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From the Staff ...

Major J. Bret Johnson
Field Operations Bureau



The “From The Staff” column provides a place for the colonel and his staff to speak directly to employees of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The column also gives the command staff an opportunity to express our appreciation of Patrol employees and their professionalism as they serve and protect the citizens of Missouri.

Recent “From The Staff” articles have addressed topics such as the uniqueness of our Patrol family, and the importance of employees helping to recruit the best and brightest for our agency. In this issue From The Staff column, we want to recognize a specific group in the Patrol family—the spouse.

I believe it takes a special person to be a Patrol spouse. Serving and protecting can be stressful and, many times, dangerous. Shift work—whether you are a civilian or a member—is hard on the human body but it is also hard on families. Our employees do not always make it home on time, and oftentimes miss family, school, and holiday events. I especially want to honor and appreciate the spouses of our 30 members who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

In this *Patrol News*, you’ll find a series of articles about members who joined us as “seasoned” adults. Using a new approach, Public Information Specialist III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED, interviewed the employees’ spouses for these articles. I thought this would be a good opportunity to express our appreciation to those who support each of us as we fulfill the Patrol’s mission.

To all of our Patrol spouses, thank you for your support, dedication, and sacrifices. All of you are an important part of our team and your spouse’s success. We recognize the compromises you make and the encouragement you give in helping our employees be successful. You are appreciated.

Bret Johnson

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Slip Sliding Away ...

By Sgt. Paul J. Reinsch, Troop F

The 13 counties in the Troop F area received from four inches to 20 inches of snow during the February thundersnows. Audrain was the leader with 18-20 inches. Troop F was busy with its share of traffic crashes, abandoned vehicles, and slide offs. In this photo, Trooper Cody C. Frame checks on a vehicle that slid off the roadway.



Cover

Motor Vehicle Inspector Supervisor Mike P. Kelly, Troop B, served as a diver with the Marceline Underwater Rescue and Recovery Dive Team at the Polar Bear Plunge. (He is second from the right.) The team assisted plunge participants and made sure each of them were safe. (inset, left) Mr. Trace Broun, Cpl. Eric Broun, Troop B, and Tpr. Trent Haley, Troop B, take their turn plunging for a great cause. (inset, right) This Golden Plunger Award recognized the SUPER Plungers for their costumes. See page 27 for stories.

IACP Recognizes Tpr. Lashmet

By Sgt. Michael W. Watson, Troop D

The International Association of Chiefs of Police recognized Trooper W. Sean Lashmet, Troop D, at their annual conference, which took place September 30 to October 3, 2012, in San Diego, CA. Tpr. Lashmet was one of five honorable mention winners of the IACP's Looking Beyond the License Plate Award. This award honors law enforcement officers whose observations of a license plate result in the apprehension of a suspect or the resolution of a crime. The 3M Traffic Safety Systems Division co-sponsors the award.

This honor came to Tpr. Lashmet after a traffic stop on February 21, 2012. Following a computer check of a license plate, Tpr. Lashmet identified a warrant issued for the arrest of the registered owner of the vehicle, who at the time was a passenger in the vehicle. Following a short pursuit, the occupants of the vehicle, including the driver who was wanted for questioning in the disappearance of a male subject, were taken into custody. Follow-up investigation by law enforcement led to the arrest of the driver and three others for the murder of the missing male subject.



Pictured are Tpr. W. Sean Lashmet, Troop D, and his wife, Christina, after the IACP banquet.

STOLEN SCULPTURE RESURFACES

By Sgt. Michael W. Watson, Troop D

After 25 years, stolen property that ended up in Missouri made its way back to Kansas. The cold case originated in March 1987, when someone stole a bronze bust of American Poet Robert Frost, created by Sculptor Walker Hancock, from the campus of Wichita State University in Wichita, KS. According to the university, the bust was acquired in 1983, and is one of two sculptures of Frost by Hancock. The second is in Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. Following the initial report and investigation of the theft, the case was filed away and forgotten by many ... that is, until the summer 2012.

A phone tip to the Wichita State University Police Department in June 2012 indicated the statue might have found a temporary home in Southwest Missouri. A call by WSU Police to Troop D put Division of Drug and

Crime Control investigators on the case. In August, DDCC personnel arrived at a residence in Lamar, MO, to find the owner away at work. However, when looking through a window at the garage, troopers eyed the statue. Sitting on the floor, covered only in dust, not looking worse for the wear was the Frost bust.

A statue that when stolen had been valued at \$5,000 was now on display in a garage in Barton County holding a value at what some estimate to be in the neighborhood of \$25,000. Eventually, the property was recovered from the garage and a 44-year-old Lamar man was arrested for receiving stolen property. Shortly after the recovery, the statue was released back to a Wichita State University Police Department detective. According to one news agency, university officials said



the artwork appeared to be in good condition and when cleaned up, they planned to display it ... once again ... outside on campus.

U.S. Highway 71 Renamed Interstate 49

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

The transition from U.S. Highway 71 in Western Missouri to Interstate 49 took place on December 12, 2012, with a ceremony in Joplin that began at 12 p.m. The event at Joplin Middle School included officials from the federal, state, and local levels, and began with a presentation of the colors by the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop D Honor Guard. Following the ceremony, three teams of troopers from Troop D and Troop A assisted MoDOT as signs marking the new interstate were either uncovered or turned. The completed portion of the highway covers 180 miles and runs from Pineville, MO, in McDonald County north to Kansas City. The final five-mile stretch from Pineville south to the Arkansas state line will be completed when Arkansas officials finalize the four-lane bypass around the town of Bella Vista, AR. According to MoDOT, the initial planning for the I-49 project began in the late 1980s, with construction running from the 1990s through 2012. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$500 million. Over the past three years, much of the work done has been building interchanges, overpasses, and outer roads between Harrisonville, AR, and Carthage, MO.

Oregon County Sheriff Recognizes DDCC Investigators

By Sgt. Marty K. Elmore, Troop G

On the morning of December 13, 2012, Oregon County Sheriff George Underwood stopped by Troop G Headquarters to present framed certificates of appreciation to the three Patrol Division of Drug and Crime Control officers assigned to the Troop G area. Sheriff Underwood met with Captain Dwayne F. Isringhausen and expressed his desire to formally recognize Sergeant Warren W. Wiedemann, Sergeant Casey A. Jadwin, and Trooper Don K. Jones, all Q/DDCC, for the outstanding assistance provided to his department.

"I can't thank these guys enough for the help they have provided me and my department. They are always willing to assist us when we call," Sheriff Underwood said.

Sgt. Wiedemann accepted his certificate and those provided to Sgt. Jadwin and Tpr. Jones, both of whom were out in the field when the good sheriff came by. Sgt. Wiedemann thanked the sheriff for the recognition and pledged his continued support to the sheriff's department, saying, "We all benefit by helping each other. All of us are going after the same objective."



Oregon County Sheriff George Underwood (l) presents a certificate of appreciation to Sgt. Warren Wiedemann, supervisor of the Troop G DDCC Unit.



Sgt. Greg A. DuBois responded to this traffic crash involving a tractor-trailer. The crash occurred in February at the 186 mile-marker of Interstate 44 in Phelps County. According to the National Weather Service, snowfall amounts varied in Troop I. Rolla received one inch while Lebanon saw four inches fall. Much of the precipitation arrived in the form of sleet, which made roadways extra slick.

New Employees



Lacy J. Koncor
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop F



Ashton R. Meyer
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop F



Scott A. Miller
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop C



Jodi E. Regnery
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop A



Brandy L. Rehmeier
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop F



Annette G. Tesch
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop A



Bradley L. Boeckmann
Fingerprint Tech. I
Q/CJISD



Lori A. Burkemper
Clerk Typist III
Troop C



Aaron J. Exner
Criminalist I
Q/CLD



Brandy N. Hoelscher
Fingerprint Tech. I
Q/CJISD



Amanda L. Hux
DE I
Troop A



Kevin J. Lindenbusch
MVI I
Troop C

New Employees



Gregory W. Loveless
Building & Grounds
Maint. II
Troop C



Nathaniel S. Saxby
Fingerprint Tech. I
Q/CJISD



Candace H. Schwartz
Lab. Evidence Tech. II
Q/CLD



Nikki T. Wrinkles
Account Clerk I
Q/CJISD

Classrooms C, D: New & Improved!

By Training Division

Academy Classrooms C and D recently went through a transformation. It took a little over a month and resulted in an improved area for students to learn. Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv. Larry D. Landers, Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Shawn J. Welschmeyer, Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Keith C. Juergensmeyer, and Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Robert C. Holtmeyer, all Q/TND, worked with Danny Markway, Danny Braun, and Troy Wolken, from the Office of Administration, to complete the project. The group rewired and removed some old electrical devices that were not being used, and then wired the student desks for electricity. They removed old wallpaper, then painted both classrooms and the student desks. The group closed in an area in the front of the classroom with sheet rock. Finally, they helped prepare both classrooms for new carpet and new trim. Quite a bit of this work occurred during the holiday season, which was already a busy time. Well done, gentlemen!



The desks in Classrooms C and D were removed, to prepare for new carpet.



The project was completed prior to the arrival of the 96th Recruit Class.

Community Alliance: Cultivating Positive Relationships Since 1999

By Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Troop D

On the evening of October 23, 2012, 28 Troop D citizens completed their participation of the 2012 Troop D Community Alliance Program at an awards ceremony and dinner held at the John Q. Hammons Tower Club in Springfield, MO. During the awards presentation, members of the class accepted plaques from Colonel Ron Replogle, and Captain Juan O. Villanueva, Troop D, recognizing them for their dedication to the program. The participants enjoyed a slide show highlighting the class and many of the activities in which they were involved. Some of these activities included: the shooting range, stop and approach, special weapons and tactics (SWAT), marine operations, crash investigation, crime scene investigation, and a canine demonstration.

The guest speaker for the evening was retired Lieutenant Terry R. Moore. Terry was no stranger to the Community Alliance Program. In fact, he created the first Community Alliance program in 1999, when he served as a public information and education officer in Troop D. When asked about the Patrol's first Community Alliance Program, Terry stated,



Sgt. Cort A. Stuart, Troop D, explains a few tools of the trade to Troop D Community Alliance Program participants.

“When speaking to groups regardless of age, many common questions were asked: How do you get to be a trooper? What is recruit school like? Does the radar actually check telephone poles? Are red cars more likely to be stopped? What are the firearms qualification requirements? How can you walk up to a car at midnight? Etcetera. Those consistent and frequent questions compelled thoughts toward some type of public information program that might allow interaction between troopers and those we serve.

Many municipal police departments already had what was called

a “Citizens’ Academy” and I thought it would be worthwhile to develop something similar for our organization. I didn’t want to use the same name that other departments used, so I simply kept thinking of some type of name that would accurately identify the concept and “Community Alliance Program” seemed a perfect fit. Every superintendent I ever worked for told us that the reason the Missouri State Highway Patrol had such strong support was because of the public’s knowledge that we were “different.” Different being defined as: professional, disciplined, consistent, and fair. Our support was based upon a cooperative spirit, or “alliance”

between taxpayers and troopers. I wanted the people who ‘paid my salary’ to *experience* why troopers were different.

