21 units
- Warrensburg Police Department & Fire Department – 97 units
- Kansas City Police Department, Honor of Fallen Officers – 46 units

Because each pint (unit) can help save up to three lives, nearly 3,474 lives could be saved thanks to our donors. Additional drives were being held throughout the state during the month of October in memory of Corporal Webster.



Comm. Oper. I Jordan M. Stout, Troop A, is all smiles after donating blood during the Cpl. M.E. Webster Blood Drive.

Troopers Provide Security World Series Parade

By Lt. Stephen A. Coats, Troop A

On Sunday October 1, 2015, the Kansas City Royals won the World Series in five games against the New York Mets. The last time the Royals won the World Series was in 1985, with the likes of George Brett and Brett Saberhagen. After their victory in 1985, an estimated 250,000 people crowded the streets of Kansas City for the victory parade.

The 2015 Royals, led by Salvador Perez and Eric Hosmer, were greeted back to Kansas City with a parade that surpassed the attendance of the 1985 parade. On October 3, 2015, an estimated 850,000 people lined up along the two-mile long parade route and at the rally at Union Station.

Nineteen members of Troop A assisted the Kansas City Police Department with the overwhelming task of keeping the parade route safe for everyone. Troopers were stationed along the parade route in the downtown area. The atmosphere during the parade was extremely positive and family oriented. At the conclusion,

the Kansas City Police Department reported only three arrests. During the detail, celebration attendees routinely thanked the members of the Patrol for their service to the public. Troop A is looking forward for another parade in 2016! Go Royals!!



▲ Sgt. Charles W. Hoff, Troop A, provides security during the Kansas City Royals' World Series champions parade.



▲ Tpr. Elizabeth A. Lusk, Troop A, provides security along the route of the World Series parade.



▲ Tpr. Gary D. Oetting, Troop A, secures the parade route, so traffic doesn't interfere.

◀ Sgt. Richard C. Fletcher, Troop A, represented the Patrol in the parade.

MO Polygraph Assn. Recognizes Sgt. Schulte

By Sgt. Shawn M. Griggs, Q/DDCC

On October 21, 2015, Sergeant Kenneth J. Schulte accepted the Richard O. Arther Award from the Missouri Polygraph Association, at the annual Tri-State Polygraph Seminar. The Richard O. Arther Award was developed to pay homage to Dick Arther for his contributions to the polygraph profession. Nominees for this award are individuals who advance the polygraph profession through tireless dedication to standardize polygraph principles and practices.

Sgt. Schulte was presented the award for his work on a high profile case that made national headlines in 2012. During the trooper selection

process for the 97th Recruit Class of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, an applicant took a polygraph examination. During the examination, the applicant admitted to having child pornography and producing child pornography during a relationship with an underage girl. After an investigation by Sgt. Schulte and Lieutenant Dottie E. Taylor (now Q/TND; a sergeant with DDCC at the time), the applicant was charged with a number of felonies, including sexual exploitation of a child, sodomy, child molestation, and possession of child pornography.

During the execution of a search warrant at the suspect's home, the

applicant asked then Sgt. Taylor, "So, what do you think my chances are of getting on with the Patrol?" In 2015, the case was adjudicated and the suspect plead guilty. He was sentenced to over 10 years in federal prison.

Sgt. Schulte was appointed to the Patrol on July 1, 1994, and has been assigned to DDCC since May 1998. He has been conducting polygraph examinations since his graduation from the Kentucky Institute for Polygraph Studies in 2007. Sgt. Schulte is currently part of DDCC's Organized Crime/Anti-Terrorism Unit, and is assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force in St. Louis.

Patrol Helos 90MP & 93MP To The Rescue!

By Aircraft Division

At approximately 12:45 p.m. on October 28, Sergeant Bradley D. Holman, Q/AD, was contacted by Troop B in reference to a search. Troop B advised the Ralls County sheriff was requesting assistance with locating a missing 38-year-old male from New London, MO. The missing man was last heard from by his father on Sunday evening, October 25, 2015. The missing man had told his father via cellular phone he had driven his black Jeep Cherokee into a creek somewhere in the southern part of Ralls County. Shortly after, the cellular connection was lost.

At approximately 2 p.m., Pilot/Sgt. Holman and Tactical Flight Officer/Corporal Lane P. Quinn, Q/AD, responded to Ralls County in Patrol helicopter 90MP to look for the missing man. While flying along a creek, at approximately 3:45 p.m., Cpl. Quinn located what appeared to be the missing man's black Jeep Cherokee parked underneath trees along the edge of Spencer Creek in a very remote area.

The vehicle was covered with leaves as though it had been there for a few days. It was determined the missing man was not inside. The helicopter crew continued their airborne search.

At approximately 4 p.m., about four miles upstream from the Jeep Cherokee, Sgt. Holman spotted a man lying on the edge of Spencer Creek. The man was not moving, nor did he respond to the noise of the helicopter, even though it was directly overhead. Cpl. Quinn notified the assisting ground units that the man appeared to be deceased. He then began directing them to the man's position. While Cpl. Quinn was working on the best route to the man's location, Sgt. Holman saw the man slowly and lethargically lift his head and chest off the ground and look up toward the helicopter. Cpl. Quinn immediately notified Troop B radio to expedite EMS, preferably an air ambulance, since the man was still alive. Due to the rugged terrain, a request was made to notify the short

haul rescue helicopter crew from Jefferson City and advise them to prepare for a rescue. Sgt. Holman landed 90MP near the scene and prepared to assist the ground officers.

At approximately 4:55 p.m., Patrol helicopter 93MP with a flight crew consisting of Captain Dave K. Striegel, and rescuers Lieutenant Mike D. Hargus and Corporal Dustin T. Metzner, all Q/AD, arrived and landed at the scene. Sgt. Holman, also a rescuer, assisted the flight crew of 93MP. The victim was then safely lifted from the edge of the creek using the Patrol's short haul rescue equipment and moved to the waiting EMS Survival Flight helicopter.

At approximately 5:05 p.m., Survival Flight departed the scene with the man en route to University of Missouri Hospital, in Columbia, MO where the man received treatment for his injuries.

Celebrating Diversity

MSHP Honors Past, Embraces Future

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

It was indeed a celebration. Attendees entering the Academy gymnasium greeted one another with smiles, handshakes, and hugs, as if they'd always known one another, even though this diverse group of people represented several decades of history. Mr. David J. McPherson served as the guest speaker of the event. He hardly needed an introduction, and when he was invited to the podium, the audience gave him a standing ovation as he approached.

"Thank you for that acknowledgment," said Mr. McPherson. "First, I would thank Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior who made all of this possible. I thank the superintendent of the Highway Patrol and all his honored guests. I want to recognize what can happen when you're diligent and wear this uniform with honor and dignity and respect."

He took a moment to introduce his family and then continued, "Protecting and serving under pressure. That's what you do wearing the uniform. I learned a long time ago the physical, mental, and spiritual parts of your body must be prepared or you will come up short in your time of need."

"It was 50 years ago when I became the first black state trooper in the state of Missouri. In 1965, all hell was breaking loose in America. It kind of reminds me of today. What is going to be required of us today is strong men and women who are well balanced spiritually, emotionally, physically ... and able to think on their feet. If you have fear in your hearts, the people you are dealing with will see that instantly," said Mr. McPherson. He cautioned us to prevent emotions from overriding common sense.

"When I went to ask for an application at Troop C, Kirkwood, I had no idea of the situations that would de-



Mr. David McPherson, the first black trooper in Missouri, spoke during the Patrol's diversity celebration. (seated l to r) Capt. Roger D. Whittler, Q/CRD, Lt. Col. Sandra K. Karsten, and Col. J. Bret Johnson also participated in the event.

velop, and the tension and pressure that would result. When I showed up at the Missouri State Highway Patrol to ask for an application, I was told I was too short, I didn't have enough education ... I was told all kinds of things."

The trooper he spoke to at Troop C Headquarters asked, "Don't you know we don't have any Negro troopers in the state of Missouri?"

Mr. McPherson replied, "I didn't know that. But, maybe I'll be the first. It wasn't me at all, it was the steps God had ordered for my life. I finally got in the door. There were times I wished I hadn't gone through that door, because it was tough. But, inside of me was the voice that said I could do all things through Christ."

