

# PATROL NEWS

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## We Remember



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# Superintendent's Message

Colonel Eric T. Olson



As I reread some of the correspondence exchanged within the Patrol since early March, I am reminded of how fast change can occur. We started the month with an inter-office communication explaining some basic awareness regarding personal protective equipment, a simple definition of a coronavirus, and information that we might have to relay some biological samples across the state for testing. Within a week, a second IOC is disseminated, and it is becoming much clearer that rapid change is in effect. Postponing training, reworking driver testing, critiquing out-of-state travel, and planning for continuity of operations became the topics. Another week passes and casino properties have closed, driver testing has ceased, and the conversation about looming budget challenges has already begun.

We quickly progress through April and can see that there will be no quick solution or clear path to resolving any of the problems surrounding the pandemic. Troop commanders and division directors participate with GHQ staff on daily conference calls, in order to measure the impact of the pandemic on the workforce and improve decision making. Several hundred Patrol employees were away from work for a month, while several hundred more worked remotely. Some continue to do so. The close, social work environment we have been accustomed to is becoming a distant memory. It is virtually impossible to read a news story or watch a news broadcast that is not totally dedicated to coverage of the pandemic. Government orders regarding social distancing and civil unrest around the country become a second thought to the actual disease that started it all. The “new normal” becomes a standard we seek to define, as it becomes clear that working and living in the pandemic environment is here for the foreseeable future.

So, what now? I think it is simple. While we must be cognizant of the safety of our families, our coworkers, and the public we serve during the pandemic, focusing on those things that are **not** new will lead to our success. For almost 90 years, the Patrol has endured many other crises, emergencies, and challenges that consistently expose the true quality of our people and our mission.

Focusing on our core values of integrity, responsibility, respect, professionalism, compassion, resourcefulness, character, and commitment is not *new*, but it is *normal* for the men and women of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Remaining anchored in these ideals will carry us through any crisis. I want to say thank you to every employee for how they have adapted to the ever-changing situation we've found ourselves in while continuing to provide the very best service and protection to Missourians. I look forward to our bright future and meeting the challenges ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric T. Olson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a slightly larger first name and a smaller last name.

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## What's Happening?

### Patrol's Social Media Keeps Public Informed

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

The Patrol's presence on social media has been growing since 2016, when the agency began Tweeting and revived its Facebook page. Currently, we have 15 Twitter accounts (all troops, General Headquarters, colonel, Recruiting & Community Outreach Division, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, and MOAlerts), with 9,614 followers on the GHQ account. The Facebook page boasts 166,075 followers and 162,249 people have "liked" it. Our followers include individuals, businesses, media, government agencies, etc. This page will give readers some idea as to what topics have been part of the Patrol's social media presence in March and April 2020. Enjoy!



Everyone loves  
our K9s and  
Puppy Day  
is another  
opportunity  
to share a  
picture of one!



2:31 PM · Apr 17, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

22 Retweets 109 Likes



Several troops have  
released short videos  
reminding the public  
the Patrol is serving  
Missouri. Not even a  
pandemic will change  
that!

The Patrol recognized the hard work of all public safety telecommunicators with this message. Our communications personnel are the best!

## Cover

This memorial collage includes 31 troopers who have died in the line of duty while serving and protecting in Missouri. The additional trooper included in the collage is Tpr. J.D. Ellis, who died during WWII in a Japanese prisoner of war camp on October 16, 1942.

# K-9 Jampy Retires!

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

After five and one-half years of service, K9 Jampy retired March 1, 2020. Unfortunately, his retirement was hastened by a spine and hip issue. Jampy began his service with the Patrol on September 1, 2014, and is six years, nine months old. During his career, Jampy's sniff searches yielded 1,271 pounds of marijuana, 5.4 pounds of meth, 4.4 pounds of cocaine, 16.3 pounds of hash, 1 pound of psilocybin mushrooms, six apprehensions, and five weapons.

Jampy is now happily residing with his handler, Sergeant R. Brooks McGinnis, and family. Sgt. McGinnis, Troop A, reports that Jampy will enjoy leisurely summers by the pool. "This dog loves to swim and even in the winter it is difficult to keep him out of the pool," said Sgt. McGinnis.

Jampy did not hold a retirement coffee but did take part in a photo shoot marking the occasion. The Zone 17, Special Enforcement Zone, consisting of the two-member K9 interdiction unit and two-member Troop A motor unit, posed together in the pictures.