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Cpl. Jeff D. Fugett (inside vehicle), Troop D, helped provide a “looking beyond the stop” experience to participants during Troop D Community Alliance Program.

— Alliance

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To accomplish that, the public needed an opportunity to interact and talk with a variety of troopers who provided a multitude of services, many of which that same taxpayer had no idea the Patrol was engaged in providing.

The curriculum developed with the help of Troop D members who provided suggestions as to the types of classes and activities their career experience suggested would be popular with participants. The final product resulted in an inaugural program that proved to be a strong success. Production of the program requires significant planning and coordination of many schedules. The results are tremendously positive. Additionally, the majority of troopers who participate in providing instruction, demonstrations, coaching, teaching, and role-playing responsibilities have expressed how positive the experience has been for them.”

This year’s program began on September 18, 2012, and participants met on consecutive Tuesday evenings. They became more familiar with Patrol operations and procedures through classroom training, practical exercises, and personal interaction with Patrol employees. Twenty-five Troop D officers and employees served as guest instructors. The 2012 Community Alliance Program was a huge success and we are looking forward to many more opportunities to cultivate a positive relationship with the communities we serve.

April

- April 15 ● Tpr. J.E. Linger died in 1985.
- April 15 ● Class B uniform
- April 20 ● Tpr. R.C. Tatoian died in 2005.

Anniversaries

April

25 years

- Chief DE Nancy D. Gottman, Troop B
- Criminalist III Kathleen M. Green, Q/CLD
- CVO Sprv. I Larry J. Sheehy, Troop E
- CVO Sprv. II Timothy J. Swartz, Troop A

20 years

- MVI Sprv. Daniel A. Gregory, Troop I

15 years

- Comm. Oper. III Kathryn Y. Simpson, Troop H

10 years

- DE III Mark A. Cherry, Troop A
- Comm. Oper. II Eric B. Douglas, Troop D
- Trainer/Auditor I Christopher L. Parr, Q/CJISD

5 years

- Comm. Oper. II Jeffrey K. Herzer, Troop H
- Criminalist III Kelli E. Schuldies, Q/CLD

May

20 years

- DE III Angela C. Johnson, Troop A
- DE III Wanda F. Woodruff, Troop C

15 years

- Accountant II Chelsea N. Chanel, Q/BPD

10 years

- CVO II Randy E. Fain, Troop C

- CITS II Connie L. Farris, Q/ICTD
- CVO II Clinton R. Flynn, Troop A
- CVO II Jason L. Gregory, Troop G
- CVO II Herbert W. Guilliams, Troop A
- CVO II Gregory N. Hall, Troop A
- Tpr. Coby G. Holzschuh, Troop F
- Tpr. Jeffry S. Leathers, Troop I
- CITS II Arthur L. Luebbering, Q/ICTD
- Tpr. Dennis W. McCormick, Q/GD
- CVO II Robert L. Morgan, Troop D
- Trainer/Auditor I Jason R. Murray, Q/CJISD
- CVO II Bradley L. Nail, Troop H
- CVE Inspector III Ted E. Wilkins, Troop D

5 years

- DE III Virginia A. Alston-Smith, Troop A
- Comm. Oper. II Derrick L. Collins, Troop D
- Tpr. Angela M. Coval, Troop C
- Comm. Oper. II Jessalin A. Degonia, Troop F
- Criminalist III Lydia J. Fisher, Q/CLD
- Comm. Oper. II Katherine H. McCormick, Troop A
- Comm. Oper. II Denny D. Stortz, Troop C
- Criminalist III David F. Warren, Q/CLD
- Comm. Oper. II Adam E. Whittom, Troop E

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

Year To Date April 30, 2013	Same Period Last Year Year To Date	Number Of Increase Or Decrease	2011 Traffic Fatalities	2012 Traffic Fatalities
174	256	-82	786	829

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.



Spotlight



Auto. Tech. Sprv. Tracy L. Perkins



Appointed: January 1, 1996.

First Assignment: Automotive Technician I, Motor Equipment Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

Promotions/Reclassifications: Automotive Technician II — July 1, 1997; Automotive Technician III — July 1, 2000; Automotive Technician Supervisor — April 16, 2001. (He served as acting garage superintendent in 2004.)

Current Assignment: Automotive Technician Supervisor, Motor Equipment Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

Family: Tracy's son, Kyle, is 23; his daughter, Kacey is 16. (He also has a dog named Bucky, who is seven.)

Interests: Tracy enjoys riding his motorcycle, working in his shop at home, barbecuing, and anything else outdoors.

Tracy has lived in the Jefferson City area his entire life. He graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1984. Prior to joining the Patrol, he worked for the Department of Revenue for six years.

"I'm proud to work for the Missouri State Highway Patrol," said

Tracy. "When I was young, I knew Tpr. P.E. Corl, one of the Patrol's original members."

Comm. Oper. II Katie P. York



Appointed: March 26, 2006.

First Assignment: Troop A, Lee's Summit.

Current Assignment: Troop D, Springfield.

Interests: "I enjoy spending time with family and friends," said Katie. I also enjoy watching my nieces and nephews playing various sports and participating in school programs. I am currently enrolled part time at Jacksonville State University."

Katie was born and raised in Carthage, MO, where she graduated from high school in 1999. She worked for Carthage Police Department prior to joining the Patrol. Katie will graduate in December 2013 from Jacksonville State University with a bachelor's degree in emergency management and a minor in homeland security.

Tpr. Joseph Drum



Appointed: January 1, 1997.

First assignment: Troop A, Zone 15, Henry County.

Current Assignment: Troop D, Zone 5, Jasper County.

Family: Joe is married to Gina (Faris), who is from Quapaw, OK. They have two children, Christian (12) and Rachael (9).

Interest: Joe enjoys spending time with family, coaching youth sports, playing basketball, and supporting Special Olympic programs. He also enjoys watching his son play basketball and his daughter participate in swim meets.

Joe is a native of Smithton, MO, where he graduated from high school. He graduated from Missouri Southern State College (now University) in Joplin, MO, where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He also played basketball at Missouri Southern State College. Prior to joining the Patrol, he worked for the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. Joe was a member of the 73rd Recruit Class. He worked in Troop A for six years before transferring to Troop D in 2003.



Spotlight



Clerk Typist II Megan E. Long



Current Assignment: Clerk Typist II, Troop E.

Family: Megan is married to Gary Long, and they have two children, Jase (8) and Keygan (1).

Interests: Megan enjoys spending time with her family, church activities, and playing sports.

Megan is a Poplar Bluff native and graduated from Poplar Bluff High School. She attended Three Rivers College on a volleyball scholarship and was the assistant coach in 2006. Prior to the Patrol, she was employed at First Community Bank in Poplar Bluff. Megan has many clerical duties at the Troop E Headquarters, including processing criminal records and insurance. She loves being employed at the Missouri State Highway Patrol and her co-workers.

Appointed: December 16, 2010.

First Assignment: Clerk Typist I, Troop E.

Promotions/Reclassifications:
Clerk Typist II — December 18, 2011.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Camila Jean
Tpr. Adam S. & Mrs. Brooke L. Huskey
Troop C

Payton Lynn
Mr. Brandon M. & Tpr. Ashley E. Klempe
Troop F

Wyatt James
Mr. Jeremiah J. & Tpr. Amy K. Johnson
Q/GD

Cohen
Tpr. Douglas W. & Mrs. Brandy A. Pfeifer
Troop I

Brantley Keith
Tpr. Justin K. & Mrs. Heather R. Brooks
Troop E

Joshua Paul
Tpr. Daren C. & Mrs. Vanessa R. Belardo
Troop A

Merik Kelley
Tpr. Travis I. Goolsby
Troop A

Brenton Harris
Tpr. Dan W. & Mrs. Michelle M. Schubert
Troop A

Elliott Levon
Tpr. J. Michael & Mrs. Erica D. Linegar
Troop D

Strutting For SOMO!



Cpl. Stacy L. Mosher, Troop F, took part in the Special Olympics Polar Bear Strut 5K in Osage Beach, MO. The event took place February 23, 2013. Pictured with Cpl. Mosher (center) are her daughter (r), Kaelin Mosher, and her stepmother (l), Sharon Johnson (wife of retired Capt. Stephen R. Johnson Jr.).

Promotions



Dave A. Hall
Captain
Q/MIAC



Kevin C. Kelley
Lieutenant
Q/CVED



John W. Dick Jr.
Sergeant
Troop A



Mike P. Fennewald
Sergeant
Troop A



Eldon L. Grissom
Sergeant
Troop B



Mike D. Lynch
Sergeant
Troop E



Eric F. Brown
Corporal
Troop B



Terry J. Adams
Corporal
Troop B



Neil R. Atkinson
Corporal
Troop F



Trenton A. Badgett
Corporal
Troop D



Aaron M. Harrison
Corporal
Q/RDD



Stacey L. Mosher
Corporal
Troop F



Brad D. Odle
Corporal
Troop G



Rick E. Scism
Corporal
Troop A



Grant N. Williams
Corporal
Troop E

Promotions



Thad W. Huff
Chief Technician
Q/ICTD



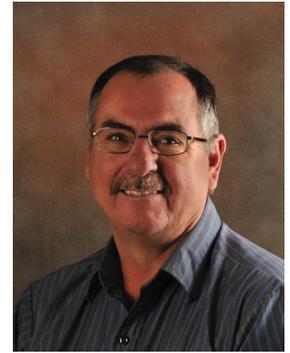
Jeff A. Schmidt
Chief Technician
Q/ICTD



David R. Axelrod
Asst. Chief Oper.
Troop C



Sonja Y. Barborek
Cook II
Q/TND



Paul R. Becker
Garage Superintendent
Q/MED



Nancy M. Brown
DE Sprv.
Troop B



Derick L. Brunzel
CVE Inspector II
Troop C



Roger D. Cross
Assistant Director
Q/MVID



Jenny M. Evers
Quality Control Clerk II
Q/CVED



Celeste D. Forbers
Criminalist III
Q/CLD



Mike V. Ferguson
Cook Sprv.
Q/TND



Gabe T. Gronemeyer
DE II
Troop C



Tina G. Hall
CVE Inspector II
Troop C



John J. Hanlen
CVE Inspector II
Troop C



Gayla C. Jenkins
Fingerprint Tech. II
Q/CJISD

Promotions



Kristina M. Joy
Criminalist II
Q/CLD



Brittany J. Kiekel
DE II
Troop C



Lacey D. Loring
Clerk Typist III
Troop G



W. Curt Malzner
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint.
Sprv.
Q/MED



Jane M. Martin
CVE Inspector II
Troop A



Terry McElyea
DE III
Troop D



Sarah E. Mitchell
CVE Inspector II
Troop C



Jodi L. Nichols
DE III
Troop F



Britni L. Perkins
DE II
Troop C



Mary A. Reid
Crim. Hist. Tech. II
Q/CJISD



Jeremy W. Rhoades
CVE Inspector III
Troop H



Tammy A. Richardson
DE Sprv.
Troop C



E. Anne Robinson
Food Service Mgr.
Q/TND



William C. Rule
CVE Inspector II
Troop C



Phillip W. Shackelford
CIT II
Q/ICTD

Promotions



Jeff R. Sims
Chief CVO
Q/CVED



Virginia J. Sims
DE II
Troop F



Hannah R. Taylor
DE Sprv.
Troop D



Angie M. Weddington
DE Sprv.
Troop A

Cpl. Jay Sampietro Toy Drive Brightens Holidays

By Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Troop D

The Missouri State Highway Patrol, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, and the Children's Miracle Network of Cox Health, joined the citizens they serve to make the Sixth Annual Corporal John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr. Toy Drive a huge success. The toy collection, which began on November 23 and concluded on December 16, 2012, welcomed the overwhelming response of donated toys and money.