He finished training in October 1965.

He said his wife and the birth of his son, David, inspired him to "fight the lions and tigers, racism, discrimination, and people who would love to take

me out. In the first nine months of employment I went to a riot at Lincoln University and a prison riot at JC penitentiary; I got the chance to see what this life was really like."

He never agonized or worried. He forged ahead believing he was going to catch criminals and help others, that his actions would influence others to change their lives. Mr. McPherson still does that today. He explained that in 1965, he had to go to work believing the entire state of Missouri, from the governor down, was backing him. This gave him the confidence to go out and do his job every day.

"When you put this uniform on every day and you hit the road, and you don't know if you're going to meet the FBI's most wanted or the president of the U.S., you have to be prepared. You have to be able to think on your feet under pressure."

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Mr. McPherson spent some of his time with the agency recruiting for the Patrol. He made a poster illustrating how a young man or woman might transition from civilian to trooper. The poster showed him in civilian clothing and in a trooper's uniform.

He stressed the importance of accountability. "Do what is right. Character is everything."

The Patrol served as, "a launching pad for the rest of my life," he said. "Whatever I went through, it was worth it. At the end of the day, the story would be told. It wasn't about me. It was about today. It's about when I look back at the recruit class back there [in the audience] and see five brown faces I couldn't see 50 years ago. When I went through the Academy I only saw white faces. We might not be representative of our community but step-by-step we will reach our goal."

Mr. McPherson served and protected the people of Missouri from 1965 until 1974. He was presenting to a group of commercial vehicle drivers about traveling through Missouri safely. After the presentation, a young man shook his hand and said the corporate world was waiting for Mr. McPherson. That chance encounter led to his leav-

Mr. David McPherson, Mrs. Bridget Hug, and Lt. Col. Sandra K. Karsten paused for a photo after the celebration. Mrs. Hug was one of the first female troopers, graduating with the 43rd Recruit Class.



ing the Patrol and working for McCor-mick. Five years later, he was recruited by Motorola. "My presentation skills started at the Missouri State Highway Patrol. I spent 23 years at Motorola. I'm retired. I'm giving my time away now. God has blessed me with the ability to inspire young people."

Mr. McPherson closed by thanking those who made his career as a trooper possible. "Lt. Bill Scearce had wings on his back. He was an angel. He came to me when I was in the Academy and fed confidence to me. He told me, 'Whatever you do, don't quit.' So, I say that to you, 'Whatever you do, don't quit.'"

Mr. McPherson closed his comments by encouraging everyone to help others and to try to make a difference in someone's life. "When I do that then

I know my living will not be in vain."

Colonel J. Bret Johnson expressed his appreciation to Mr. McPherson for speaking at the diversity celebration and for the foundation he laid many years ago. The colonel stressed that the agency will continue to grow in diversity and must be transparent, accountable, and honest. "We want young people today to decide the Missouri State Highway Patrol is the right career for them and to make life choices to that end. Thank you for coming and for recognizing the importance of diversity in all areas of the state."

Editor's note: Mr. David McPherson's book is entitled, "My Steps Were Ordered." It will be released sometime this year.

Leaving A Legacy: Tpr. David McPherson

By Mr. David McPherson II

I think I can speak for my brother Lance and my sister Monica when I say that we are all so proud of our father and we appreciate you and others in the Missouri State Highway Patrol for recognizing him. The diversity celebration was excellent, well put together, and something that none of us would have missed.

For me personally it was a walk down memory lane that was priceless. I was born in Jefferson City, MO. My mother was a student at Lincoln University and my dad patrolled the area,

which is how they met. I got a chance to see my dad's first apartment, my mom's dorm, and the house the three of us shared up until we moved to St. Louis when I was around 1 year old.

As the oldest I probably have the best memories of him in those MSHP days. For me it started with us in St. Louis, MO, when the MSHP sent him there from Jefferson City.

The first memory I have was looking at my father in uniform or riding with him in his patrol car and feeling a lot of pride in who and what he was. I

was a toddler in my earliest memories, so at first I didn't know what he did. I just knew that he was shown a lot of respect and deference when we would go places together; especially when he was in uniform. I knew he was a policeman of some sort.

Later on (maybe 4 or 5 years old) I remember going into my parents' bedroom and watching them look at the TV set as my father was on TV being interviewed by a newscaster who

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looked familiar. I remember being a little bit afraid and when I asked him why he was on TV he told me not to worry.

He tried to explain to me that it was because he had gone through a lot of adversity to be a patrolman and that he was being recognized for recruiting minorities like him and women onto the MSHP. He told me that one day I would understand and he could explain more. I could not understand the full scope of what it all meant, but I knew it was important (he was on TV after all), and I was just very proud.

I was so young when he was a patrolman that there are nothing but fun and fond memories of this time. I never felt any of the danger or worry a loved one would have of him being in law enforcement or the struggles that he went through to get there. I just remember him taking pride in his job and in bringing more people of color and women into the organization.

The last memory I will leave you with is one that he shared in his speech at the diversity celebration. I was in the first grade and he came to my school to speak. Standing in front

of my class with his uniform on I just felt proud. All of my classmates and my teacher looked at me like I was so lucky to have him as my father.

That feeling of pride was taken to an even higher level when he brought the MSHP helicopter as a show and tell. My class as well as other classes ran outside to see a MSHP helicopter and all you heard were oohs and ahhs from the kids. After we all inspected the helicopter inside and out he and the pilot took our school principal up in the helicopter and hovered around the school before landing from the same spot they took off. Everyone including the principal was all smiles. That experience was amazing to me and everyone else who witnessed it!

That might have been the best memory of them all, but at that time I was so young, I still didn't really understand the depth of who he was or what he was doing with the MSHP.

Then finally, one day in my early teens I stumbled across a bunch of articles/pictures of him in a booklet at our home and everything began to come together and make sense. I was able to ask him a lot of questions and have a better understanding of his journey with the MSHP and the significance and impact of all he had gone through and accomplished.

Over the years I've gotten to know more and more about his time with the MSHP and we've had some great conversations. He shared many stories with all of us, including his grandkids. My son David McPherson III, my father's only grandson, has a picture of my father in his room. The picture is one of my dad as a young MSHP patrolman fresh out of the Academy. That says a lot.

Legacy is everything to our father. He wants to lead a life of which his friends and family can be proud. He is a deeply spiritual and religious man who wants to do the right thing, do God's work, and leave a legacy for friends and family. He has done that and the MSHP recognizing and honoring him helps to crystalize that for him and for all of us.

Thank you so much for recognizing him and please keep him in mind for anything else you are doing in the future. He takes great pride in his time with the MSHP and I know he would love to be involved in things you are doing.

Thank you, again, and please thank all of those involved on our behalf.



Those attending the diversity celebration enjoyed meeting the McPherson family. Pictured are: Mr. David McPherson II, Mr. David McPherson, Personnel Records Clerk II H. Kate Boeckman, Q/CRD, Mrs. Marjean McPherson, Ms. Monica McPherson, Cpl. M. David Miranda, Q/CRD, Capt. Roger D. Whittler, Q/CRD, Sgt. Bob J. Parr, Q/CRD, Mr. Lance McPherson, and Sgt. D. Brad Haggett, Q/CRD. The Career Recruitment Division organized the event.

CAP Reaches Community, Provides Overview

By Sgt. Scott White, Troop F

Twenty-one citizens graduated from the 2015 Troop F Community Alliance Program on the evening of October 29, 2015. The program culminated with the participants sharing a meal with the Patrol recruits at the Patrol Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City. The meal was followed by an awards ceremony in which each participant received a class photo and plaque recognizing them for their commitment to the program. Mr. Kevin Zoellner, vice president of The MASTERS, also provided a presentation about the purpose of the organization, which was formed in 1979.

The 2015 Troop F Community Alliance Program began on September 24, 2015, and met one evening a week for six consecutive weeks. Participants were exposed to many aspects and responsibilities of the Patrol, including recruit training, firearms, marine operations, investigations, emergency vehicle operations, and Patrol history. Each person who participated had their own reasons for taking the class.