"My partner, Trooper Beau Ryun, Troop A, gave me a nice canvas photo of Jampy that I greatly appreciate," said Sgt. McGinnis. "It was a thoughtful gesture."

Sgt. McGinnis said he'll miss working with Jampy, and there are many memories of their assignments. He did share this one from November 2017:

"While conducting the consensual search of a sport utility vehicle, I

observed rolling papers in the center console and loose marijuana residue. I subsequently deployed K9 Jampy and received a positive alert to the odor of an illegal drug at the right rear corner of the vehicle (at the rear bumper area near the spare tire). I subsequently lowered the spare tire to the ground with the assistance of former Troop A Corporal Dennis D. Mathes (now Troop F), who had arrived at the scene to assist me. A search of the tire revealed 31 bundles of marijuana with a field weight of approximately 35.8 pounds. This was a vehicle stop with a consensual search where the canine was instrumental in discovering the

hidden contraband. These dogs are amazing creatures and are very talented."

Sgt. McGinnis shared that he found the way Jampy learned to be amusing. "He is a very funny dog in that when he learns something at training in a specific way, it has to always be done that way or he loses his mind. As an example, when we are in the beginning stages of contraband odor training with a dog, we will use plastic pipes (that contain a contraband odor) to play a game of

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*K9 Jampy*



*K9 Jampy was always ready to go to work with this handler Sgt. Brooks McGinnis, Troop A.*

## **— Jampy**

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fetch with the dog. This aids the dog in associating the drug odor with a toy to build on his desire to “find” the contraband odor. Anyway, one day at new-dog training, we had Jampy inside a building doing a sniff for hidden marijuana. Once he found all of the contraband hides, the trainer instructed me to return Jampy to his kennel without taking him out in the yard to throw the toy pipes for him (our usual procedure), since we had several other dogs to work at training that day.

When I attempted to take Jampy to his kennel without playing with the loaded pipes in the yard, he lost his mind. Upon hearing the commotion (frantic yelps, howling, and barking emanating from Jampy) the trainer came outside in a hurried manner asking me what in the world I was doing to my dog. I explained that Jampy went nuts when I wouldn’t take him out into the yard play with the toy pipes. Our trainer scoffed slightly at the notion that Jampy would be fixated so much on the toy and the fetching game that he would create such a frantic reaction.

He subsequently took Jampy’s leash from me and led him back into the training building. Moments later, the trainer returned outside with Jampy to attempt to take him back to the kennel. Jampy again reacted as he previously had with me. You would have thought we were killing him from the commotion he was causing. The end result was Jampy was allowed to go into the yard to play a quick game of fetch before he was returned to his kennel ... in a much happier and excited mood.

“Since he retired, my wife has pretty much turned Jampy into her personal pet,” said Sgt. McGinnis. “I am certain he loves her more than me now.”

## **Investigation Intercepts Over 14 Pounds Of Meth**

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

Corporal Zack K. Bryan, Q/DDCC, answered the phone Sunday, March 15, to learn about an investigation by the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office that would be of interest. After two traffic stops led to the seizure of 300 grams of methamphetamine, the Lawrence County prosecuting attorney reached out to Cpl. Bryan and the COMET Drug Task Force for assistance. Cpl. Mike Murphy, COMET Drug Task Force, and Cpl. Bryan went to the Lawrence County Jail and interviewed a subject whose arrest was related to one of the traffic stops.

In the interview, the inmate identified a possible meth source in Mt. Vernon, MO. “All we had was a cell phone, vehicle description, and apartment description,” said Cpl. Bryan. “The inmate said he believed the suspect was receiving parcels via FedEx. We learned the suspect was a Hispanic male and were given a physical description.”

Officers developed that lead which led them to identify the suspect by name. “We confirmed with FedEx personnel that this person was receiving parcels from a state known to be a source state for meth. We know where the majority of meth coming to our local area originates. This particular parcel came from California. FedEx corroborated that the local suspect was, in fact, receiving parcels.”

“On Tuesday, April 14, Mike and I conducted parcel interdiction at the Springfield FedEx sort facility,” continued Cpl. Bryan. “A suspicious parcel from the California source was identified and seized by law enforcement. This parcel was transported to Lawrence County, MO. Cpl. Tim A. Barrett and K9 Hugo, Troop D, arrived and Hugo conducted an exterior sniff. The K9 alerted to the presence of narcotics, so we applied for a warrant to open it.”