The purpose of the annual toy drive is twofold. First, it is in remembrance of Cpl. Jay Sampietro, who died in the line of duty on August 17, 2005. Second, the toy drive is designed to brighten the holidays for children who are forced to spend the Christmas season in the hospital. Troopers, along with the Sampietro family and representatives from the Children's Miracle Network and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, personally delivered some of the donated toys to the children in the Cox Health Pediatric Unit in Springfield.



Will Sampietro, Matt Sampietro, and Jennifer Sampietro-Savage (center) helped troopers deliver toys. Standing with them are (l to r) a representative from Cox Health, Lt. D. Scott Sater, Troop D, a Krispy Kreme Doughnuts representative, and Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Troop D.

The remaining toys were given to the Children's Miracle Network of Cox Health for future distribution.

Cpl. Sampietro's death left a huge void in the lives of his family, friends, and co-workers. This toy drive has

proven to be a great way to honor his memory and bring a little bit of joy and happiness to sick children during the Christmas holidays.

Spread The Word!

SHOW PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE SAFETY MESSAGE

By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A

Troop A marine operations troopers, recruiters, and additional personnel participated in the 2013 Kansas City Sports Show at Bartle Hall on January 11-13, 2013, in Kansas City. It was an opportunity for the Patrol to promote boating safety through education. Troopers answered numerous boating safety-related questions and provided attendees with a variety of safety-related items. Troop A also participated in the Overland Park Boat Show on January 25-27, 2013, at the Overland Park Convention Center.



(l) Tpr. M. David Miranda, Q/HRD, and Cpl. Charles W. Hoff, Troop A, share stickers and safety games with some youngsters at the KC Sports Show.



The Patrol joined other agencies in this eye-catching display at the KC Sports Show.

Academy Welcomes 96th Recruit Class

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

Forty-four people reported to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy on January 16, 2013, to begin the 25-week training course to become a trooper. The 96th Recruit Class will graduate on July 12, 2013. The average age of the members of the 96th Recruit Class is 26 years. Thirty-nine recruits remain in the Academy.



Sgt. Mark A. Wilson, Q/TND, speaks to a recruit during the first day.

MSHP

As A Second Career

Members, Spouses Talk About Experience

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

The Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy welcomes an average of one recruit class each year. Those in the class must be at least 21 years old at the time of graduation and be able to serve as a trooper for a minimum of three years before reaching age 60, which is the mandatory retirement age for members. The average age of recruits in the last five recruit classes has been 25 or 26 years old. However, not all recruits are in their mid-20s.

Some are in their 30s and there have been recruits in their 40s. Have you ever wondered why someone would choose to enter the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy in their late '30s or early '40s? Was it a second career or a new direction? I spoke to four members of the Patrol who entered the Academy as "seasoned" adults (photos at right). I also spoke with their spouses. Each arrived at the Academy via a unique path; each has a story to tell.



Sgt. Dottie E. Taylor



Sgt. Tim J. Hourihan



Tpr. M. David Miranda



Tpr. Kenneth A. Baldwin



'My Wife Makes A Difference Every Day'

Sgt. Dottie E. Taylor, Q/DDCC, joined the Patrol in 1996 as a telecommunicator in Troop I, Rolla. Before that, she worked in clerical positions and in the banking field. She said none of those positions "fit" what she could envision herself choosing as a career. "I met many great people along my path, and one of those introduced me to members of the Patrol family. [They are] what eventually steered me toward the Patrol," said Dottie.

Dottie said that part of her decision to become part of the Patrol family was an unconscious one. Her daughter, Missy, was very interested in law enforcement and had her sights set on the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Unfortunately, Missy's life was

cut short in a traffic crash. "I have since realized that pivotal event eventually led me to the Patrol."

Dottie said she and Bruce had great friends who were associated with the Patrol (the Volkmer and Mertens families) and through them met many others. "I watched them and felt a strong pull toward the Patrol. I never acted on my feelings, because I thought there was still an age cap, and I was already beyond that age."

Sgt. Eric K. Volkmer, Troop I, told Dottie about the telecommunicator position at Troop I and she applied. Once immersed in the atmosphere, she felt the "fit" as she watched and talked to troopers daily. She said I "kept my desire to 'be one' a secret, that is, until



This photo of Tpr. Dottie Taylor was taken when she worked the road in Troop I, Zone 4, Pulaski County.

I learned there was no longer an age cap in place. The rest is history. I applied with both naysayers and supporters, I might add." Dottie was 41 years old when she entered the Academy on

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January 1, 1999, as a member of the 76th Recruit Class.

When Dottie was working as a telecommunicator, she told her husband, Bruce, she wanted to apply for the Academy. He says they've always supported each other and he could see how much she loved the Patrol and the Patrol family. "I told her I'd back her 100 percent. I had no problem with her becoming a trooper," he said.

"I knew we would be apart a lot [during training]," said Bruce. "At that time, I wasn't over-the-road. I had an eight-to-five job and was home all the time. Her being gone for 26 weeks was like ... *wow*. I had to take care of everything at home. I knew she would give 100 percent to the Academy. I worried more about whether I could take care of everything."

"We've been married 38 years now. She's the love of my life. She's a tough bird—tougher than I am—and isn't one to give up. When she came home on weekends from the Academy, she was spent ... But, she fought through everything. When we went to graduation, there was no prouder person than me. I knew she would make it. She can't stand failure. I knew every ounce of her would be put into that Academy. I missed her—that was a rough six months for me."

The Academy training was challenging, and he said it brought change. He laughed and said, "I used to have a submissive wife who went along with everything I said. She became more outspoken and thought everything through more. I think the Patrol taught her that just because someone says something to you doesn't mean it's true or right."

"There's a lot more structure in our life. The Patrol is a lot like the military," he explained. "I worry about her being on the road, yes. I don't worry much about her being shot; but, we've lost a couple of good friends in car crashes. I worry more about her pulling a car over on the crazy highway, because I drive these crazy highways."

"The late Sergeant Mark D. Reynolds told me he thought I was 'too nice'

to be a trooper. I later served in his zone and he realized though I could be nice, I was not 'too nice,'" Dottie said.

About four or five years ago, Dottie told Bruce she had a chance to get



Tpr. Dottie Taylor hugs her granddaughters.

Tpr. Dottie Taylor and her extended family took this picture over the 2012 Christmas holiday.

off the road and become a criminal investigator. Bruce asked if she was making that choice for him or for herself. She told him it would advance her career and she felt she'd be good at it. Dottie told him it was where she wanted her career to go.

"I told her whatever she wanted I'd back her. She loves it. Hopefully, the Patrol is her second love. At times, I've wondered if she loves the Patrol more," laughed Bruce. "The Patrol is a family. We've met so many people of all ranks. She had an internship at GHQ and she came home with a glow she didn't have before. She said the people were so kind and good to work with and I told her it's the Patrol. The Patrol makes it easy to love your job."

"I cannot imagine where I would have been as far as my career, had I not joined the Patrol," said Dottie. "After reflecting on my reasons for directing my career path with the Patrol, I often ponder what my daughter would have thought. But, [I] know she would be proud. I can say my entire family has been extremely supportive and I would not be where I am today without them behind me."

"This career is a surprise every day, especially on what I learn daily, specifically now that I am a criminal investigator," said Dottie. "There is

not a case I work that I do not become better educated in some aspect. This career has been everything I expected and more. My only regret is I did not apply long before I did. Though, I also realize my life experiences molded me into the person I am today and the trooper I have become. Because of my age, retirement is looming in the next few years no matter how much I want to push it back. I wish I had another 20 (well, maybe 10) years to work for the Patrol. It has been an honor and besides my family, is my proudest life accomplishment."

Bruce said he and Dottie talk several times a day. He is an over-the-road truck driver, and was in South Dakota when interviewed. "Communication in marriage is everything," he said.

"I'm so proud of her. I worry about a drunk hitting her car and hurting her. But, I knew she would be a good MSHP trooper," said Bruce. "Whatever makes her happy ... that's my job in life. My wife makes a difference in life every day."

(Sgt. Dottie Taylor and her husband, Bruce, have a grown son and two grandchildren. Their daughter, Missy, died in 1993 at age 17.)



'I Supported Him 100 Percent'

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

At the age of 43, Tim J. Hourihan found himself unemployed. The terrorist attack of September 11, 2001 affected many companies, including his. "Right sizing" left him without a job. His resume was diverse—10 years as a St. Louis County police officer, and four years as a Farmers Insurance Group agent. When his wife's job took their family to Texas, Tim went to work for Southwestern Bell Telephone in sales. The Hourihan family moved back to St. Louis when he was promoted within the company. He had been with Southern Bell for seven years before being laid off. After contemplating his options, Tim decided to return to the profession he knew best.

"I applied to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and plugged the occupational gap by working in the freight department at Home Depot on the overnight shift," said Tim. "I did not have any particular expectations of the Patrol. I based my decision strictly on the reputation of the Patrol and my desire to undertake a new challenge."

Eight months later, Tim entered the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy on June 29, 2003, as a member of the 81st Recruit Class.

"I was totally supportive," said Trish about Tim's choice to return to law enforcement. "I know it's something he enjoyed when he was younger and on the county force." She admits she wasn't thrilled with the six months away from home for his Academy training, but said, "I supported him 100 percent."

"The biggest challenge was the physical one," said Tim. "Going through the Academy at the age of 44 with many recruits who were in their early 20s was definitely challenging."

"He was sore and tired when he came home on weekends," said Trish.

"Weekend visits to the chiropractor all the way through ..." added Tim.

Tim said that he would recommend the Patrol to "seasoned" adults for a career depending on their circumstances. He said that having

life experience before entering the Academy probably made some of it a little easier. However, Tim stressed that it was a challenge and one should prepare ahead of time for the physical aspect of recruit training.

At the time he was in the Academy, their children were in grade school and middle school. According to both Tim and Trish their children weren't adversely affected by his being away for training.

"They are good kids, and we didn't have any issues because I was gone,"



The Hourihan family enjoys dinner together: Sgt. Tim, Erin, Trish, and Rory.

said Tim. "I was still communicating with them at night and was home on the weekends. Trish did a good job of going to school functions and keeping them busy. They knew what was expected because of their upbringing."

"They knew there were higher expectations because their dad was in training to be in law enforcement again," said Trish. "They had a lot of respect for Tim for doing that."

After graduating from the Academy, Tim was first assigned to the Troop C, Weldon Spring, area. He transferred to Gaming Division, General Headquarters, in 2007. Currently, Tim serves as the officer-in-charge at the Isle of Capri Casino in Cape Girardeau.