On November 5, 2003, Troop F officers knocked on Mrs. Rosella Schad's door, informing her that her 21-year-old daughter had been killed in a traffic crash. "I feel like they care," Rosella said. "They're not just people doing a job. It has to be more than that, or else they wouldn't go through

that kind of training to be there."

Mrs. Pam Kliegel also participated in the class. Through the Community Alliance Program, she faced her fear of guns which was the result of tragedy. "My sister was murdered back in 2007, and my fear has stemmed from that," Pam said. During the third class, participants went to the firing range at the Academy, "I was very nervous. My adrenaline was pumping the whole time, because you go back to that moment," Pam said. "I have a fear of handguns and so, it helped ... I'm not over that fear yet, but it definitely helped."

The participants also went experienced the MILO Range System located at the Col. Alvin R. Lubker Safety & Education Center at General Headquarters. This new museum display allowed each citizen to work through scenarios and use their own understanding of the law and the tools available to them to take decisive action. The simulator provided a glimpse of what it is like to make split-second



The Emergency Vehicle Operations Course was popular with the Community Alliance Program attendees.

decisions regarding use of force. "The simulations that we went through ... you just don't have time to react, to logically think out the steps on how you're going to handle that situation. You don't ... you don't have time to think about it," Pam said.

"My first attempt, I just froze," Rosella said. "I think I was asked why did I freeze. Well, I don't know. You just ... you don't know what to do."

Thirty-eight Troop F officers and employees served as instructors for the program.



Captain Mike Turner, Troop F, and Sgt. Scott White, Troop F, are pictured with members of the 2015 Troop F Community Alliance Program.

'Looking Beyond The Stop'

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial traffic/boating stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of October 21 to December 19. (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. Rank and assignment reflect those at printing.)

Troop A

Tpr. T.A. Baxter, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.C. Belardo, 4 arrests
Sgt. A.J. Bell, 1 arrest
Sgt. W.P. Bremer, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.J. Crump, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.E. Dodson, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.E. Givens Sr., 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Hall, 2 arrests
Cpl. D.A. Jones, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 2 arrests
Cpl. D.D. Mathes, 2 arrests
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 3 arrests
Tpr. G.D. Oetting, 1 arrest
Sgt. G.D. Primm, 6 arrests
Tpr. E.C. Rodenberg, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.W. Schubert, 1 arrest
Cpl. C.A. Taibi Jr., 1 arrest
Sgt. C.E. Utterback, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.C. Utz, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.R. Wright, 4 arrests

Troop B

Cpl. T.J. Adams, 6 arrests
Sgt. R.H. Bartels, 1 arrest
Cpl. P.M. Behrens, 1 arrest
Sgt. N.D. Berry, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.J. Crose, 1 arrest
Cpl. C.M. Duppong, 2 arrests
Cpl. K.E. Easley, 3 arrests
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 3 arrests
Tpr. A.J. Fish, 2 arrests
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.J. Haley, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.K. Hendershott, 4 arrests
Cpl. M.J. Lewis, 5 arrests
Cpl. B.A. Mason, 1 arrest
Tpr. K. McGivney, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.F. Porter, 6 arrests
Tpr. C.D. Primm, 1 arrest
Sgt. D.P. Roberts, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.A. Rowe, 1 arrest
Sgt. R.L. Seiner, 1 arrest

Troop C

Tpr. D.J. Arsenault, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.G. Autenrieth, 1 arrest
Tpr. O.R. Baker, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.T. Casper, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.R. Davis, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.R. Diffie, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.J. Fowler, 3 arrests
Tpr. R.A. Metteer, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.J. North, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.T. Roettger, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Walker, 4 arrests
Cpl. T.M. Williams, 1 arrest

Troop D

Tpr. D.B. Blankenship, 1 arrest
Sgt. G.L. Braden, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.L. Butler, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.L. Coffey, 2 arrests
Tpr. K.R. Copeland, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Fischer, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.K. Funderburk, 1 arrest
Cpl. G.H. Hendrix, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.W. Henley, 3 arrests
Tpr. R.L. Hutton, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.L. Kelley, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.C. Jones, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.D. Isringhausen, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.L. Mason, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.B. May, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.W. Meyer, 4 arrests
Tpr. E.L. Mueller, 4 arrests
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.R. Rorie Jr., 5 arrests
Tpr. A. Sandoval Jr., 1 arrest
Tpr. C.T. Schwarz, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 8 arrests
Cpl. T.J. Stevens, 3 arrests
Tpr. E.L. Tyrrell, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.A. Wilson, 1 arrest

Troop E

Tpr. K.A. Barnett, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.B. Christian, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.W. Crank, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 2 arrests

Tpr. P.G. Sarakas, 1 arrest
Cpl. R.E. Sargent, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.T. Schneid, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.S. Stewart, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.C. Wakefield, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.J. West, 9 arrests
Tpr. J.T. Wilson, 1 arrest

Troop F

Tpr. M.P. Acord, 3 arrests
Cpl. B.W. Adamson, 20 arrests
Tpr. Z.A. Czerniewski, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.J. Dalton, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 4 arrests
Tpr. A.M. Hitt, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.B. Johnson, 7 arrests
Tpr. T.G. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.G. Kettenbach, 3 arrests
Tpr. A.E. Klempke, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.A. McLaughlin, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.E. Morice, 3 arrests
Tpr. A.M. Richerson, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.B. Mueller, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.L. Rice, 3 arrests
Tpr. A.M. Richerson, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.A. Schrage, 4 arrests
Tpr. D.T. Shikles, 3 arrests
Tpr. A.M. Starnes, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.W. Turner, 2 arrests
Tpr. S.J. Washabaugh, 2 arrests
Cpl. G.L. West, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.B. Wilt, 3 arrests

Troop G

Tpr. C.L. Davis, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.N. Foster, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.M. Greenan, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.L. Johnston, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.C. Kuessner, 1 arrest
Cpl. G.J. Loring, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.C. McCoy, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.J. Mendez, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.W. Philpott, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.C. Rowden, 7 arrests
Tpr. G.T. Ulm, 2 arrests
Tpr. E.M. Vanwinkle, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.T. Weakley, 1 arrest

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Troop H

Tpr. K.J. Cool, 5 arrests
Cpl. J.M. Cross, 6 arrests
Tpr. S.J. Force, 2 arrests
Cpl. B.R. Hilliard, 3 arrests
Tpr. B.L. Israel, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 2 arrests
Tpr. V.R. McBride, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.R. Muck, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.J. Sullivan, 4 arrests
Tpr. A.J. Webb, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.A. Wilhoit, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.M. Wright, 1 arrest

Troop I

Tpr. G.A. Ayres, 2 arrests
Sgt. S.J. Childers, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.W. Clement, 9 arrests
Tpr. J.I. Cobb, 2 arrests
Sgt. S.W. Cunningham, 1 arrest
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 7 arrests
Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 5 arrests
Tpr. C.S. Giacalone, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.L. Keathley, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.R. McCurdy, 3 arrests
Tpr. D.W. Pfeifer, 2 arrests
Tpr. K.D. Rapier, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.A. Rizo, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.S. Sloan, 7 arrests
Tpr. N.A. Smith, 8 arrests
Tpr. C.M. Stauffer, 1 arrest
Tpr. P.V. Volkmer, 8 arrests
Cpl. K.D. Wilmont, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.G. Zimmerman, 1 arrest

“The same boiling water that softens the potato hardens the egg. It’s not about the circumstance, but rather, what you are made of.”

— Anonymous

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

40 years ago

February 1976 — Tpr. L.E. McElrath, Troop C, submitted a story about a traffic stop on Interstate 55 in Perry County. The tractor-trailer was checked via radar traveling at 70 mph. (Speed limit at that time was 55 mph.) After Tpr. McElrath handed him the summons and explained how to pay the fine, the truck driver thanked him for the ticket as if it were a “check for a million dollars.” He then told the trooper he had summonses from every state he drives in except Missouri. He was pleased to complete his collection.

30 years ago

January 1986 — A photo showed Mr. Jim Collins sitting behind the colonel’s desk after he was named superintendent for a day. General Headquarters’ employees held a popularity contest to determine who would have the honor.

20 years ago

January 1996 — The Patrol continued to make ADA compliance modifications to buildings. A Patrol History Trivia article featured Miss Tillie Sonnen, who began working for the agency in 1931, before there were any troopers. She was a Highway Department employee loaned to Col. Lewis Ellis to help set up the new agency. She officially transferred to the Patrol on November 1, 1931.