With the search warrant in hand, the officers opened the parcel to find it contained over 14 pounds of crystal meth. The next step was to apply for the two residential search warrants, one for the suspect’s home and one for a home where he was known to frequent and matched the parcel’s address. A member of Team 2 Narcotics Unit made a controlled delivery and the suspect signed for the parcel. Within two minutes of the suspect accepting the parcel, the Troop D SWAT team executed the search warrants simultaneously at both locations. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. At the suspect’s location, the search warrant yielded the delivered parcel, two handguns, additional meth, and drug distribution paraphernalia. At the suspect’s home address, meth, guns, and currency were seized and two arrests made. The investigation is ongoing.

“This is just another great example of Cpl. Bryan’s hard work and dedication,” said Sergeant Danielle Heil, Q/DDCC. “He always goes above and beyond whatever I expect from him. He puts in countless hours and truly makes a positive impact on our communities.”

# COVID-19 & The MSHP Workplace

## Employees Share Experiences

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

Though deemed essential and continuing to protect and serve, some Missouri State Highway Patrol employees' workplaces looked different for a while. Colonel Eric T. Olson told the public, "Flash floods, traffic crashes, crimes, stranded motorists, and numerous other incidents continue, even during the public health emergency. The Patrol continues to focus on providing professional law enforcement service while making the well-being of each member of our team a top priority."

The Patrol worked closely with other state agencies in response to COVID-19. A more complete story about the Patrol and the COVID-19 pandemic will be included in a future issue. But, for now, let's check in with a few employees to see how the coronavirus has affected their work day.

"Although driver examinations were suspended," said Chief Driver Examiner Tammy K. Harris, Troop E, "the Driver & Vehicle Safety Division remained dedicated to the integrity of our comprehensive testing program and a high level of customer service. Instead of administering and managing driver examinations, my work day during the suspension consisted of creating contingency plans for when testing resumed and keeping the public informed of DOR extensions related to driver's licensing. Staff at state and local levels worked together to ensure that when our examiners returned

to work, we efficiently handled the needs of the public and utilized safety measures to ensure the health of our applicants and examiners."

"The Technical Support Unit of CJIS has continued maintaining a 24/7 helpdesk for all employees and agencies around the state," said Computer Information Technologist I Appolonia S. Lawless, Q/CJISD. "We've been tasked with getting PCs for employees to work from home as well as having a rotation for our unit to work both in the office and at home during the pandemic. All steps taken were to ensure that Missouri State Highway Patrol and the state's citizens can still function at the highest of levels."

"Wearing the Class C uniform is different because of how the duty belt fits," Corporal Emilio J. Villanueva, Troop A, Zone 2, Platte County, said. "I'm looking forward to when we return to the Class B uniform. I think we have a more professional appearance and are more recognizable in the Class B. But, it's nice to be able to wash my uniform every day. Not too much has changed related to the virus and working the road. I'm still trying to make the roadways safer." Cpl. Villanueva transferred to Platte County during the coronavirus "stay at home" situation. He said drivers were operating at speeds much faster than what he had seen in his previous zone. Most individuals told him, "I didn't realize I was

going that fast." He thinks the drivers simply weren't paying attention.

"The presentations I usually give while recruiting for civilian positions have been postponed," said Criminalist III Kim D. Hardin, Q/CLD. "But, the Latent Print Section employees have been allowed to work from home for the first time, so we are still able to work cases. That has been really nice, and I'm glad we've had that opportunity. We work in cubicles and our process rooms are small, so we have to be intentional in our social distancing."

"One of the hardest hurdles to overcome for me has been the drastic change in our interaction with people," said Sergeant Eric F. Brown, Troop B. "As a public information and education officer, interaction with co-workers, the public, and members of the media is an important part of my daily duties. COVID-19 has taken away much of our ability for 'personal' contact. Phone calls, web meetings, FaceTime, and other platforms have become the new normal. I am looking forward to the return of more interaction with people."

"I've been working one week in the office and then the next week I work remotely from home," said Program Supervisor Shelly L. Stegeman, Q/PRD. "Technician II Heidi J. Lewis, Q/PRD, and I are switching back and forth. It's very quiet in the office when we have around 50 employees in the division and only around 13 employees in the office now. But, as far as my daily work, it's going very well."



*Chief Tammy K.  
Harris*



*CIT I Appolonia  
S. Lawless*



*Cpl. Emilio J.  
Villanueva*



*Crim. III Kim  
D. Hardin*



*Sgt. Eric F.  
Brown*



*Proj. Sprv. Shelly L.  
Stegeman*

# Congratulations On Your Retirement!

**Larry M. Allen**

Sergeant  
Troop H

Retired March 1, 2020.  
28 years, two months  
of dedicated service.