Trish said the biggest change was getting used to Tim working shift work. She had to get used to him working nights and sleeping during the day. Their routine did change a little. But, she didn't see any problems for him in the transition from civilian to law enforcement.

Sgt. Tim Hourihan stands on the floor of the Isle of Capri Casino in Cape Girardeau.



"I think he's done fine, and the family has done fine," said Trish. "I think any kind of shift work would bring change—not just because you are on the Patrol. You have to be flexible and accommodating. The family has to work together."

"I am surprised I am working in a casino! I never envisioned my career path would lead me to the gaming industry," Tim said. "However, since transferring to the Gaming Division I have been involved in some of the most interesting investigations of my career and received excellent training."

"In my prior career, I was a civilian versus a sworn police officer. As a sales representative, my income was based on my work production (sales). But, the MSHP will bend over backward to accommodate personal matters or scheduling. It's closer to a family than the civilian world. Our schedules are so erratic, they attempt to accommodate you whenever possible."

"I think he takes pride in what he does for the Patrol," says Trish. "He tries to do the right thing and what's best for the Patrol. Tim's given up a lot to be where he is today in the Gaming Division. But, we're looking at it long range ... Where we are in life, our ages, and toward retirement. The Gaming Division was a good move for him."

(Editor's note: Sergeant Tim J. Hourihan, Q/GD, and his wife, Trish, have two grown children. Trish is a business manager with AT&T in downtown St. Louis. Their daughter, Erin, is an RN at Jefferson Memorial Hospital, and son, Rory, is a junior at the University of Missouri-Columbia studying to become a mechanical engineer.)



'I'll Never Leave The M SHP'

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

Trooper M. David Miranda, Q/HRD, became interested in state law enforcement while he was a U.S. Marine. He was stationed on board the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln CVN-72. "I'll never forget. Behind the gunnery sergeant's office door was a calendar with a picture showing a lot of state troopers in different positions firing weapons," said David. "It said, 'Highway Patrol ... First Line Of Defense.' I saw the poster and—even though it's a cliché—it changed my life."

David was honorably discharged from the Marines in 1994. He married his wife, Ilda, a few months later. He and Ilda had graduated from the same class at Lockhart High School in Lockhart, Texas. (David's family had moved from Kansas City, MO, to Lockhart, Texas, when he was 14, when his dad was stationed there in the U.S. Air Force.)

After completing his military service, David paid to attend a basic law enforcement academy in Texas. He was hired by the Caldwell County (Texas) Sheriff's Department in 1996. In 1997, he was hired by the Martindale, Texas, Police Department while he went back to college. He joined the Texas Department of Public Safety as a trooper in 1998.

David's family was in the Belton, MO, area. His parents returned there after his dad retired. (David's three older sisters and "a ton of aunts, uncles, and cousins" live in Belton.) In 2005, while David and his wife, Ilda, visited Belton to celebrate his grandmother's 93rd birthday, David's sister convinced Ilda to apply for a position in Kansas City. She got the job offer,

which included a good pay raise, so they made the decision to move their family from Texas.

"I was kinda scared," said David's wife, Ilda. "I had always lived in Texas. We'd talked about the possibility of moving near David's family. I said I would consider it, because we have always been around my family. But, I didn't know what to expect."

Ilda adjusted well to the move, saying she very much enjoys her work as a claims adjuster for an insurance company. "I love the four seasons. I love the area. I think back in Texas we were very independent. Since moving, we've become closer as a family. We also try to have get-togethers with his family. I think I get along better with his mom and sisters than him."

Once in Missouri, David says, "I walked into Troop A and talked with Lt. Jim Ripley. I didn't know him. I



Tpr. M. David Miranda accepts his diploma from the Academy and congratulations from Col. Jim F. Keathley during the 86th Recruit Class graduation ceremony.

introduced myself. I told him I was a former Texas trooper and wanted to be a Missouri trooper. He took one look and said, 'Ok. You'll have to go through our academy.' That was a punch in the gut. But, I made up my mind that it was exactly what I was going to do." David ordered a Missouri statutes book online and after taking the POST test, he was certified in Missouri.

"I was able to get a job with the Raymore (MO) Police Department and worked there as I went through the MSHP selection process," said David. "That was a hard transition, from the Texas Highway Patrol with statewide jurisdiction to Raymore, with about four square miles to patrol. But, I enjoyed my time in Raymore and met some great people. I still consider them my friends."

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Tpr. David Miranda and his wife, Ilda, are pictured with daughters Megan, Sabrina, Caitlyn, and Abigail.



Friends and family came to congratulate Tpr. David Miranda at graduation.

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Prior to starting the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy, David began a strict exercise regimen. He ran three to four miles a day and bicycled seven to eight miles per day. "I knew it would be physically challenging in the Academy," he said. David entered the Academy as a member of the 86th Recruit Class. He would turn 37 during the training.

"I was going to fly under the radar and not be first or last in anything during training. But, that lasted until about 30 seconds after the Academy started," David laughed. "The instructors had done their homework and let it be known I used to be a Texas trooper."

"Being the oldest recruit in the class, having my life experiences, and being from another state law enforcement agency was beneficial to our recruit class. I could not have picked better ladies and gentlemen to go through the Academy with. They are my brothers and sisters."

"I think, overall, he did very well," said Ilda. "I think he underestimated himself. When he went through the Academy, it was pretty scary ... scariest

was knowing he had to go through another one. It was his third. Just the fact that there was a possibility we might have been moved to another part of Missouri was scary. We moved up here to be close to his family. When he got onto the Patrol, there was that small chance we could have been moved."

"Overall, I think the transition went very well. When David was working the road with shift work, and was in the Academy for six months, I was home with our girls. I think it made me a little stronger," said Ilda. "We lived with his folks at first, and I had their support. My mother-in-law helped with our three girls while I was working. We moved up here not knowing when there would be an opening. But, everything just fell into place."

David said he was contacted by representatives from the Texas Highway Patrol a couple of years ago to see if he would consider reinstating with that agency. "I will always be grateful to them for the opportunity they gave me and the experience I had there," he said. "But, hands down, I will never leave the Missouri State Highway Patrol. It is the most professional and the classiest agency I have ever worked for.

I don't think you hear the word 'class' often in law enforcement, but that is how I would describe this organization."

"I think Missouri is definitely a good agency to work for and they take care of their people," said Ilda.

Currently, David serves as a full-time recruiter for the Patrol. He is assigned to Western Missouri. "I love recruiting. I love looking for people who are as passionate about getting into state law enforcement as I was. I'm recruiting people to do the job I loved doing—working the road. I still enjoy working the road. It's a privilege."

"He's home most evenings and weekends now. I think at our age, that's definitely what I need," said Ilda. "At the same time, I know he has the passion and love for going out there and working the road. I know he wants to do that. He also comes home with stories. I enjoy the people he works with and what he does."

(Editor's note: Tpr. David Miranda and his wife, Ilda, have four daughters: Sabrina, 18, Megan, 15, Caitlyn, 9, and Abigail, 7. They reside in Belton, MO.)



'It's Been More Than What I Expected'

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

Tpr. Kenneth Baldwin, Troop I, began his career with the Patrol after retiring from the U.S. Army. He retired as a first sergeant assigned to the 399th Army Band stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood. When he entered the Army, he was a tuba player. But, over the years, he transitioned to many different instruments.

"To me, it was the best job in the Army," Ken said. "I played for a couple of U.S. presidents, the president of France, a prince from Saudi Arabia, and various other dignitaries and personalities from all walks of life. I also met Collin Powell while he was still active Army."

Ken said he'd thought about law enforcement as a career when he was

much younger. But, it wasn't until a member from Troop D, Springfield, contacted him during a background investigation that he came into contact with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

"He asked me about one of my former sergeants," said Ken. "I also heard his recruiting pitch. He mentioned the Patrol as an option after the military. I told him about my age, and he said the Patrol didn't have the age requirement anymore and I could apply."

Prior to retirement, members of the military attend a transition course, and Ken did that. The course helps those attending prepare for the change from military to civilian life. A Troop I recruiter spoke to the class, then told



Tpr. Ken Baldwin, class commander, addresses the 79th Recruit Class at graduation.

them he'd be outside in the hallway if anyone had any questions.

"I saw that no one went to speak to him, so I did," said Ken. "I filled out the white card and talked to him a little. I told my wife later that the card

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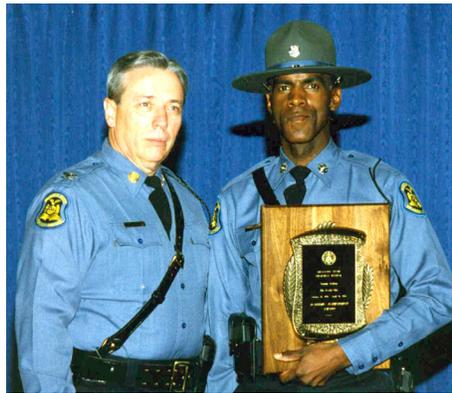
was probably blowing down the highway. I didn't think I'd hear anything. Then, I got a letter about the testing."

Ken's wife, Crystal, said she was a "bit surprised" by his decision to join the Patrol. "I didn't know he had that much interest in law enforcement," she said. Crystal is a retired Army nurse who now serves as an instructor for the Lebanon Technology and Career Center. She teaches licensed practical nursing courses. It was her position in the Army that brought them to Fort Leonard Wood and Missouri.

Ken entered the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy as a member of the 79th Recruit Class in 2001. "Academically, it wasn't overwhelming," he said. "The physical part was challenging. It was harder than basic training. Of course, I was 20 when I went through basic, and I was 46 in the Academy. It was relatively easy at 20 ... The classmate that was closest in age to me was 17 years younger. But, I went through with a great group of people."

Crystal said she felt Ken's Academy experience went well. "... because of the amount of time we spent in the military. It was a similar style of career — wearing a uniform and maintaining a professional demeanor," she explained. "He did very well; better than some of the younger people in the class. In part, that was due to his experience and part because he was determined to do well. Even in the Army, when he went to a course, he was at the top. It didn't surprise me that he did so well. I don't think the Academy was an intense as training in the Army. He called from air assault training and could barely lift his arms!" [Army air assault training involves repelling from a helicopter.]

"The transitional part came when he became a trooper and started all over again," said Crystal. "He was at the top level when he retired from the Army. He went back to being a private, basically, when he became a trooper." She went on to say that the biggest change for her was that his hours are



Tpr. Ken Baldwin's success at the Academy resulted in his earning the Academic Achievement award. Col. Roger D. Stottlemire (l) presented the award at the 79th Recruit Class' graduation.

not as regular as they were when he was in the Army ... that, and not being home on holidays.

"I have discovered this is a young person's game," said Ken. "The schedule itself is not that difficult, but the job is challenging. One traffic stop, depending on what it involves ... everything about it can get your adrenaline flowing. Up and down like that several times a day can be physically taxing, as can getting in and out of the patrol car several times a day."

"One of the differences is the level of professionalism across the board is higher—I didn't deal with a lot of civilians in the Army," said Ken. "We were more isolated from the civilian workforce in the Army. The Patrol's integration [civilian and member] is a lot easier to communicate across. In the Army, nothing could be decided overnight. The Patrol is a very self-sufficient

organization; it's probably the size of a single battalion in Army. For that one battalion, which might have been located in the same area, communication was different than it is within the Patrol. The Army was good about communication ... I'm saying it's almost like your immediate family group vs. your extended family."