10 years ago

February 2006 — The Patrol recognized Schweider Ford as part of the agency’s 75th anniversary. Schweider Ford was the car dealership from which the agency procured its first Model As in 1931. The dealership was closing its doors in March 2006. Two stories provided information about the special details sent to Louisiana to assist after devastating hurricanes.

5 years ago

January/February 2011 — Corporal Cody G. Dunfee, Troop A, Corporal Timmy D. Shoop, Troop B, and Sergeant Chris J. Harris, Troop F, accepted Missouri Medals of Valor from Governor Nixon. An article highlighted the history of the Missouri State Water Patrol, which merged with the Missouri State Highway Patrol this month.

You’re Invited!

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, MO. The awards banquet is open to all employees and their guest/spouse. In the past, the fee has been \$35 per person and we anticipate the same for this year. The banquet usually starts with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. with dinner immediately following, and then the presentation of awards. If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Bax at (573) 526-6159 or kerry.bax@mshp.dps.mo.gov.

Patrol Commissions 25 Troopers

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

At precisely 10 a.m. the Patrol's Command Staff, esteemed guests, troop representatives, and Academy instructors filed into the Academy gymnasium. The crowd's excited conversations died away as it quickly became evident that the 101st Recruit Class graduation ceremony was beginning. The recruit class then filed in, Minister Cody R. Gregory, Missouri Baptist University, gave the invocation, Troop F Color Guard presented the colors, and Trooper Andrew A. Armstrong, Troop F, sang the nation anthem. It was time to celebrate the culmination of 25 grueling weeks of training: 25 new troopers were graduating!

Governor Jay Nixon addressed the class, congratulating them and sharing with them recent stories of troopers assisting motorists found on social media. "Never forget how much of a difference you can make for one individual or how essential you are to the safety of six million Missourians. Thank you," said Governor Nixon.

The Honorable Douglas D. Gaston, Texas County associate circuit judge, provided the keynote speech. In his comments he encouraged the new troopers to believe they "live in the greatest country that has ever existed in the world." He stressed that troopers have influence in the lives of others and "there are no finer people



The Hon. Douglas D. Gaston, Texas County associate circuit judge, provided the keynote speech during the 101st Recruit Class graduation.



Newly commissioned Tpr. Keegan E. Kindel salutes his uncle, Major Greg D. Kindle, Q/SSB.



Tpr. Gary T. Daniels accepts his diploma from Col. J. Bret Johnson as Gov. Jay Nixon and DPS Director Lane Roberts wait to congratulate him.

than those sitting here today." Judge Gaston shared a George Washington quote*, "... the Constitution is the guide that I will never abandon," and encouraged the new troopers to keep that sentiment in their hearts.

"When you understand what the Constitution stands for, you understand it's your job to uphold it," said Judge Gaston. "Everyone must be provided with due process and an impartial jury. Appointing an attorney is a beautiful thing. It means we are a country that truly believes in the rights of the people. Truth. Justice. Freedom."

Judge Gaston went on to say it's a trooper's job to find the truth. "Dog it without fail. When you think you have the truth figured out, think some more and don't stop asking, 'What about this?'" Only when we have the truth can we have justice. Only when we have justice can we have freedom. It's what our Constitution stands for ... it's what you stand for."

Both DPS Director Lane J. Roberts and Colonel J. Bret Johnson congratulated the class on their achievement.

"You give meaning to all that makes

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us free. You are the definition of a government that serves the people,” said Director Roberts. “It’s a calling and it’s not for the faint of heart.”

Colonel Johnson impressed upon them the importance of being leaders. “We must do everything we can to maintain public trust and remain accountable, transparent, and honest in everything we do.”

Col. Johnson presented four awards during the ceremony.

Trooper Esteban M. Reynoso earned the physical fitness award. Trooper Dakota L. Nash earned the firearms award. Trooper Chelsey B. Nelson earned the academics award. Trooper Colton J. Beck accepted the Superintendent’s Award, which is presented to the person with the most points overall. In addition, Dean Gil Kennon, vice president of college affairs at Mineral

Area College, conferred associate degrees to five of the new troopers based on their Academy training.

*[*Editor’s note: This quote is from President George Washington’s comments to The Boston Selectmen (the governing board for the town of Boston, MA) on July 28, 1795.]*



Col. J. Bret Johnson presented the Superintendent’s Award to Tpr. Colton J. Beck during the graduation ceremony. Gov. Jay Nixon and DPS Director Lane Roberts also congratulated the trooper.



Major Malik A. Henderson, Q/ASB, Col. J. Bret Johnson, and Capt. Vince S. Rice, Q/TND, joined the 101st Recruit Class for their official photo. Presenting the 101st Recruit Class and their first assignments: (second row, l to r) Tpr. Mayela Barron, Troop G; Tpr. Colton J. Beck, Troop D; Tpr. Jon-Yves E. Bellers, Troop I; Tpr. Shawn M. Blackston, Troop I; Tpr. Gary T. Daniels, Troop C; Tpr. Stephen R. House, Troop I; Tpr. Lee E. Hughes Jr., Troop E; Tpr. Douglas J. Jackson, Troop A; (third row, l to r) Tpr. Taremba Karizamimba, Troop E; Tpr. Adam D. Martin, Troop H; Tpr. Dakota L. Nash, Troop G; Tpr. Chelsey B. Nelson, Troop F; Tpr. Jared O. Prater, Troop G; Tpr. Esteban M. Reynoso, Troop C; Tpr. Adam W. Rush, Troop C; Tpr. Brian R. Siercks, Troop A; (back row, l to r) Tpr. Jared E. Smith, Troop B; Tpr. Travon C. Smith Sr., Troop A; Tpr. Nicholas W. Summers, Troop I; Tpr. Deryk A. Weber, Troop B; Tpr. Terrell L. Winn, Troop H; Tpr. Christopher R. Gregory, Troop F; Tpr. Austin M. James, Troop D; Tpr. Keegan E. Kindle, Troop B; and Tpr. Jared J. Thompson, Troop A.

TROOP B HOSTS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE PROGRAM

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

On November 16, 2015, 19 Troop B area residents completed a Community Alliance Program offered by the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop B Headquarters. This was the 11th program of its type conducted at Troop B since 2001. The Community Alliance Program is a unique opportunity for citizens to gain insight and understanding of the training and many duties of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. It also offers an opportunity to meet and interact with several members and employees of the Patrol. During the program, the participants met at the Troop B Headquarters in Macon, MO, for 10 consecutive Monday



Sgt. Brent Bernhardt, Troop B, Capt. Jimmie E. Wilt, Troop B, and Tpr. Justin S. Dunn, Troop B, pose with Troop B's 2015 Community Alliance Program attendees.

evenings. Their experience included classroom and practical instruction on various topics, such as firearms, traffic

stops, traffic crash and criminal investigations, polygraph examinations, and driving while intoxicated enforcement.

BLUE NOTES CHOIR: BRIGHTENING THE HOLIDAYS FOR 32 YEARS

By MVI Analyst Brenda J. Davis, Q/MVID

For the 32nd consecutive year, members of the Blue Notes choir took time out of their busy schedules to spread a bit of holiday cheer throughout Central Missouri. Formed in 1983 under the authority of Colonel Howard J. Hoffman, the Blue Notes choir is comprised of uniformed, uniformed civilian, and civilian employees of the GHQ complex and Troop F.

Under the direction of Captain David P. Perkins, Q/DED, the 2015 Blue Notes choir performed a 30-minute program of various holiday selections at six residential nursing facilities in the Jefferson City area, as well as the United Cerebral Palsy Adult Daycare facility in Jefferson City, and at the GHQ Christmas Dinner held on December 11, 2015.