**Ron A.  
Copeland**

Sergeant  
Troop I

Retired March 1, 2020.  
28 years, two months  
of dedicated service.



**Chuck R.  
Colbert Jr.**

Sergeant  
Troop E

Retired March 1, 2020.  
23 years, eight months  
of dedicated service.



**Teresa J. Fewell**  
Assistant Chief Operator  
Troop A

Retired March 1, 2020.  
27 years of dedicated service.

**L. Van Godsey**  
Assistant Director  
Q/DDCC

Retired March 1, 2020.  
29 years, six months  
of dedicated service.



**Jim E. McDonald**  
Captain  
Troop H

Retired March 1, 2020.  
28 years, two months  
of dedicated service.



**Faye A. Newkirk**  
CDL Examiner  
Troop C

Retired March 1, 2020.  
22 years, four months  
of dedicated service.



**Teresa L. Oliver**  
DE Supervisor  
Troop H

Retired March 1, 2020.  
25 years, seven months  
of dedicated service.

# Congratulations On Your Retirement!

**Nancy A. Stefanus**

Chief Driver Examiner  
Troop C

Retired March 1, 2020.  
30 years, three months  
of dedicated service.



**Scott M. Suling**

CVO Supervisor I  
Troop F

Retired March 1, 2020.  
30 years, 11 months  
of dedicated service.



**Ronny L.H. Mast**

Trooper  
Troop D

Retired April 1, 2020.  
25 years, nine months  
of dedicated service



**Gleta L. Shelton**

MVI Sprv.  
Troop C

Retired April 1, 2020.  
25 years of dedicated service.

**Schawnn W. Fogler**

Trooper  
Troop D

Retired April 1, 2020.  
36 years, seven months  
of dedicated service.



**W. Mitch Bush**

Corporal  
Troop D

Retired May 1, 2020.  
28 years, four months  
of dedicated service.



**Rick R. Dowd**

Trooper  
Troop F

Retired May 1, 2020.  
26 years, nine months  
of dedicated service.



**Steve D. Jarrell**

Sergeant  
Q/GD

Retired May 1, 2020.  
25 years, six months  
of dedicated service.



# Congratulations On Your Retirement!

**Kevin B. Miller**  
Lieutenant  
Troop C

*Retired May 1, 2020.  
27 years, four months  
of dedicated service.*



**Terry R. Nelson**  
Corporal  
Troop G

*Retired May 1, 2020.  
20 years, one month  
of dedicated service.*



**Lasandra D. Quint**  
Telecommunicator  
Troop D

*Retired May 1, 2020.  
19 years, 10 months  
of dedicated service.*



**Jeffrey L. Van Tress**  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC

*Retired May 1, 2020.  
30 years, 10 months  
of dedicated service.*

## MSHP Retirees Luncheon: You're Invited!

### All Retirees, Spouses, Surviving Spouses, & Guests Welcome!

Please join us for some fun and fellowship on Friday, August 21, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, 2 North Douglas, Lee's Summit, MO! (Lunch will be served at noon.) Emcee is our own retired Captain Bob Powell. (Door prizes are appreciated!) Cost is \$14 per person. Make checks payable to Pat Spire.

*For more information, contact one of your hosts:*

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### Reservation Slip

*Please return by August 1, 2019*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Congratulations, 2019 Patrol Award Recipients!

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

The annual Patrol Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS Banquet was planned for Saturday, April 25, 2020, in Columbia, MO. But, the pandemic made it necessary to postpone the event. Although the 34 employees will accept their awards sometime in the future, we're proud of these employees and are sharing several of the award descriptions. We congratulate all the honorees and recognize them as living examples of the Patrol's core values.

## The MASTERS Public Service Award

*Corporal Benjamin N. Comer, Troop A*

Corporal Benjamin N. Comer, Troop A, volunteers much of his off-duty time to community service. He serves as a den leader for Cub Scout Pack 34 and an assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 34. An eagle scout himself, he has mentored and assisted youth with their eagle scout projects. He volunteers as a co-coach of a 16 and under softball team and is an assistant coach for third and fourth grade baseball and football teams. Corporal Comer is considered a pillar in the community, a dedicated husband and father, and a tremendous example of how a Missouri state trooper should conduct themselves on and off duty.