"I held a lot of leadership positions while I was in the Army," said Ken. "The Patrol's management is completely different, due to the quality of people doing the job and the nature of the job. In the Army, I learned that as a leader, you spend 90 percent of your time tending to 10 percent of your soldiers."

"You don't see that level of problems in the Patrol," Ken explained. "Soldiers would be late or wouldn't do certain things. Here, guys show up to do their job and they do it well."

"The Patrol has been a little different from what I expected, but not a lot," he said. "It's been more than what I expected. One of the things that was impressive from outside, but even more so from the inside, is the overall professionalism of the agency."

"I am really proud of the job he is doing now and happy to be part of the trooper family. It is an honor," said Crystal. "I know it's difficult some days, but I hate to see him have to retire in two years. I think he can still offer a lot; if not on the road, maybe in another capacity."

(Editor's note: Tpr. Baldwin and his wife, Crystal, have two grown children. They reside in Richland, MO.)

Chamber Of Commerce Honors Erpenbach

Trooper Todd E. Erpenbach, Troop E, holds the Arcadia Valley Chamber of Commerce 100 percent award. The chamber presented Tpr. Erpenbach the award on January 19, 2013. The Iron County commissioners nominated Tpr. Erpenbach for the award due to his tireless efforts to educate and equip the citizens of Iron County when a natural disaster strikes. Congratulations, Tpr. Erpenbach!



'Looking Beyond The Stop'

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial traffic/boating stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of December 25, 2012 to February 24, 2013. The list shows members with their rank/assignment during that time period. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)

Troop A

Sgt. W.P. Bremer, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.J. Crose, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.J. Crump, 2 arrests
Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 3 arrests
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 3 arrests
Sgt. M.P. Fennewald, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.P. Fisher, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.E. Givens Sr., 1 arrest
Tpr. M.J. Hanrahan, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.M. Harrison, 1 arrest
Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.J. Jenner, 2 arrests
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 5 arrests
Tpr. C.D. Moeller, 1 arrest
Cpl. G.D. Primm, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Paulsen, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.S. Richardson, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.A. Schmutzler, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.T. Schwarz, 2 arrests
Cpl. C.E. Utterback, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.R. Vivas, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.D. Wallace, 2 arrests
Tpr. G.B. Wright, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.J. Yoder, 2 arrests

Troop B

Sgt. N.D. Berry, 1 arrest
Cpl. E.F. Brown, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Davidson, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.S. Dunn, 2 arrests
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.J. Glover, 3 arrests
Tpr. P.B. Grubaugh, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.J. Haley, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.K. Hendershott, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.D. Primm, 1 arrest
Sgt. R.L. Seiner, 2 arrests

Troop C

Tpr. D.J. Arsenault, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.V. Buchheit, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.M. Conrad, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.L. Decker, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Diffie, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.F. Isringhausen, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.V. Jannin, 1 arrest
Tpr. V.M. Kasput, 1 arrest
Cpl. L.J. Keathley, 2 arrests

Tpr. J.R. McCurdy, 3 arrests
Tpr. A.J. Michels, 1 arrest
Sgt. C.L. Patton, 1 arrest
Sgt. T.R. Potter, 3 arrests
Cpl. D.B. Reed, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.D. Roady, 1 arrest
Tpr. P.G. Sarakas, 2 arrests
Cpl. W.B. Sevier, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.D. Smith, 1 arrest

Troop D

Tpr. J.W. Choate, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.D. Green, 1 arrest
Cpl. G.H. Hendrix, 2 arrests
Tpr. S.D. Isringhausen, 1 arrest
Cpl. K.C. Morris, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.W. Poulson, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.S. Rice, 1 arrest
Tpr. A. Sandoval Jr., 2 arrests
Sgt. T.A. Zacher, 1 arrest

Troop E

Tpr. R.L. Ayers, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.C. Cooksey Jr., 1 arrest
Tpr. D.W. Crank, 3 arrests
Tpr. D.L. DeJournett, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.B. Foster, 1 arrest
Cpl. P.C. Hazelwood III, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.K. Heppe, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.T. Laramore, 2 arrests
Sgt. S.R. Monk, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 2 arrests
Tpr. E.M. Reynolds, 2 arrests
Cpl. J.S. Stewart, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.K. Talburt, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.J. West, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.T. Wilson, 2 arrests

Troop F

Tpr. B.W. Adamson, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.A. Armstrong, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.J. Borgmeyer, 4 arrests
Tpr. S.A. Brazas, 1 arrest
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 8 arrests
Tpr. R.R. Dowd, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.A. Forsythe, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.C. Frame, 3 arrests
Tpr. B.J. Graf, 8 arrests
Cpl. M.A. Halford, 5 arrests
Tpr. M.T. Halford, 2 arrests

Tpr. D.R. Haslag, 2 arrests
Cpl. S.B. Johnson, 6 arrests
Tpr. A.B. Kings, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.C. Lawler, 3 arrests
Cpl. B.A. McLaughlin, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Miller, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.E. Morice, 11 arrests
Cpl. S.L. Mosher, 2 arrests
Cpl. C.J. North, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 2 arrests
Cpl. R.S. Thompson, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.W. Turner, 4 arrests
Cpl. T.R. Walley, 4 arrests
Tpr. C.B. Wilt, 6 arrests
Tpr. C.A. Winter, 1 arrest

Troop G

Tpr. R.D. Crewse, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.N. Foster, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.M. Heimsoth, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.D. Johnson, 4 arrests
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 3 arrests
Tpr. G.J. Loring, 2 arrests
Cpl. B.D. Odle, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.A. Philpott, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Piccinino, 1 arrest
Sgt. C.N. Ponder, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.B. Pounds, 1 arrest
Sgt. R.T. Rees, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.M. VanWinkle, 2 arrests
Tpr. P.R. Wells, 2 arrests

Troop H

Sgt. L.M. Allen, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.F. Barnett, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.J. Cool, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.M. Cross, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.S. Gates, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.G. McAtee, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.L. Starmer, 5 arrests

Troop I

Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.A. Goodson, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.A. Ice, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.A. Smith, 1 arrest
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 2 arrests
Cpl. K.D. Wilmont, 4 arrests

DPS Recognizes Sgt. Heil's Initiative, Leadership

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

Awareness of the dangers of synthetic marijuana (K2) and bath salts surfaced a couple of years ago. In 2010, Missouri's General Assembly passed its first piece of legislation making these harmful substances illegal. Although awareness is important, that doesn't necessarily mean there is an understanding of the danger. Knowing something exists doesn't prevent its harmful effects.

Young people purchase these harmful substances at gas stations with ease. Understandably, parents with questions about synthetic marijuana and bath salts began looking for answers and assistance.

"We started receiving phone calls from parents who were begging us to do something about these products," said Sergeant Danielle E. Heil, Q/DDCC, "Their kids were really getting messed up on them and the parents were frustrated that they were so easily obtainable at gas stations, liquor stores, etc. I began to research the products and realized we were dealing with a dangerous substance. We were able to get a few prosecutors on board with us and I started making undercover buys."

Those undercover buys resulted in search warrants and arrests. Sgt. Heil (a corporal at the time) said Troop D's Crime Laboratory was very accommodating and expedited tests, so officers could get search warrants in a timely manner.

"Even after the enforcement effort, I realized there were a vast number of parents and kids that were clueless about what these products were made of and what the effects were," said Sgt. Heil. "My supervisors were very supportive and gave me the freedom to run with this and design a PowerPoint presentation. It has been overwhelming to realize how many people are interested in learning about this subject."

Sgt. Heil's dedication and hard work in this area has helped educate law enforcement personnel, school groups, community leaders, and par-

ents. She initiated strategies to combat the illicit sales of these products in Missouri. Sgt. Heil was instrumental in producing a training video, which will be distributed throughout the Patrol to teach our troopers in the detection and hazards associated with synthetic marijuana and bath salts.

As a result, Department of Public Safety Director Jerry Lee presented the DPS Employee of the Month award for January 2013 to Sgt. Heil at a special ceremony on February 1, 2013.

"It's scary that in our society we can go into a store and buy K2 and other harmful, illegal substances," said Director Lee. "You have people out there who don't care about what happens to their customers ... to kids. It's poison. But, greed moves these people to change the chemical makeup and repackage it and sell it again. Danielle has shown invaluable leadership. She has been educating schools and parents, so they know what to look for."

Colonel Ron Replogle also recognized Sgt. Heil. "Danielle exhibits the Patrol's core values every day in her life. Thank you, Danielle, for the work you do."

Sgt. Heil's husband, Trooper Chad A. Heil, Troop D, and her sister, Crim. Intel. Analyst Samantha R. Roussel, Q/MIAC, attended the ceremony.

"Thank you, both you and Chad," said Major Luke Vislay. "The job of trooper is hard enough, especially when both of you are troopers. But, when you do it in plain clothes, where you aren't recognizable as a member of the Patrol, and have a spouse and children to juggle, it's a challenge. Thank you for all your time."

Major Vislay went on to say that Sgt. Heil has become the voice of the Patrol regarding the dangers of these types of substances.

"Danielle's work in synthetic drugs is being recognized and I'm proud of that," said Captain Sarah L. Eberhard, Q/DDCC. "But, I also want to tell you she is a role model in our division. Thank you so much, Danielle."

Director Lee presented a certificate to Sgt. Heil as well as a DPS challenge coin. Her name has been inscribed on a traveling plaque, which was on display in the lobby of General Headquarters for a month. Colonel Replogle also presented a challenge coin to Sgt. Heil.

"This is incredible. It's nice being recognized, and I thank you," said Sgt. Heil. "This is the most rewarding job ever. I can't imagine doing anything else, and it wouldn't be possible without Chad." She also thanked everyone for coming.

Congratulations, Sgt. Heil!

Radiation Monitor Installed At D4-East

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

An Advanced Spectroscopic Portal radiation monitor has been installed at the D4-East weigh station, which is located on Interstate 44 in Joplin, MO. This monitor has the ability to detect and identify radiation. The D-4 East location was selected due to the high volume of truck traffic on that interstate highway. The Advanced Spectroscopic Portal will enhance Missouri's radiation and nuclear detection capabilities without adding to the workload of the Highway Patrol's employees. This installation is the result of a cooperative research and development agreement between the state of Missouri and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office. There was no cost to the state of Missouri for this monitor, which went online January 28, 2013.

Retirement

CITS II Richard H. Schellman



On March 1, 2013, CITS II Richard H. Schellman retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol with 38 years and one month of service. Dick began his career with the Highway Patrol as a terminal technician in the Motor Vehicle Bureau located in the Jefferson Building on February 1, 1975. He got a call from Retired Lt. Jack Danklef informing him “the job is yours, if you want it, and you can start next Monday.” Dick was so anxious to start a job in the criminal justice field he said yes without even asking about the salary. Lt Danklef said the money was not great, but maybe down the road he might consider becoming a trooper. Once Dick got into the information technology field he felt it was the career path he wanted to follow, and he has never regretted the move.