Blue Notes members practiced in the PIED Theatre on select lunch breaks during the months of October and November before taking the show on the road during the holiday season. Information Analyst II Denice D. Tipton, Q/PRD, served as the choir's

pianist. Other employees participating in the 2015 Blue Notes choir were: Special Assistant

Theresa M. Backes, Q/HRD, Driver Examiner Chief Cheryl S. Bardwell, Q/DED, Computer Information Technology Specialist II Sandy L. Bexten, Q/ICTD, Clerk IV Jenn J. Canaday, Q/DED, MVI Analyst Brenda J. Davis, Q/MVID, Clerk IV Carla J. Flickinger, Q/MVID, Lieutenant G. Richard Fredendall, Q/BPD, Clerk IV Beth A. Heinrich, Q/PRD, Quality Control Clerk I Amanda M. Hicks, Q/CVED, Programmer/Analyst Manager Matt E. Hodgen, Q/ICTD, Quality Control Clerk II Nina D. Holtmeyer, Q/PRD, Information Analyst I Adrienne J. Hull-Rost, Q/PRD, Quality Control Clerk



The 2015 Blue Notes Choir served as ambassadors for the Patrol while spreading holiday cheer.

II Connie M. Iman, Q/PRD, Clerk IV Lisa L. Kempker, Q/PIED, Leasing/Contracts Coordinator Lisa C. Luecke, Q/DED, Chief Operator Roger D. Martin, Q/ICTD, Quality Control Clerk II Adrean J. Smart, Q/PRD, Buyer II Donna J. Stovall, Q/BPD, Section Chief Roger D. Strobe, Q/ICTD, and Driver Examiner I Lacey A. Williams, Troop F.

All employees of the GHQ complex and Troop F are eligible to participate in the Blue Notes. Interested individuals may contact Clerk IV Carla Flickinger, Q/MVI, at 526-6132 for more information.

Merry Christmas To All!

Troop A Shop With A Cop Welcomes 50 Officers, 150 Children

By Sgt. Andy J. Bell, Troop A

'Twas the week before Christmas, when all through Harrisonville not a creature was stirring, not even a shopper. The shelves were stocked in Walmart with care, in hope that 150 children would soon be there. The 50 police officers and volunteers were nestled all snug in patrol cars, while visions of doughnuts danced in their heads. The mayor in his suit and the chief in his uniform gathered the volunteers for a long day of sharing. When out on the driveway rose such a clatter, the officers sprang into action to see what was the matter. Away to the curb they flew like a flash. They tore through the doors in a dash. What to their wondering eyes should appear, 150 children from far and near. The chief whistled and shouted, "Now troopers, now officers! Now, volun-

teers and Walmart employees! On, to your carts! Get your lists and your \$100 gifts cards!" Nothing but smiles and cheer as the children appeared. Shop with a Cop had begun.

What fun ... oh, so much fun! A bundle of toys flew into carts from the aisles throughout Walmart. The children's eyes twinkled and their dimples ... so merry! The officers were full of glee at seeing the children so very happy. As the day came to a close, they heard the whistle blow. Shop with a Cop was a success! Away the officers went like the down on a thistle. The children heard them exclaim, as they drove out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

On December 19, 2015, the second annual Shop with a Cop event was held at the Walmart in Harrisonville, Cass County, Missouri. The Harrisonville Police Department and members

of the community helped organize and raise more than \$15,000 for this gracious event. These generous donations provided each of the 150 children participating with a \$100 gift card to spend at Walmart in Harrisonville. Approximately 50 police officers from the Cass County law enforcement community and Kansas participated. The following police agencies were well represented: Archie (MO) PD, Garden City (MO) PD, Belton (MO) PD, Raymore (MO) PD, Pleasant Hill (MO) PD, Harrisonville (MO) PD, Leawood (KS) PD, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Several citizens from the community also attended. They helped gift wrap presents and served treats.

Troop A officers included, Sergeant Dave L. Schwalm, Corporal Tom G. Sims, Troopers R. Jayson Hastings, Brian R. Peters, Justin C. Ewing, and Robbie O. Green.

GHQ Celebrates The Holidays



GHQ employees donated 7,657 food items during the Samaritan Center in Jefferson City. This is the eighth year GHQ employees have held the food drive. Representing the Patrol in the photo are: (1 to r, standing) Lt. Keverne L. McCollum, Q/PRD, Lt. Mark S. Dochterman, Q/RDD, Buyer II Donna F. Stovall, Q/BPD, Quality Control Clerk II Debbie L. Freeman, Q/PRD, Special Asst. Theresa M. Backes, Q/HRD, Clerk IV Mary A. Redel, Q/FFD, Fiscal & Budgetary Analyst III Carla J. Siebeneck, Q/FFD, Sgt. Jerry G. Callahan, Q/HRD. (1 to r, seated) CITS II Tonya Schaben, CITS II Micheale J. Kroeger, Q/ICTD, Info. Analyst II Karen S. Kempker, Q/PRD, and Quality Control Clerk II Tammy S. Parks, Q/PRD.

Let's Do Lunch!



Members of the 101st Recruit Class had the opportunity to join Colonel J. Bret Johnson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, for lunch during the week of November 30, 2015. Divided into three groups, the recruits joined the colonel in his office, enjoyed pizza, and discussed their upcoming graduation, their assignment, agency diversity, and improving public trust within the law enforcement profession.

Gaming Division Honors “Ace”

By Lt. Ed J. Aylward, Q/GD

The Gaming Division recently created the Ace award to recognize the outstanding criminal investigations conducted by its officers and to identify an “Officer of the Year.” The Gaming Division consists of 13 casinos or independent properties and a statewide investigative unit. These 14 entities each submitted one nomination to a five person committee of their peers who ultimately selected the Gaming Officer of the Year, or Ace.

The range of work within the nominations was varied and included credit card theft rings, collusion investigations, and cheat scams, among other things. All of the work submitted was the result of seasoned officers utilizing skills above and beyond what is expected. The 2015 Gaming Officer of the Year and inaugural winner of the Ace award was Trooper A. Keith Howery, who is assigned to the Isle of Capri Casino in Boonville. Tpr. Howery’s selection was based not only on the totality of his overall performance, but was highlighted by two examples of his living the Missouri State Highway Patrol’s core values.

At approximately 6:45 a.m. on December 12, 2014, Tpr. Howery was on his way to work, when he noticed flames coming from a duplex on Highway 52 in Barnett, MO. Tpr. Howery immediately contacted Troop F and requested they notify the Morgan County Fire Department and EMS. He then responded to the burning building and was able to remove two occupants and get them to safety. The fire was



Col. J. Bret Johnson (l) and Capt. Christopher Jolly (r) were on hand to congratulate Tpr. Keith Howery on becoming the first Gaming Division Ace award recipient.

consuming the building by this point and Tpr. Howery could not gain access to the residence due to the extreme heat and smoke. Tpr. Howery and a bystander continued to try to gain access to the burning apartment building until firefighters arrived. After the fire was extinguished, the bodies of a 28-year-old mother and her 2-year-old daughter were discovered. Although he was unable to save the mother and her small child, Tpr. Howery did save two lives that night.

On August 25, 2015, the Isle of Capri Casino-Boonville security manager contacted Tpr. Howery to report that 11 hydrocodone pills that had been placed in the lost and found locker the previous June were missing. Tpr. Howery initiated an investigation. He diligently

reviewed key logs, medication logs, and surveillance video until he discovered that a security supervisor and officer conspired to steal pills. As a result of Tpr. Howery’s investigation and subsequent interviews with both

suspects, charges were filed against the security supervisor felony theft/stealing of a controlled substance and felony possession of a controlled substance. The security officer was charged with and arrested for felony distribution of a controlled substance. In addition, Tpr. Howery opened a regulatory investigation on both subjects, which resulted in their licenses being revoked.

The inaugural Ace award was presented during the annual Missouri State Highway Patrol and Missouri Gaming Commission luncheon on November 5, 2015, at the Missouri Gaming Commission’s Central Office in Jefferson City. Senior staff from both agencies attended.

Captain Christopher S. Jolly presented all of the nominees with a newly minted Gaming Division challenge poker chip. Tpr. Howery accepted an acrylic trophy and his name was engraved upon a plaque displayed outside the captain’s office. Ace award recipients will be added to the plaque each year.

The Gaming Division looks forward to continued excellent investigative work and congratulates Tpr. Howery for his accomplishment in becoming an Ace.



Check out the newly minted Gaming Division challenge chip.

Cpl. Ayers Accepts Missouri Medal Of Valor

Missouri honored nine of her heroes on a crisp day in December 2015, in the Governor's Office. Governor Jay Nixon described the award as "the highest honor" in our state.