## Superintendent's Award For Excellence In Public Service

*Commercial Vehicle Officer Supervisor I Kenneth L. Shewey, Troop H*

Commercial Vehicle Officer Supervisor I Kenneth L. Shewey, Troop H, has played a key role in successfully scheduling, inspecting, and moving several hundred superloads in Troop H. He conducts safety programs regarding load securement, driver regulations, hours of service, and farm exemptions. Supervisor Shewey is qualified to conduct motor coach in-

spections and works to maintain that certification. In addition to his excellent work ethic, Supervisor Shewey is a leader in his community, volunteering as an emergency medical responder, serving in the Skidmore, MO, Volunteer Fire Department, changing smoke alarm batteries for people, and serving as vice president of the Skidmore Community Betterment Association. Supervisor Shewey has been known to take his elderly neighbors to doctor appointments, and volunteers his time helping the city of Skidmore with issues and maintenance problems.

## Matilda "Tillie" Sonnen Civilian of the Year Award

*Commercial Vehicle Officer II Randy E. Fain, Troop C*

Commercial Vehicle Officer Randy E. Fain, Troop C, currently operates scale truck #1507. In 2019, he conducted 750 inspections, which included 1,768 violations. Included in that number of inspections are 58 hazardous material inspections and 48 passenger carrier vehicle inspections. A substantial number of his inspections are level one and entail getting underneath the truck to inspect the frame, suspension, and brakes. In 2019, he weighed 71 trucks. When citizens call with specific complaints about commercial vehicles, CVO Fain will conduct additional enforcement activities in the area. He also takes extra time to educate drivers about laws concerning commercial vehicles. Additionally, he helps educate high school students on safely sharing the highway with commercial motor vehicles.



## Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer of the Year Award

*Corporal Zachary A. Harrison, Q/GD*

Corporal Zachary A. Harrison, Q/GD, is an exemplary criminal investigator as evidenced by his success. In January 2019, one of his previous cases was adjudicated in the Eastern District of Missouri, resulting in a federal "structuring" prosecution. It was the first of its kind and will provide federal prosecutors with positive case law in future cases. In April 2019, Cpl. Harrison uncovered a drug distribution ring operating in Mark Twain Casino and the surrounding community. A supervisor and bartender were arrested and convicted of drug distribution, and four additional suspects were identified. In July 2019, Cpl. Harrison initiated another drug distribution criminal investigation based on a source with in-depth knowledge of a drug operation occurring in the Louisiana area with ties in LaGrange, MO. This multi-agency investigation has identified 29 suspects and is ongoing. His exemplary networking during other investigative work led to Cpl. Harrison working with the Missouri Children's Division on an investigation into the sexual abuse of a child by an older sibling. Additionally, Cpl. Harrison is investigating two large scale

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money laundering operations. The first involves a target residing in the Kirksville, MO, area, who is utilizing Mark Twain Casino to launder and structure large amounts of currency. The second financial case is a large-scale money-laundering operation in Northeast Missouri and beyond involving numerous financial institutions. Cpl. Harrison also volunteers in the local school district and at his local VFW. During spring and summer 2019, many Missouri communities were affected by flooding. For the duration of the flood, after working his shift at Mark Twain Casino, Cpl. Harrison volunteered long hours filling and placing sandbags. The work completed by the volunteers saved the Canton, MO, levee.

### **Valor Award**

*Trooper Keaton L. Ebersold,  
Troop H*

On January 22, 2019, Trooper Keaton L. Ebersold, Troop H, responded to a possible rolling domestic in a tractor trailer on Interstate 29 in Atchison County, MO. Rock Port Police Chief Shannon Sherwood and Tpr. Ebersold stopped the tractor trailer on Interstate 29. The truck driver ran toward them while holding his hands up and informed them a woman in the truck had a gun. Tpr. Ebersold approached on the passenger side; Chief Sherwood approached the driver side. The woman had her left arm around a small child and held a flare gun pointed at the child's head. The officers attempted to speak with the woman, but she would not respond. Tpr. Ebersold then opened the passenger door and climbed onto the steps of the tractor trailer. At one point, Chief Sherwood spoke to the suspect and she lowered the flare gun slightly. Tpr. Ebersold immediately lunged inside the vehicle and wrapped his left hand around the hammer of the flare gun to lock it in place. He gained control of the flare gun and threw it outside the truck. After a lengthy struggle, the woman was