On June 1, 1975, Dick was assigned as a computer operator under the Information Systems Division. After two years, he was reclassified as a security and quality analyst. In this position, he implemented the first physical and software security systems within the Information Systems Division. Later in the same year, Dick was again reclassified, becoming a systems analyst where he designed the first Automated Officers Daily Reporting System and implemented the Automated Fingerprint Identification Index System. Over the next 12

years, Dick supported elements of the Criminal History Record System, Missouri Prosecutors Integrated Case Management System, Offender Management Information System, Probation and Parole Information System, Traffic Arrest System, Uniform Traffic Ticket Audit System, Personnel System, Finance System, Vehicle Mileage Forecasting /Cost Accounting System, and Academy Student Records System and Recertification System, along with many other systems.

On February 1, 1998, Dick became the Helpdesk administrator, implementing the first Helpdesk software system within the Highway Patrol. He also established the Level One Helpdesk program which allowed trained personnel at troops and zones to handle minor issues or open Helpdesk tickets. On October 1, 2002, Dick was assigned to an ICTD trainer position, which he held until retirement.

During his long career, Dick has certainly experienced some memorable moments with the Highway Patrol. His first job was using the ASR-28 teletype machine to respond to agencies requesting vehicle title histories. By actually punching characters into a tape via keyboard and then feeding the tape back through the machine, a document was sent back to the requesting agency. If you made a mistake typing, you would have to start over again ... and keep trying until you got it right. This was a remarkable piece of machinery in its time. He also had the opportunity to travel around

the state with retired Lt. Roy Fluegel and retired Sgt. Frank Stephens while training on the Automated Fingerprint Identification Index System and Criminal History Records System. The two officers always knew the best places to eat while on the road.

Dick grew up in St. Thomas, MO, and attended St. Thomas Elementary School. He graduated from Helias High School. He then earned a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice administration from Lincoln University. He is married to Carol, who retired January 31, 2013, after 35 years of teaching elementary school. They have two children, Lindsay and Patrick. Lindsay lives in Jefferson City with her husband, James Sullivan, and is employed with the City of Jefferson. Patrick lives in St. Thomas, and is employed with Lincoln University. Dick is a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in St. Thomas. He is a past Grand Knight of St. Thomas Knights of Columbus and president of the St. Thomas Bowling Association. He enjoys bowling, hunting, fishing, gardening, raising cattle, and following the Missouri Tigers and Missouri professional sports teams.

His plans for retirement include continued involvement in church and the community, as well as brushing up on his golf game. He plans to improve management of his cattle farm, spend time with family and friends, work around the house, and do some traveling. We all wish Dick and his family the best for retirement.

Retiree E-mail

Retirees of the Missouri State Highway Patrol are eligible to receive daily e-mails with information regarding deaths, births, and administrative announcements. To be added to the list, e-mail Designated Principle Assistant Cindy A. Scheidt, Q/ASO, at cindy.scheidt@mshp.dps.mo.gov. (This service is only available to retirees.)

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Marlene M. Fraley

Clerk Typist III
Troop A

*Retired January 1, 2013.
11 years of dedicated service.*



Bob C. Hanson Sr.

Trainer/Auditor I
Q/CJISD

*Retired January 1, 2013.
11 years of dedicated service.*

Ron G. Beck

Prog./Analyst Mgr.
Q/ICTD

*Retired February 1, 2013.
26 years of dedicated service.*



Jim L. Davis

Bldg. & Grnds.
Maint. Sprv.
Q/MED

*Retired February 1, 2013.
Six years of dedicated service.*



Linda C. York

DE Sprv.
Troop D

*Retired February 1, 2013.
22 years, eight months of dedicated
service.*



Troop B Joins 160 Plungers In Forest Lake

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

On Saturday, February 9, 2013, a Polar Bear Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Missouri was held at the Forest Lake Thousand Hills State Park in Kirksville, MO. During the event, 160 “plungers” braved the 29-degree weather and extremely cold water conditions to raise over \$22,000 in proceeds. The benefit helps fund Special Olympics Missouri’s year-round program of sports, training, and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

During this year’s event, Troop B was represented by Driver Examiner Supervisor/Troop B Special Olympics Coordinator Nancy M. Brown; Corporal Eric F. Brown, Cpl. Brown’s 10-year-old son, Trace, and Trooper Trent J. Haley. This was DE Sprv. Brown’s first time ever “taking the plunge,” and she said, “It only felt cold for a very few minutes and it was a bunch of fun!” Troop B had two veteran “plungers” participate this year— this was Cpl. Brown’s eighth



Most of Troop B's Polar Bear Plunge team can be seen jumping into the cold lake in this picture.

plunge and Tpr. Haley’s fifth plunge. Making this a family event, Cpl. Brown allowed his son to participate in his first Arctic-style plunge.

Motor Vehicle Inspector Supervisor Mike P. Kelley served as a diver with the Marceline Underwater Rescue and Recovery Dive Team. The team assisted participants and made sure each of them were safe.

The annual event at Forest Lake Thousand Hills Park is a project of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and is hosted by Truman State University Department of Public Safety, Kirksville Police Department, Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop B, and the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Super Heroes Plunge For SOMO!

By Clerk IV Carla J. Flickinger, Q/MVID

The SUPER Plungers took part in the annual Polar Bear Plunge at public beach number two at Lake of the Ozarks on Saturday, February 23, 2013. The water temperature was all of 38 degrees that day. The SUPER Plungers included Chief Operator Roger D. Martin (Hellboy), Q/ICTD; CIT III Kellie L. Foster (Poison Ivy), Q/ICTD; Clerk Typist II Meghan Hauser (Bat Girl), Q/DDCC; Clerk Typist III Marie D. Stephens (Cat Woman), Q/HRD; Food Service Mgr. E. Anne Robinson (Super “S”), Q/TND ; Clerk IV Carla J. Flickinger (Wonder Woman), Q/MVI; Mr. Troy Flickinger (Greatest American Hero); and Miss Nicole Kliethermes (Bubbles from the Powderpuff Girls). The team raised over \$2,000 for this worthwhile cause! This event welcomed a total of 488 plungers



The SUPER plungers (from l r) are: Poison Ivy (CIT III Kellie Foster, Q/ICTD), Super “S” (Food Service Mgr. E. Anne Robinson, Q/TND) Hellboy (Chief Oper. Roger Martin, Q/ICTD), Wonder Woman (Clerk IV Carla Flickinger, Q/MVID), Bubbles (Nicole Kliethermes, friend), Greatest American Hero (Mr. Troy Flickinger, MoDOT), Bat Girl (Clerk Typist II Meghan Hauser, Q/DDCC), Cat Woman (Clerk Typist III Marie Stephens, Q/HRD).

and raised \$173,000 and counting for Special Olympics. The SUPER Plungers accepted a second place Golden

Plunger Award for best costume in the law enforcement category. Well done, SUPER Plungers!

Troop I Plunges, Struts For SOMO

By Sgt. Dan J. Crain, Troop I

On February 23, 2013, seven brave and hearty members from the Troop I family dove courageously into the frigid waters of the Lake of the Ozarks. The group, who coined themselves the “Tu Tu Dynasty,” included the men wearing clothing (with beards of course) making them look similar to those on the popular reality show “Duck Dynasty.” However, the group’s catchy name was a result of the dress of the women, each of whom donned a cute, little tutu. In addition to raising \$2,700 for Special Olympics of Missouri, this gang also won the top prize for their innovative costumes. One of the dynasty members, Trooper Joe T. Peart, also participated in the 5K Polar Bear Strut. Tpr. Peart earned approximately \$500 for the right to strut, and also managed to place second in the race within the law enforcement category.



Tpr. Joe Peart, Troop I, strutted his stuff in a 5K for Special Olympics Missouri. (He is dressed in black, in the front, on the left.)

Pictured are: (back row, l to r) Tpr. Colby W. Tierney, Lt. Steve P. Davis, Tpr. Joe T. Peart, Clerk Typist III Jamie L. Maddux, DE III Darla L. Conway, CDL Exam. Diane Stark; (front row, l to r) DE II Nicole Stratman and Tpr. Ralicia A. Feuerborn.



Troop G Reports Light Snowfall, Water Rescue

By Sgt. Marty K. Elmore, Troop G

In the Troop G area, the February snowfall was light when compared to the rest of the state. Depending on the area, it measured between a trace and five inches. In Ozark County, four officers executed a water rescue due to heavy rain on February 26. The officers used a swift boat to rescue two occupants from their vehicle’s roof after they tried to cross the river.

Although not as heavy as in other areas of the state, snow covered roads in Troop G made for slick driving conditions.



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Jesse W. Dillon



Jesse W. Dillon, 81, of Jefferson City, MO, died Tuesday, January 1, 2013, at Capital Region Medical Center. Jesse was born on May 4, 1931, in Dixon, MO, the son of Walton and Lillias (Grosvenor) Dillon.

He was a lifelong resident of the Central Missouri area. Jesse graduated from Iberia High School and completed his education at the Iberia Academy. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict, and was honorably discharged on September 15, 1960, as a sergeant. He was employed with the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 30 years, retiring as a sergeant on August 30, 1990.

He was a lifetime member of the American Legion, Roscoe Enloe Post 5; the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Roy Sone Post 1003; and the Wears Creek Yacht Club where he loved drinking coffee with his friends. Jesse enjoyed gardening, attending bluegrass festivals, and riding his motorcycle with several different groups of friends. He cherished time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include: one daughter, Sheri Ann Carver (and her husband, Steven), of Lehi, UT; Jesse's special friend, Vera Bogler, of Jefferson City; three grandchildren, Ben Dillon, Lilly Carver, and Sam Carver; three great-grandchildren, Marshall Dillon, Jesse Dillon, and Jade Dillon; four nieces, Sue Carroll (and her husband, Al), Gayle Walton, Karen Speights, and

Roberta Stover Hunt; and several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Scott Wade Dillon (May 3, 2000); an infant daughter, Staci Rene Dillon, on October 15, 1962; one sister, Vivian Stover; one nephew, Jerry Stover; and his longtime companion, Eleanor Watkins.

Funeral services took place Saturday, January 5, 2013, in the Freeman Chapel with Mr. Brent Newton officiating. A private graveside service and interment followed at the Lawson Cemetery near Iberia, MO. The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. Freeman Mortuary handled the funeral arrangements.

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

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Donald G. Hutson



Donald Gene Hutson, of St. Peters, MO, died on January 12, 2013, at the age of 82. He was born December 10, 1930, in Flat River, MO, to the late Donald and Gladys (Smith) Hutson. Donald was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, great uncle, and great-great uncle.

Donald is survived by his wife of 58 years, Zetta (McFarland) Hutson. They

were married on November 6, 1954, at Parkview Free Will Baptist Church in Desloge MO. He is survived also by his son, Don Hutson (and his wife, Kathy), and two sisters, Beverly Hahn (and her husband, Bob) and Debbie Smith (and her husband, Terry) both of Metropolis, IL. Donald was a retired driver examiner supervisor of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Funeral services took place on January 15, 2013, at the Stygar Mid Rivers Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment occurred at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be given to The MASTERS, 5287 Highway 67 North, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

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

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James R. Swader



James R. Swader, 77, of Festus, MO, died on Monday, January 21, 2013, at the Westchester House in Chesterfield, MO. He was born December 29, 1935, in Caruthersville, MO, the son of the late Marion L. (nee Bebout) and William Henry Swader.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann (nee Smith) Swader, his daughter, Elizabeth Ann Long (and her husband, John), of Lee's Summit, MO, his son, James Eric Swader, of Festus, a brother, Jere Swader (and his

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wife, Mary Ann), of Fallbrook, CA, and grandchildren, Austin, Nathan, and Jeffrey Long.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother who died in infancy.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Crystal City, MO, the Knights of Columbus Council #1230, and the Jefferson County and Southern Railway Club. Mr. Swader retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a commercial vehicle inspector.