"Thank you to the entire Missouri law enforcement community for the work you do," said Gov. Nixon. "On behalf of six million Missourians, I want to thank those who run toward trouble and not away from trouble, and for the work they do every day."

The nine officers represented the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Department of Conservation, and Missouri Department of Corrections. The recipients were recognized for their brave actions in the face of raging floodwaters and burning buildings, and one recipient, a corrections officer, subdued a fellow officer's attacker. The governor recognized that the officers were, "focused on protecting others from harm." He told the recipients, "It is my honor to stand with you and I thank you for what you've done."

Missouri Department of Safety Director Lane P. Roberts then read each nomination.

"Missouri is recognizing outstanding individuals," said Director Roberts. "Heroism consists of courage and nobility. I define courage as being so frightened that you would rather be anywhere else than where you are, but standing right there and doing your duty. Too often people take for granted what our law enforcement does for our society."

Cpl. Richie L. Ayers, Troop E, accepted a Missouri Medal of Valor for his extraordinary act of heroism in a dangerous situation. A flash flood trapped a citizen in Southeast Missouri on April 27, 2014. Cpl. Ayers acted unselfishly in a situation demanding immediate action and involving considerable personal risk. During the initial rescue attempt, the patrol boat capsized. Tpr. Ayers and a local officer swam to safety. Tpr. Ayers then made his way to the stranded citizen, who was injured and suffering the effects of the cold water. Tpr. Ayers moved the citizen to a safer location and gave him his life jacket to assist in warming the man's core body temperature. He then made sure a rescue boat could gain access to them. The man was taken to



a local hospital and treated for a leg injury and hypothermia. Tpr. Ayers placed himself in significant danger to rescue this injured man.

"Despite being thrown from a boat in dark floodwaters, Tpr. Ayers remained calm and saved the life of another," said Director Lane.

"I appreciated being part of the events at the Capitol and meeting the other award recipients," said Cpl. Ayers. "Their stories confirmed there is great law enforcement work being done in Missouri. It was a pleasure to represent the Patrol and a great moment to share with my family. I can only hope God continues to bless the Patrol and my complete family, including my law enforcement family."

Congratulations, Cpl. Ayers!

(Editor's note: Tpr. Ayers also was recognized as the June 2014 DPS Employee of the Month for this incident. For further information about the 2015 Missouri Medal of Valor recipients visit: <https://governor.mo.gov/news/archive/gov-nixon-awards-medal-valor-nine-public-safety-officers-across-missouri-0>)



The Ayers family (l to r) Talmus, Taylor, Lisa, and Cpl. Richie Ayers, were joined by (back row, l to r) Captain George E. Ridens, Troop E, Colonel J. Bret Johnson, and Lt. Jon C. Pruiett, Troop E, for this auspicious occasion.

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Kurt E. Mueller

Sergeant
Q/DDCC

*Retired January 1, 2016.
29 years, five months of
dedicated service.*



Rick S. Patterson

Motor Vehicle Insp. III
Troop D

*Retired January 1, 2016.
Five years, eight months
of dedicated service.*

Tom M. Scott

Sergeant
Q/GSD

*Retired January 1, 2016.
28 years, six months of
dedicated service.*



Bernie C. Sieren

Personnel Records Clerk III
Q/HRD

*Retired January 1, 2016.
11 years, two months of
dedicated service.*



J. Dave Wall

Lieutenant
Troop F

*Retired January 1, 2016.
34 years of dedicated service.*



Debi Willoughby

Clerk IV
Q/PRD

*Retired January 1, 2016.
10 years, 10 months
of dedicated service.*

Troopers Enjoy Operation T.O.Y.S.

By Sgt. Scott B. White, Troop F

The holiday spirit was plentiful as members from Troop F and General Headquarters participated in Operation Take Our Youth Shopping (T.O.Y.S.), on Saturday, December 19, 2015, in Jefferson City. The young participants arrived to the event in police cars and were greeted by Santa when they reached Walmart. The children filled shopping carts with toys as officers took them Christmas shopping as part of the annual event. The goal of the event was to fill the Christmas wishlists for children who need it most.

The Jefferson City Police Department hosted the event. A sincere thank you to all of the participating agencies:

- Missouri State Highway Patrol
- Cole County Sheriff's Department
- Missouri Capitol Police
- Missouri Department of Corrections
- Lincoln University Police Department

I thoroughly enjoyed my experience with Operation T.O.Y.S.," said Tpr. Brandon L. Harris, Troop F. "This was my first year participating and definitely won't be my last. Just seeing the smiles on some these kid's faces was priceless. It was also very humbling to speak with children who only wanted to get gifts for siblings or kids who just didn't want to spend any money on themselves.



Cpl. Diana P. Hutzler, Troop F, greets a new friend during Operation T.O.Y.S. in Jefferson City. "It was my second year participating in this event and probably my favorite day being a trooper, because it's all about the kids and brings a positive experience to them and me," said Cpl. Hutzler. "The little girl I took shopping, Makayla, was so excited to pick out toys. As excited as she was, she wanted to make sure she got her little



sister a gift, too. In a time where she could be selfish, she was selfless and wanted to share this experience with her little sister. I'll never forget meeting her mother in the parking lot—she threw her arms around me, gave me the biggest hug, and thanked me. It left me wishing I could do more and thankful for the opportunity to be a part of an event that I'll always cherish."

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Cpl. Sampietro Toy Drive Brightens Children's Holiday

By Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Troop D

Troop D, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, and the Children's Miracle Network of Cox Health, joined with area residents to make the 9th Annual Corporal John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr. Toy Drive a huge success. The group gathered toys from November 27 to December 20, 2015, and welcomed the overwhelming response from the public.

This toy drive remembers Corporal John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr., who died in the line of duty on August 17, 2005. It is designed to brighten the holiday for children who are forced to spend the Christmas season in the hospital due to illness. Troopers, along with the Jay Sampietro family, and representatives from the Children's Miracle Network and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, personally delivered a portion of the donated toys to the children in the Cox Health Pediatric Unit in Springfield. In addition, toys were given to the Children's Miracle Network of Cox Health for future distribution.

The death of Cpl. Sampietro left a huge void in the lives of his family, friends, and co-workers. Bringing a little joy to children in the hospital is a way for all of us to honor his memory during the Christmas holidays.



Once the van was packed, the group was off to deliver toys and smiles to the children in the hospital. From left to right are: Sgt. John H. Lueckenhoff, Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Ms. Janet Parker, Mr. Will Sampietro, Mrs. Jennifer Sampietro, Mr. Matt Sampietro, Lt. D. Scott Sater, Lt. Brian E. Jones, and Lt. Jeff B. Johnson.

Toys! Toys! Toys!



By Sgt. Jake P. Angle, Troop H

On December 1, 2015, Troop H began collecting toys for the United States Marine Corps "Toys For Tots" toy drive. Troop H employees stepped up and with a generous Christmas spirit gathered numerous toys for this worthwhile cause. The toys were delivered on December 16, 2015, just in time for Christmas. No doubt their contribution made it a special Christmas for some very deserving children. Captain James E. McDonald, Troop H, stated, "Troop H employees showed their true Christmas spirit and their effort will make this a special holiday for some children."

Pictured (l to r) are: Lt. Shawn P. Skoglund, Comm. Oper. I Melanie A. Stallworth, DE II Abby L. Hux, Lt. Scott E. Meyer, Lt. D.J. Hedrick, DE Sprv. Jacinta S. Rupph, Prob. Comm. Oper. Dawn C. Caton, Capt. James E. McDonald, all Troop H.

Let's Do Lunch!

All Patrol retirees, spouses, and surviving spouses are invited to gather for the Missouri State Highway Patrol retirees' luncheon in Lee's Summit, MO! Please join us from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, August 19, 2016, at First Baptist Church, 2 North Douglas, Lee's Summit, MO. Door prizes are appreciated. Our emcee is retired Captain Vince Ellis. The cost is \$14 per person, and checks should be made payable to Pat Spire.