## **Congratulations!**

### **The MASTERS Public Service Award**

Corporal Benjamin N. Comer, Troop A

### **Career Milestone**

Sergeant Shane R. Monk, Troop D

### **Superintendent's Award For Excellence In Public Service**

CVO Supervisor I Kenneth L. Shewey, Troop H

### **Lifesaving Award**

Communications Operator II Abigail L. Howard, Troop H

Commercial Vehicle Officer I Chris C. Close, Troop E

Commercial Vehicle Supervisor II Mark D. Counts, Troop E

Commercial Vehicle Officer II Randy E. Fain, Troop C

Retired Sergeant Bradley D. Moore, Troop C

Trooper Anthony J. Cook, Troop D

Retired Trooper Schawnn W. Fogler, Troop H

Corporal Kurt A. Schmutzler, Troop H

Trooper Benjamin Giesler, Troop C

Corporal Michael G. Autenrieth, Troop C

Trooper Chase A. Pulley, Q/GD

Sergeant Bruce A. Becker, Q/GD

Trooper Daniel W. Schubert, Troop A

Trooper Joseph C. Southwood, Troop I

Trooper Dylon M. Wyatt, Troop C

Corporal Christine M. Brenton, Q/GD

Sergeant Christopher M. Turner, Q/GD

Corporal Craig Ponder, Q/GD

Corporal Rhonda M. Shanika-Croy, Q/GD

Sergeant Scott A. Ballard, Troop F

Sergeant Todd M. Barthelmass, GD

Lieutenant Brian L. Daniel, Q/FOB

Captain Jerry C. West, Q/TND

### **Meritorious Award**

Trooper Jordan A. Hilliard, Q/GD

Corporal Mark A. Philpott, Troop G

### **Matilda "Tillie" Sonnen Civilian Of The Year**

Commercial Vehicle Officer II Randy E. Fain, Troop C

### **Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer Of The Year**

Corporal Zachary A. Harrison, Q/GD

### **Valor Award**

Trooper Keaton L. Ebersold, Troop H

Trooper Nicholas A. Regan, Troop H

Trooper Derek E. Rogers, Troop G

Corporal Jason C. Kuessner, Q/DDCC

Sergeant Shawn M. Dougherty, Troop G

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taken into custody and the child was safely removed from the truck.

### **Valor Award**

*Trooper Nicholas A. Regan,  
Troop H*

On May 31, 2019, Trooper Nicholas A. Regan, Troop H responded to a call regarding shots being fired from a red passenger car northbound on Interstate 35 at the 48-mile marker. He was successful in overtaking the vehicle, and initiated a pursuit. Near the 62-mile marker, the suspect fired shots at Tpr. Regan, who returned fire using his Patrol rifle as the pursuit continued. A short distance later, the suspect's vehicle was involved in a roll-over traffic crash, and the suspect was found pinned under the vehicle. The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The following investigation found the suspect had shot two victims as he passed their vehicle before Tpr. Regan initiated his pursuit. Both victims recovered.

### **Valor Award**

*Trooper Derek E. Rogers, Troop G*

On July 5, 2019, Trooper Derek E. Rogers, Troop G, and Corporal Mark A. Philpott, Troop G, assisted the Wright County Sheriff's Department with a search warrant at a residence. When the troopers and deputies arrived with the warrant, Cpl. Philpott and one deputy went to a location overlooking the residence while, Tpr. Rogers and the other deputies approached the residence. Tpr. Rogers then saw the resident near a vehicle in the yard. The officers began approaching the man while Tpr. Rogers instructed, "Highway Patrol, show me your hands." The man placed his hands near his waist line and then spun around, walking quickly away from the officers. Tpr. Rogers pursued him on foot, leading the other officers. The man's route took him directly toward Cpl. Philpott, who saw he had a gun and alerted the other officers. At

the bottom of a hill, the man turned and fired toward the deputy to Tpr. Rogers' right before firing at the trooper. Tpr. Rogers was approximately 30 feet from the man with no cover. He returned fire with his duty weapon and continued to move toward the suspect at a 45-degree angle. As Tpr. Rogers emptied his first magazine, the suspect fell to the ground. While Tpr. Rogers was changing magazines, the suspect returned to his feet with his gun in hand. Tpr. Rogers, now approximately 15 feet from the suspect, continued firing and emptied his second magazine, resulting in the suspect falling to the ground a second time. At the same time, Cpl. Philpott, who was approximately 50 yards from the suspect, fired his assigned rifle. After the suspect was down, Tpr. Rogers confirmed he was deceased before he went to aid the injured deputy.