A memorial gathering took place on January 29, 2013, at Vinyard Funeral Home in Festus. A memorial mass occurred on January 30, 2013, at Sacred Heart Church in Crystal City, MO, officiated by Fr. Joseph Wormek. An inurnment took place at the National Cemetery in Jefferson Barracks, MO. Memorials are preferred to Sacred Heart Church or the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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

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Glenn F. Coleman



Glenn F. Coleman, 91, of Bethany, MO, died Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at a Bethany hospital. He was born April 6, 1921, in Cameron, MO, the son of Grover and Alta (Belcher) Coleman.

On May 1, 1949, he married Elena Bernice “Bea” Whited in Carrollton, MO. She survives at the home.

Glenn retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1985 after 35 years as a commercial vehicle enforcement officer. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

In addition to his wife, survivors include daughters, Carole Plymell (and her husband, Jim), of Cameron, MO, and Debra Coleman (and her husband, Darrell Burton), of Bethany, MO; grandchildren, Stacey Yates (and her husband, Chet), of Cameron, MO, and Lucas Plymell (and his wife, Allyssa), of St. Joseph, MO; great-grandchildren, Rachel and Alyson Yates, of Cameron, MO; a sister, Darlene Gleaves (and her husband, Jim), of Vero Beach, FL; a sister-in-law, Bernice Coleman, of Independence, MO; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, George and Melvin Coleman.

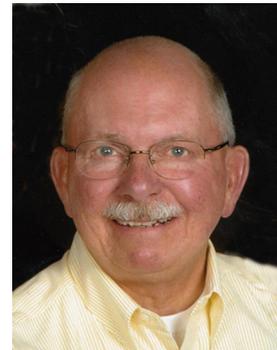
A private family inurnment occurred in the Graceland Memorial Cemetery, Cameron, MO. Cremation was provided by Roberson Funeral Home, Bethany, MO. Memorial con-

tributions may be made to HCCH Home Health in care of Roberson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 46, Bethany, MO 64424.

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

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Benjamin F. Goodin



Benjamin F. Goodin, 71, of Jefferson City, died Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at the Medical Center of Plano in Plano, Texas. He was born December 3, 1941, in Jefferson City, a son of the late Benjamin O. and Maxine (Higgins) Goodin. He was married February 28, 1986, in Jefferson City, to Dorothy Berhorst, who survives at home.

Ben was a 1959 graduate of Jefferson City High School. He received his undergraduate degree in criminal justice from what is now Truman State University, in Kirksville, MO. He received his master’s degree in education from what is now the University of Central Missouri, in Warrensburg, MO. Ben served in the United States Navy from 1962-1966. Later, he served in the Missouri Army National Guard, retiring in 1998 as a captain.

Ben joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1966. He was stationed and lived in Boonville. In 1978, he joined the staff of the Highway Patrol’s Law Enforcement Academy where he enjoyed teaching new recruits. He retired from the Highway Patrol

May

- May 8** ● **Truman’s birthday**
- May 17** ● **Sgt. D.C. May** died in 1999.
- May 22** ● **Tpr. M.L. Newton** died in 2003.
- May 27** ● **Memorial Day**

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in 1994 at the rank of lieutenant. He became the manager of enforcement for MoDOT Motor Carrier Services, a position from which he retired in 2009. He represented Missouri on the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance and received their President's Award in 2008.

Ben was a member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church where he served on the Dream Team, Elks Lodge, Knights of Columbus, American Legion's 40 & 8 Voiture #1292, and American Legion Post where he served as commander from 1994-1995. He was chairman of the American Legion Cadet Patrol Academy for many years on the post, district, and department levels. Ben received the American Legion Officer of the Year Award in 1981. He was a member of the Cole County Relay for Life committee.

Ben was an avid photographer, being a photo journalist for the Missouri National Guard and the self-appointed photographer for special family occasions. He enjoyed making his friend's events memorable through his gift of personalized photos.

Ben was a true outdoorsman. He loved hunting with his son, Scott. He had a passion for fishing, preparing meals for his friends and family especially during the holidays. He loved spending time with his family and his cherished grandchildren. He treasured his companionship with his trusted pals, his chocolate lab, Macks, and his bassett, Maggie.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by five children: Scott Goodin (Michelle Swierski), of Parkville, MO; Suzanne Goodin Platt (and her husband, Sean), of Overland Park, KS; Stefanie Tillman (and her husband, John), of Columbia, MO, Melanie Moore (and her husband, Keith), of Lake Dallas, TX; one stepson, Gregory Beelek (and his wife, Natalie), of New Braunfels, TX; 10 grandchildren: Grace, Charlie, Will, and Caroline Platt, Rene and Emma Tellman, Abigail and Lillian Moore, and Stephanie and Owen McNamara; two sisters: Patricia Nelson

(and her husband, Brad), of Lake Las Vegas, NV, and Naomi Jessup (and her husband, Ken), of O'Fallon, MO; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A mass of Christian burial occurred Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, with Rev. Tom McGrath officiating. Burial with full military honors followed in Hawthorn Memorial Gardens. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Operation Comfort Warrior Project or the American Legion Cadet Patrol Post 5. Houser-Millard Funeral Directors handled the funeral arrangements.

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

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James L. Stowe



James L. Stowe, 77, Springfield, MO, was born May 7, 1935, in Strafford, MO, to Paul and Florence (Dixon) Stow, and died on Friday, February 8, 2013, in Mercy Hospital Springfield.

Jim served in the United States Air Force as a survival instructor and was a veteran of the Korean War. On July 12, 1959, Jim became a trooper with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He retired on May 1, 1993. After his retirement, Jim worked for Stone County for about eight years. At one point, he was the emergency coordinator.

Jim and his wife, Shirley, moved to Springfield about 10 years ago from

Crane, MO. He loved to shoot guns and be outdoors. He had been a scoutmaster with the local Boy Scouts while living in Crane. Jim was an elder in his church, and served by making visits to people in the hospital.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Florence Stowe, and a brother, George Stowe.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Shirley, of the home; two daughters, Lori Bell (and her husband, Don) and Christie Stowe, all of Tulsa, OK; two sons, Randy Stowe (and his wife, Susan), of Nixa, MO, and Tim Stowe (and his wife, Kris), of Crane; a brother, Gene Stowe (and his wife, Pat), of Strafford; a sister-in-law, Barbara Stowe, also of Strafford; 10 grandchildren; and a host of nephews and nieces.

Jim will be mourned and missed by all who had the chance to know and love him.

Funeral services took place on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at Westrip Funeral Home in Crane, MO.

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

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Fred J. Wilde



Mr. Fred J. Wilde died Friday, March 1, 2013. He was the beloved husband of Colette S. (Claspill) Wilde; dear father of Karen M. Jeademann

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(and her husband, Tim) and David John Wilde; dear grandfather of Alyssa and Danielle Wilde; dear son of Virginia and the late Arthur Wilde; and dear brother of Sharon Weydeck (and her husband, Kenneth). He was our dear nephew, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin, and friend.

Funeral services took place at Kutis Affton Chapel. Interment followed at Sunset Cemetery. Fred worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a driver examiner. He retired as a commercial driver license examiner on March 1, 2009, after eight years of dedicated service. Fred was a member of the High Ridge VFW.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

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Retirees' Luncheon

A special invitation is extended to all Patrol retirees, spouses, surviving spouses, and guests to gather on Friday, August 16, 2013. We'll begin at 11 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. with lunch served at noon. The gathering is being held at First Baptist Church, 2 North Douglas, Lee's Summit, MO. Join us and take a little time for fun and fellowship. (Door prizes appreciated.) The cost is \$11 per person. Please RSVP to retired Sgt. Pat Spire at 3400 Northwest 51st Terrace, Blue Springs, MO 64015. Call Pat at 816-229-0154 if you have questions or e-mail him at pvspire@prodigy.net.

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

45 years ago

March 1968 — Hearings took place throughout the state to address the proposed rules and regulations concerning the new motor vehicle inspection program. An article in this issue asked employees to help with recruiting efforts. "The Vietnam War, immense social changes, and the rise of civil disobedience have all contributed to the reason why so many police departments are now having recruiting problems," the article stated.

35 years ago

April 1978 — Coal trucks rolled again after a detail was sent to the Montrose Plant of the Kansas City Power and Light Company to keep the public roads open and prevent violence by striking coal miners. A detail consisting of officers from Troops A and D went to Henry County in February 1978 after Trooper G.D. Friar and truck line operator were jostled and threatened as the officer attempted to escort a similar convoy to the plant earlier that month. In that earlier incident, the trucks were forced to return to Kansas City without unloading after about 200 striking miners surrounded the patrol car. Two tires of the patrol car were punctured during the incident. After the company obtained a restraining order against the miners, Troop A officers began daily escorts of truck convoys to the plant, which had been running dangerously low on fuel.

25 years ago

March 1988 — An article inside this issue announced that 17 new high performance 1988 Ford Mustangs had been purchased for use on the interstate highways. During an ECCO vehicle search, Tpr. C. Mitch Heath, Troop E, had an interesting experience. When he asked the driver what was in a canvas bag tied with a knot, he was told, "Nothing." He untied the knot only to have a large snake come out of the bag and wrap around his arm. Tpr. Heath grabbed the snake's head and the driver took the snake off his arm and returned it to the bag. Tpr. Heath then located illegal drugs under the bag containing the snake (a python).

15 years ago

April 1998 — This issue contained numerous articles from the Human Resources Division. Subjects covered included diversity, recruiting, work force statistics, benefits, and the Patrol's application process. In other news: Post C-1, Weldon Spring, MO, closed permanently.

10 years ago

March 2003 — Clerk Typist III Barbara A. Kidwell, Troop A, accepted a DPS Meritorious Service Award. Radio & Telecom. Tech. Kathryn Y. Simpson accepted an Unsung Hero Award from Missouri Special Olympics. An article announced Midwest HIDTA Intel. Analyst Mandy L. Par-doe had been named the 2002 Outstanding Intelligence Analyst.

5 years ago

March/April 2008 — The Missouri Criminal Justice Modernization Project (MCJMP) was outlined. The Sgt. Carl Dewayne Graham Jr. Memorial Highway was dedicated. A new training unit within the Criminal Records and Identification Division (now the Criminal Justice and Information Services Division) is formed. The unit would specialize in MULES training. The issue contained articles detailing the experiences of a number of Polar Bear Plunge teams.

Troop B: Snow Piled Everywhere



By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

From 15 to 18 inches of snow landed in the Troop B area during the February snows. That and three to four foot drifts made it hazardous for traveling. Fortunately, the area experienced only one injury traffic crash. The wet snow and winds did cause power outages, though. One of the biggest problems was not having places to push snow to—it was already piled everywhere.