Your hosts for the luncheon include:

Pat Spire	3400 NW 51st Terrace Blue Springs, MO 64015	816-229-0154 email: pvspire@prodigy.net
Virginia Fenton	720 Sunset Drive Independence, MO 64050	816-461-6898
Ruby Williams	151 SE Todd George Pkwy., Apt. 52 Lee's Summit, MO 64063	816-524-7626 or 816-806-8566

Reservation Slip

Please return by August 1, 2016.

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Troop: _____ Years Of Service: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please mail checks to: Pat Spire, 3400 NW 51st Terrace, Blue Springs, MO 64015.

4th Annual Tpr. Guthrie Memorial Golf Tournament

By Sgt. Barry A. Kumpf, Troop A

On September 11, 2015, 80 golfers participated in the 4th Annual Trooper Fred Guthrie Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament held at the Paradise Point Golf Complex in Smithville, MO. Despite a couple of holes being ruined by flooding earlier in the year, the course's superintendent, Eddie Hall, had the course in pristine condition. Mr. Hall, the father of Trooper Joey D. Hall, Troop A, and his brother, Jesse, welcomed all the participants, extending hospitality second to none. The weather was absolutely perfect, starting around 60 degrees and topping out around 75 degrees. The course chosen to be played was called the Posse, with several golf holes bordering Smithville

Lake, which Fred frequently patrolled during his career with the Water Patrol. Fred also received a Lifesaving Award for his heroic actions on this lake during a torrential thunderstorm in 2007.

Throughout the day, cheers and laughter could be heard around the course. On Hole 15, individuals were given a chance to win a 2015 Harley Davidson motorcycle if they recorded a hole-in-one. The hole-in-one was sponsored by the golf tournament's corporate sponsor, Worth Harley-Davidson, owned by Rick Worth. No one recorded a hole-in-one, but there were a few close shots.

After everyone completed the 18-hole course, all the participants were served a wonderful barbeque brisket lunch, which was prepared by Mr. Hall and his employees. Prizes were awarded, gifts were received, and the tournament's winning score was 16 under. It should be mentioned that one of the teams that placed was awarded a generous prize of four rounds of golf to Osage National Golf Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks, donated by Mr. Richard R. Pitnick, the course superintendent and father of Troop A Automotive Technician III Rick R. Pitnick.

After Tpr. Fred Guthrie Jr. was killed in the line of duty on August

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1, 2011, there was a vision to plan a memorial golf tournament to honor a husband, father, friend, and dedicated officer. The proceeds from the initial golf tournament in 2012 provided additional financial support to Tpr. Guthrie's family. As the tournament committee and Guthrie family moved forward with future tournaments, the vision changed. Now, the tournament provides both scholarships to high school students, and a monetary gift to an area law enforcement officer and his family.

In June 2015, Pettis County Deputy Javier Gonzalez' 9-year-old daughter, Aracely, was diagnosed with rare cancerous brain tumor. When the tournament committee learned of her medical condition and the financial strain put on their family due to her illness, they immediately selected the Gonzalez family as this year's law enforcement family beneficiary. On October 22, 2015, then-Lieutenant Scott A. Shipers* presented Deputy Gonzalez and his family with a \$5,000 check. They were very thankful and humbled to receive this blessing from the tournament.

I would like to express my thanks to everyone who assisted with making this such a success.

** Lt. Scott Shipers was promoted after this event and is now Captain Shipers, commanding officer of Troop A.*

Hope

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”

— Desmond Tutu

We Remember



Tpr. Gary W. Snodgrass
Troop I
End of watch: February 21, 1970



Tpr. Russell W. Harper
Troop D
End of watch: February 8, 1987



Cpl. Henry C. Bruns
Troop H
End of watch: February 16, 1987



Sgt. Randy V. Sullivan
Troop E
End of watch: February 17, 1996



Sgt. Robert A. Guilliams
Troop E
End of watch: February 16, 2001



Tpr. Kelly L. Poynter
Troop G
End of watch: January 18, 2002

Troopers Brighten Youngster's Day

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

Members from Troop C joined officers with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department to make a dream come true for 10-year-old Zy'ron Ward last October. Zy'ron suffers from pulmonary fibrosis and has been a patient of St. Louis Children's Hospital for more than a year. His dream was to become a police officer. Zy'ron's nurses learned of his dream and contacted the hospital security manager, Mr. Dwynn Isringhausen, who put things in motion with a phone call to his son, Trooper Dwade F. Isringhausen, Troop C. Sergeant James D. Cox and Trooper Jordan A. Hilliard, also Troop C, accompanied Tpr. Isringhausen and brought a big smile to Zy'ron's face. The troopers were on hand for Zy'ron's special oath ceremony and presented the youngster with an official Missouri State Highway Patrol campaign hat. In addition to the troopers, officers from the St. Louis Police Department and St. Louis County Police Department, a police K-9, hospital staff, and a couple of St. Louis Cardinal baseball players stopped by for a visit.



Tpr. Jordan Hilliard and Tpr. Dwade Isringhausen presented a campaign hat to a youngster in St. Louis Children's Hospital. (A St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department officer is also pictured.)

Troopers Participate In Shop-With-A-Cop

Sgt. Gary S. Horton, Troop D

In December, Corporals Elan B. Adams and Zack K. Bryan, Troop D, assisted the Monett [MO] Police Department with Shop-With-A-Cop held at the Monett Walmart. They helped provide assistance for over 50 needy children who may have otherwise not received any gifts for Christmas. This event helped to foster positive relationships between local children and law enforcement officers. Santa's helpers, Cpls. Adams and Bryan, exemplified positive traits and characteristics as they were paired with underprivileged children and led them through the aisles in search of gifts. Cpl. Adams

was instrumental in the crafts aisles helping children gather supplies to make their Christmas gifts. Cpl. Bryan, utilizing his knowledge in technology, helped select a digital camera for a child. Area business owners and civic organizations contributed over \$600 in donations to assist young shoppers with their Christmas shopping. Thanks to everyone who assisted with making this event a success.



Corporals Elan Adams and Zack Bryan helped Santa at the Monett Police Department's Shop-With-A-Cop event.

Cpl. Doug Kissinger: Quintessential Officer, Family Man

By Cpl. Jay K. Riley, Troop A

I first met Doug Kissinger in the spring 1997. Doug had just graduated from the Missouri State Water Patrol Training Academy as a member of the 28th Recruit Class. He was assigned to Benton County to patrol the Lake of the Ozarks from the 71-mile marker to the 93-mile marker. Prior to employment with the Water Patrol, Doug grew up in Union, MO, and graduated from Union High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science in wildlife enforcement from the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, MO, and served as a park ranger with the St. Louis County parks system. Prior to that, he worked seasonal jobs for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri Department of Conservation.

When Doug first arrived in Warsaw, MO, the Alis Ben Johns manhunt was intensifying and I had been assigned to be his FTO. Initially, Doug and I were primarily assigned to the manhunt as we devoted numerous man-hours to roadblocks, building searches, and shoreline searches by boat. I remember Doug saying at one point, he wished “we could hurry up and find that guy” as he was anxious to begin developing his water patrol skills. Ben Johns was eventually apprehended and so began the FTO period. One of the first observations I made was that Doug was a quick study and how easily he retained instruction. This was my first assignment as FTO. I really didn’t know what to expect, other than if I couldn’t get along with my trainee, it might make for a long training period. Any concerns I might have had were quickly erased as Doug’s sense of humor was contagious and his easy going personality was very compatible with my personality. He progressed through the FTO training with flying colors and was released from FTO on time, with superior evaluations.

When Doug first arrived in Warsaw, he was a young, single man with a red sports car. My wife and I have four children and our oldest son, Ryan, was 13 at that time. He thought Doug was the coolest guy and he really liked Doug’s sports car. Doug came over to our house frequently. Coming from a large family himself, seven brothers and one sister, he was very familiar with all the shenanigans that go on

Rachel Swaters, moved to Warsaw into the apartment next door to Doug. On July 4th, Rachel went out on the lake with some friends and saw Doug while he was working. She waited for Doug to get home that afternoon and then went next door to introduce herself. Although Doug had an outgoing personality, there were some things he kept to himself—such as his dating life. Warsaw is a small town and I began to hear through the grapevine that Doug was keeping company with the new teacher in town. I remember the first time I saw Rachel and Doug together. They were on a bike ride and when Doug and I first made eye contact, was a “priceless” moment. Rachel and Doug were married on June 21, 2003, and began their life together in Warsaw. Doug continued to patrol Truman Lake and Rachel continued to teach at John Boise Middle School. On May 10, 2006, their son, Hayden, was born; their daughter, Chloe, was born on October 8,

2007. Doug was a GREAT father and Rachel shared with me that Hayden and Chloe loved it when their daddy would turn something into a silly song or game or some type of friendly competition. Doug was the quintessential family man and he cherished the time he spent with his family.