### **Valor Award**

*Corporal Jason C. Kuessner, Q/DDCC*

*Sergeant Shawn M. Dougherty,  
Troop G*

On August 16, 2019, members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Carter County Sheriff's Department served an eviction notice at a residence. The man inside the home would not comply when officers spoke to him through the door. A deputy then kicked the front door to forcefully open it. Im-

mediately, the officers were met with multiple rounds of gunfire. A deputy was struck in the leg, groin, and chest area, and fell to the porch unable to retreat and seek cover. The other officers were able to retreat and take cover.

From his position of cover behind a vehicle close to the residence, Corporal Jason C. Kuessner, Q/DDCC, recognized the danger to the fallen deputy. He began to persistently demand the deputy to roll off the porch out of the line of fire and repeatedly encouraged the deputy to continue to fight to survive. The deputy managed to find the strength to roll off the porch onto the ground and eventually drag himself forward two steps before he collapsed. At this time, Cpl. Kuessner left his position of cover, retrieved the deputy, and dragged him behind the nearby vehicle. Sergeant Shawn M. Dougherty, Troop G, responded to Cpl. Kuessner's request for assistance and ran from the tree line to the vehicle. The officers covered the suspect's location with their weapons while pulling the deputy across the yard to the tree line where he could receive medical attention. The resident surrendered to the Troop C SWAT team without incident later that afternoon. The deputy later told the sheriff that Cpl. Kuessner had "kept him fighting" and saved his life.



# Aircraft Division Locates Missing Mushroom Hunter

By Sgt. Dan Wohlnoutka, Q/AD

At about 9:45 a.m. March 30, 2020, I received a call from Troop D requesting an aircraft respond to a search for a mushroom hunter who'd been reported missing. The mushroom hunter had been missing for four days in Southeast Vernon County. I responded to the area with Trooper J. Ricky Rorie, Troop D, serving as the tactical flight officer in Patrol helicopter 383F. About eight minutes into the search, the subject was located lying along the river bank. The man was alive, but appeared to have significant injuries. Deputies searching on foot were directed to the subject's location when it was determined that the man needed medical attention. After brief aerial reconnaissance, it was determined that there was little or no access to the subject by ground vehicle. Thus, a medical helicopter was dispatched to the scene from Pittsburg, KS. We remained over the scene until the medivac arrived and guided them to the victim, then remained airborne overhead to relay information from the ground crew as they had no radio contact. The man was airlifted to a hospital with severe sunburn and other injuries. Although there was no information available on his condition at press time, he was expected to recover. This rescue was made possible by several public safety entities working together. Included in the search and rescue were: the Vernon County Sheriff Department, Vernon County Ambulance District and Rescue Team, the Missouri Department of Conservation, Midwest AeroCare, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

In this instance, we located the missing man with visual search and managed to guide emergency personnel to him despite very poor communications ability. Those on the ground who could hear us communicated with outer ground personnel by telephone. The searchers and medivac personnel worked well together and were pleased with the outcome.

# Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

## 50 years ago

*May 1970* — Trooper E. Joseph Dayringer responded to a traffic crash one mile east of U.S. Highway 65 on Missouri Route V. He found a 1964 Chevrolet coach demolished, fences on each side of the roadway torn down, and an uninjured driver and passenger. When questioned about the damage to their vehicle, the young men admitted they had decided to take a look at the nearby D6C Caterpillar Bulldozer. Apparently, they got the bulldozer started and accidentally hit a lever causing it to start moving backward. The young men jumped from the bulldozer and ran clear, but didn't have time to move the Chevrolet before the bulldozer climbed over it. The bulldozer continued through the fence, across the road, into the ditch, and through another fence before heading across a corn field. One of the young men managed to catch up with it and shut it off. In addition to the vehicle and fence damage, the bulldozer sustained \$150 in damage. The young men agreed to pay for the damages; neither property owner wanted to prosecute them.

## 40 years ago

*June 1980* — The Communications Division began a pilot program to determine the feasibility of using encoders, pagers, and charging equipment. The 51st Recruit Class graduation was featured. Lieutenant Raymond W. Dreher accepted a certificate of appreciation during the 5th Missouri Auto Theft Seminar in Columbia, MO. The award recognized the many training programs and other forms of assistance Lt. Dreher was involved in over the years. Lt. Dreher was considered a nationally recognized authority in the field of auto theft and attended or instructed programs in Missouri and many other states.