The streets became hazardous in Troop B. This photo shows many people stayed home during the inclement weather—something all law enforcement agencies appreciated.

Sympathy

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

Fiscal & Budg. Analyst III Brenda S. Koenigsfeld (Q/BPD) - grandmother	DE III Melanie R. Fitzpatrick (F) - grandfather	Ret. Cpl. Kenneth E. Kerrick - wife
Tpr. Cory W. Bradshaw (A) - father	Sgt. Reggie M. Walker (Q/GD) - mother	DE III Michelle D. Applegate (E) - father
Ret. Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv. Robert W. Duncan - wife	Assistant Director Tim R. Schlueter (Q/CJISD) - brother	Ret. Sgt. Charles E. Statzel - wife
Ret. Sgt. Larry M. Bodenhamer - mother	Ret. CVE Insp. Sprv. I Robert L. Ragan - son	Ret. Sgt. Chuck J. Kramer - mother
Assistant Director Rhonda L. Czarnecki (Q/DE) - mother	Tpr. Jeff L. Gertson (D) - father	Ret. Asst. Garage Supt. Cletus J. Kramer - wife
Housekeeper II Teresa L. Darrah (A) - mother	Ret. Sgt. Dan W. Green - brother	Sgt. Roger S. Williams (Q/GD) - father-in-law
Capt. Londell Jamerson (Q/CVED) - sister	Special Asst. Theresa M. Backes (Q/HRD) - nephew	MVI Sprv. Dan A. Gregory (I) - grandmother
Info. Analyst II Denice D. Tipton (Q/CJISD) - grandmother	Ret. Latent Tech. II Valerie J. Watkins - mother	Cpl. Eric R. Stacks (Q/DDCC) - father
Ret. CVO Sprv. Danny J. Moore - father	Crim. Hist. Spec. I Heather J. Elder (Q/DDCC) - grandmother	Comm. Tech. II Jack A. Martin (Q/ICTD) - father
	Capt. Lester D. Elder (Q/DE) - grandmother-in-law	Cpl. Charlie L. Brown (C) - mother-in-law

Thank You

Thank you for the overwhelming support through cards, phone calls, visits, and prayers after the loss of my husband. I would like to thank everyone who attended the memorial service. The thoughtfulness and support is greatly appreciated and will be remembered always.

Thank you, again.

*Account Clerk III Dianne P. Stricker
Troop C*

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I would like to express my appreciation for all the kind thoughts and prayers my family and I have received from all of you. I consider the Highway Patrol and the Crime Lab as a part of my family. Nancy and I have only been a part of the Highway Patrol family for five years. Before her passing, we talked many times about how family orientated this organization is. There are no words that I can put to paper that can tell you the comfort that you have all brought to my family and myself at this time.

Thank you.

*Criminalist III Rick Sutton
Q/CLD*

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On behalf of the family of Angie (Capps) Tinnin, I want to thank those that have supported us over the past year, especially, the last few months. When this journey first began, Captain Greg D. Kindle said, "You take care of Angie. We'll take care of the Highway Patrol," and he meant it. The support and understanding from the folks at Troop F was incredible. I never had to worry about anything in the zone, as my corporal, Mike A. Halford, had it under control. The CJIS Division, in particular, Tech. Support Mgr. Patrick J. Woods and Security/QA Control Admin. Theresa A. Huhn continually checked on Angie's well being and kept her in the loop of the job she loved so much. There were so many others that sent Angie encouragement from the Patrol, as well as many of the outside agencies

she dealt with, that it would be impossible to list everyone. Suffice it to say that the kindness shown to us will never be forgotten.

Sgt. Tim R. Tinnin, Troop F

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I would like to sincerely thank my Patrol family for all of your cards, e-mails, and phone calls after the death of my grandma. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me and my family. I was reminded how blessed I am to be a part of such a caring organization.

*Info. Analyst II Denice D. Tipton,
Q/CJISD*

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Thanks for all the cards and calls I have received since my mother, Joyce Watkins, passed away. Your prayers and well wishes have helped during this very difficult time.

Ret. Latent Tech. II Valerie J. Watkins

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On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, and cards with condolences following the death of my mother, Betty Kramer. I would also like to thank everyone who was able to attend the visitation or funeral mass. It meant a lot to me and my family. Your thoughtfulness, support, and friendship are very much appreciated. May God bless each of you and your families.

Sincerely,

Ret. Sgt. Chuck Kramer & family

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Our family would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy after the death of our son, Curtis. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ret. CVI Sprv. Robert L. Ragan & family

I just wanted to extend my gratitude to everyone who sent a card, gift, text, or food, said a kind word, or prayed for me and my family after the passing of my dad, Frank Hardin. Your kindness is appreciated so much! Please continue to pray for us as we adjust to our lives without him.

Sincerely,

DE III Michelle D. Applegate, Troop E

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Terri and I would like to thank the Patrol family for the prayers, flowers, and acts of kindness during the recent loss of her father, Gerald Heldenbrand. We truly appreciate the thoughtfulness and compassion during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Roger S. Williams, Q/GD

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Our family would like to thank everyone for the kind words and prayers, and those who called during our time of grieving upon the passing of my grandmother. Just knowing that we have the support from everyone brings such relief during those hard times. One thing I wanted to note was that my family was so amazed with the presence of so many Patrol personnel during the visitation and service. That alone will be a memory to cherish for a long time. Again, thank you all for being so caring.

Sincerely,

*MVI Sprv. Daniel & Kimberly Gregory,
Troop I*

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On behalf of the GHQ Torch Run Committee, I would like to thank everyone for supporting the Special Olympics biscuits & gravy fundraiser and cinnamon roll day. We earned a profit of \$639.30 and \$598, respectively. I would like to thank the committee for their hard work. Also, thanks to Anne and the Academy personnel who helped order supplies, prepared the food, and made sure we had everything necessary to serve the food.

Lt. John J. Hotz, Q/PIED

PERSPECTIVE

“From The East To The West, 96 Is The Best”

By Recruit Ethan B. Mueller, Q/TND

At 9 a.m., on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 44 individuals reported to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy, in Jefferson City, to begin their 26 weeks of recruit training. This group of selected applicants would form the Missouri State Highway Patrol’s 96th Recruit Class. All of these individuals came from different backgrounds, cities, and even other states, but came with the same goal: To become a Missouri state trooper.

After reporting to the Academy, we went to General Headquarters to start orientation. During orientation, we had the opportunity to listen to Captain David P. Perkins, Q/TND, speak and welcome us to the Patrol. We introduced ourselves to the rest of the class and told each other a little about our backgrounds. Most of the day consisted of what seemed like endless amounts of paperwork. It was, at times, difficult to focus, because we were anxious about what we *thought* we knew was coming. After everything needed for orientation was completed, we had to say goodbye to our loved ones. Capt. Perkins gave us orders to be in the classroom at 4 p.m.

Once we were in the classroom, we found our seats and stood behind our chairs. Not much was said. In fact, I think everyone’s heart was beating rapidly, as we looked at the door, waiting for the instructors to bust it down. Before long, Capt. Perkins entered the room. He told us this was the beginning of our recruit training and we were to report to the gymnasium immediately. As we were running to the gym, we could already hear the yells of the instructors. We entered the gym and the “fun” began.

Anyone who is a member—or has been a member—of the Patrol knows exactly what kind of “fun” I mean. As



The 96th Recruit Class marches in formation on the grounds of General Headquarters.

with every class, it didn’t take long for some to realize this was not the job for them, and we quickly went from 44 to 39 recruits. For those who chose to stay, we were no longer individuals. We were the 96th Recruit Class. It did not take long to figure out that if we wanted to get anything done, or wanted to get anywhere, we had to work together and move as one. We had to become a team.

The first 10 days were the worst. Since we started on a Wednesday, we continued our “normal” schedule through the weekend until the following Friday. When Friday finally came, the entire class wondered if the Academy staff was actually going to let us go home. Later that evening, we finally were released for the first time after an exhausting 10 days. Most weekends go by way too fast, but this weekend in particular felt like we had never even left the Academy. When we returned Sunday, we knew we were in for another “fun” week of training.

For several weeks, this seemed to be the routine. However, over time, it slowly got better. Although, I think I can safely say no recruit ever wants to come back on Sundays. No one wants to leave their loved ones, their families, spouses, children, or life outside of the Academy.

Yet, we choose to come back. We choose to come back, because that is what it takes. We know it is part of the required training and what it takes to become a Missouri state trooper.

Now, it feels like we are at the point in our training where we can see a light at the end of the tunnel. At times, it has felt like that day would never come. We realize how fortunate we are to be the recruits who were selected in such a competitive process. All of the training we are receiving from the instructors and Academy staff is building the foundation needed to make us successful troopers. Our training is making us more knowledgeable and skilled in order to be proficient in the field.

The remaining recruits still share the same goal we originally came with: To become a Missouri state trooper. All of us are counting down the days until July 12, 2013. When that day comes, we will be able to say we accomplished our goal. We will know that we did not accomplish it individually, but as a team. We can only imagine what that day will feel like and how rewarding it will be.

Graduation will not be a finish line. It will be a starting point. We will need the guidance of our field training officers to help us become successful in the field and continue to maintain the reputation of the Missouri State Highway Patrol built by those who have gone before us. The 96th Recruit Class is eager to reach this starting point in our careers.

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Troopers To The Rescue!

By Sgt. R. Brooks McGinnis, Troop A

With a second winter storm advisory implemented, Troop A braced for the worst. To assist, Troop D sent four members (and their four-wheel drive vehicles) to the Troop A area on Monday, February 25, 2013. Major J. Bret Johnson, Q/FOB, had the foresight to deploy the Troop D officers to Troop A, and deploy four officers from Troop F to Troop B. A third group was available from Troop I, but remained in their troop area.

The storm hit the Troop A area hard that Monday evening and brought with it the usual challenges of stranded motorists and traffic crashes. In one instance, a woman from Utah slid off Interstate 70 in Lafayette County, becoming stranded. She called Troop A, Lee's Summit, for assistance, but, then later called back. She had called her insurance company and they promised to send a tow truck. So, she decided a trooper wasn't necessary.

Because we were already nearby, we checked on her. After an hour, the tow truck hadn't come, so the four Troop D members decided to help her



Cpl. Mark Mason, Troop D, and Tpr. Travis Inman, Troop D, dig out a motorist whose vehicle became high centered on snow after sliding off the roadway.

out. They proceeded to shovel snow and pull her vehicle back onto the roadway. We learned that the woman's insurance company had sent the tow truck to the right mile-marker and correct interstate, but in Utah, rather than Missouri. The woman was in the process of relocating to Maryland due to a divorce and had little money. The four Troop D officers— Corporal Mark C. Mason, Corporal Eddie J. Walker,

Trooper Travis S. Inman, and Trooper Andy B. Ward—took the initiative and helped save her a tow bill. Their assistance meant a lot to her.

"I enjoyed the assignment," said Cpl. Mason. "I'd be glad to help again. Troop A has always been good to me."

The group returned home to Troop D on Wednesday, February 27, 2013. Their hard work was much appreciated.