When I was promoted to corporal, I became Doug’s supervisor. Doug was very conscientious and took pride in his profession. His quality of work reflected that. Doug was a mentor not only to his coworkers, but also to officers outside our agency. Doug could always independently recognize the essential tasks and would quietly and unassumingly get them done. In the



The Kissinger family enjoy a Cardinals game. From left to right are: Cpl. Doug, Hayden, Chloe, and Rachel Kissinger.

between siblings. He always made time for our kids when he was at our home. I still recall the night we had a hockey game in our driveway and Doug was the goalie. He had a broom in one hand and a baseball glove on the other. With seven brothers, I have a suspicion that wasn’t the first time he had played hockey in a driveway. Doug would often go watch our kids play football and sometimes even ride with us to the away games. Our family enjoyed the time spent with Doug and will always cherish it.

Doug continued to patrol Lake of the Ozarks until transferring to Truman Lake while continuing to reside in Warsaw. In the summer 2001, there was a change coming for Doug. That’s when the new middle school teacher,

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— Kissinger

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years that I was his supervisor, I repeatedly referred to him as my “go-to guy.”

In January 2011, the Missouri State Water Patrol was merged into the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Doug took his Oath of Office to become a uniformed member. Doug embraced the merge and welcomed the opportunity for the additional duties of working the road. In October 2011, the Water Patrol Division members were reassigned to the troops and Doug and I were reassigned to Troop A, Zone 16. Following the reassignment, Doug completed an FTO period to become acclimated to road duty under the supervision of Trooper Ricky J. Chapman. Ricky told me that Doug was very thorough and quickly demonstrated proficiency when working the road. Doug was a solid trooper in either venue, the road or the water, and he was respected by his colleagues and the public with whom he came in contact.

Over the course of the last 19 years, Doug worked many special assignments including flood duty, satu-

(l to r) Capt. Scott A. Shipers, Troop A, presented a corporal promotion certificate to Cpl. Doug Kissinger, Troop A, last summer.

ration patrols at the Niangua River, post 9-11 security details at the Missouri State Capitol complex, Hurricane Katrina detail, State Fair detail, field training officer, and most recently the civil unrest in Ferguson, MO. In all instances, he served his agency with pride and distinction and the state of Missouri can be proud of his service. His knowledge and expertise will be sorely missed. In the spring 2015, Doug was reassigned to the new Troop A, Zone 20, a marine enforcement zone, and on June 1, 2015, he was promoted to the rank of corporal.

On October 23, 2015, Douglas C. Kissinger, 43, died in his home in Warsaw. That was a tough day for the members of Zone 16 and Zone 20. Doug’s life touched all of our lives in a very special way. The suddenness of his death had a stark impact on each of our lives that reminds us of just how fragile life can be. Most anyone who is in law enforcement understands the fraternal nature of our profession. That was never more evident than the evening of Doug’s passing. Many officers gathered

(l to r) Chloe and Hayden Kissinger decided to dress up as troopers for Halloween 2015.



at the Kissinger home that evening to provide support to Rachel and to one another. My youngest son, Christopher, who has known Doug almost his entire life, is now a deputy sheriff for the Benton County Sherriff’s Department. When he received the news about Doug, he was visibly shaken. He went to the Kissinger home that evening to support Rachel and her family, and to get support from his brothers in law enforcement. That’s what the brotherhood is all about. I’m proud to be a part of that brotherhood and I am proud to call Doug Kissinger my brother.

Doug meant so very much to many people. He was a loving son, a dependable brother, a devoted husband and father, a respected law enforcement officer, and a loyal friend. Most importantly, he is a believer in his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he knows his Heavenly Father. I’m also a believer and I am comforted knowing that Doug is with his Heavenly Father now. I look forward to that reunion one day with my “go-to guy.”

Doug Kissinger is survived by his wife, Rachel; son, Hayden; daughter, Chloe; father and mother, Charlie and Janice; his brothers, Danny, Darren, Dale, Dewayne, Dean, Don, Mike; and his sister, Paula.

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



Deaths

Marion James "Jim" Brent



Marion James "Jim" Brent, 90, of Springfield, MO, and formerly of Poplar Bluff, MO, died Tuesday, November 24, 2015. Mr. Brent was employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a radio operator on September 1, 1949. He retired as the Patrol's director of the Radio Division on July 1, 1982. Visit the Springfield, MO, *News-Leader* website to read about Mr. Brent's life.

Timothy M. Helton



Timothy M. Helton, 63, of Port St. Lucie, FL, died November 19, 2015. Mr. Helton worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol from March 15, 1989 until he retired as a commercial vehicle officer on September 1, 2010. To read about Mr. Helton's life, visit the Haisley Funeral Home (Fort Pierce, FL) website.

Joseph L. Hyatt



Joseph Lynn Hyatt, 73, of Sparta, MO, died and joined his Savior on November 30, 2015. Mr. Hyatt worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol from March 1, 1965 until he retired as a radio and telecommunications technician on August 31, 1994. To read about Mr. Hyatt's life, visit Adams Funeral Home (Ozark, MO) website.

Art Cullifer



Art Cullifer, 73, of Emden, MO, died Sunday, December 6, 2015. Mr. Cullifer worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a commercial vehicle inspector from October 1965 until he retired in March 1996. Visit The Greening-Eagan-Hayes Funeral Home (Macon, MO, area) website to read about Mr. Cullifer's life.

Thank You

There are simply no words to express how grateful we are for the support extended to our family during this time of loss. Never has the brotherhood of the Highway Patrol been so evident to us as it was the day of Doug's funeral. He would have been humbled by those in attendance and the ribbon of red and blue lights accompanying him to the cemetery.

*With many thanks,
Rachel, Hayden, and Chloe
Kissinger
(Family of the Corporal Douglas C. Kissinger, Troop A)*

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Thank you, Blue Notes, for caroling at Summit Villa. Residents and staff enjoy listing to you!
Tammy

Wisdom

“Wisdom must be intuitive reason combined with scientific knowledge.”

– Aristotle

45th Annual

Two-Person Scramble Golf Tournament Missouri State Highway Patrol Employees and Retirees

Meadow Lake Acres Country Club — New Bloomfield, MO
Monday, June 6, 2016

Location: Meadow Lake Acres Country Club
2600 Meadow Lake Road
New Bloomfield, MO
U.S. Highway 54 and Missouri Route TT
(10 miles north of Jefferson City)

Shotgun Start: 9 a.m.
Check-In Time: 7 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$140 Per Team
(Includes Golf, Cart, Cash Prizes, and Meal)

Prizes: Hole-in-one, Hole Prizes, Longest Drives, Flight Cash Only Prizes
(Flights and payout determined by number of team entries.)

Area Motels: Country Hearth Inn (Fulton) — (573) 642-0077 or Best Western Plus (JC) — (573) 635-4175

Entry Form — 45th Annual MSHP Golf Tournament

Golfer 1 _____ Troop _____ Retiree _____

Golfer 2 _____ Troop _____ Retiree _____

Team E-mail or Phone Contact _____

Foursome Preference _____

Please make checks payable to: MSHP Golf Tournament. Mail entry form and fee to retired Major Hugh McKay, 3008 Cottonstone Court, Jefferson City, MO 65109. If you have questions, please email: hemckay@embarqmail.com or call (573) 636-0593.

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Colonel J. Bret Johnson is the first colonel to use a Twitter account to communicate with the public in his official capacity as superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The colonel, GHQ, DDCC, Academy, and all nine troops have moved into social media! You will find the agency at the following Twitter addresses:

- @MSHPTrooperGHQ-Statewide
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- @MSHPTrooperB
- @MSHPTrooperC
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- @MSHPColonel
- @MSHPRecruiting

The Missouri State Highway Patrol is also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/motrooper.