## 30 years ago

*May 1990* — Trooper George F. Knowles' stop of a driver for making an improper turn into the path of an oncoming vehicle resulted in the apprehension of a suspected bank robber. A conversation with the driver led to a consent search and the seizure of drug paraphernalia, a Ruger .44-caliber revolver, K&L .32-caliber revolver, and \$11,000 in cash.

## 20 years ago

*June 2000* — The centerfold feature shared a description of awards presented to 18 employees at the 10th Annual Awards Banquet. Another feature gave an accounting of Missouri's Law Enforcement Memorial Service.

## 10 years ago

*May/June 2010* — One story announced Corporal Charley A. Hogue, Troop G, took fifth place in the Ouachita Trail 50, a 50-mile race sponsored by the Arkansas Ultra Running Association. The Patrol released a new traffic safety video entitled, "Permanent." Thirteen Patrol employees were honored at the annual awards banquet. President Barack Obama visited POET Bio-refining near Macon, MO, as part of his "White House To Main Street" tour.

# Troop F Makes Child's Birthday Brighter

By Sgt. Scott B. White, Troop F

Seven-year-old Colten was surprised when a parade of 88 vehicles, 55 motorcycles, and dozens of law enforcement officers and first responders drove past his Jefferson City, MO, home on Saturday, April 18, 2020. Colten's birthday party had been canceled due to the coronavirus outbreak. However, that didn't stop the community from coming together to celebrate.

At about 2:30 p.m., Troop F members and radio personnel joined other agencies and the community members to stage in the Pioneer Trail Elementary School parking lot before driving by the young man's home. There was much to celebrate: Colten had battled acute lymphoblastic leukemia for three years and his last treatment was in March 2019!

Sgt. Dave Rudloff, Troop F, drives past Colten's house.



On his seventh birthday, he was one year and one month into remission!

Colten's aunt, Kayla Friedrich, said it was wonderful to see the community's support. "To see everyone come through for all this is amazing. I can't believe this is happening just for Colten. The community really came together for this," said Ms. Friedrich.

Gifts were collected and sanitized before being delivered, since Colten remains somewhat immuno-compromised from cancer treatment. Colten received a plastic MSHP campaign hat, patch, and T-shirt from the Patrol, among the many other gifts.

Neighbor Monica Bowman had reached out to several law enforcement agencies and AngiePalooza founder, retired Sergeant Tim Tinnin, to help organize the event.

"She told me who it was for,"

Tpr. Steve Washabaugh and Asst. Chief Oper. Lindsay Williams brought the SWAT vehicle to Colten's birthday surprise.



retired Sgt. Tinnin said. "A seven-year-old little boy who is beating cancer and who's having a birthday. Who doesn't want to be involved in that?"

Thank you to those from Troop F who joined me and helped make Colten's birthday special: Sergeant S. Dave Rudloff, Assistant Chief Operator Lindsay M. Williams, Corporal Bryan H. Salmons, and Trooper Steve J. Washabaugh.



Colten enjoyed his birthday presents while watching the parade.

## Less Traffic Proves Too Tempting For Some

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

Tpr. Billy C. Grose, Troop A, patrols Zone 13, Pettis County. He says virus or not his day consists of making sure everyone is driving in a safe manner. In April, noticed that there was a lot less traffic on the roadway, and drivers were traveling at higher speeds. "Particularly speeds that are very dangerous and can lead to someone getting seriously hurt," he said.

On April 10, 2020, Tpr. Grose stopped three different vehicles traveling over 100 mph. "For the 143 mph stop, I was patrolling as usual," he said. "I saw a car coming toward me very fast and almost had to do a double take at the speed that registered. I was in a position that I could get turned around and be facing the same direction as he

was by the time he got to me. He saw that I was a trooper and he slowed down and stopped. When I asked him why he was going so fast, he said, 'I don't know. I was just being stupid.' What else can you say? I agreed with his evaluation of the situation."

"Yesterday (April 27), I encountered a Camaro traveling 132 in the same kind of situation," continued Tpr. Grose. "I turned around to try to overtake him. He didn't yield and decided to run, so a pursuit began. We got to an area where I was familiar with the road. I felt it was not safe to continue to pursue him on that particular road, so I terminated the pursuit for safety reasons."



Tpr. Grose snapped these photos of his radar unit after stopping drivers traveling over 100 mph.

"It's so rare that you see speeds that high, I took a picture of my radar. This month alone I've caught over seven people driving over 100 mph."

Tpr. Grose said he has had a lot of calls about the stop involving the driver traveling 143 mph. One reporter asked if the Patrol had any concerns related to the higher speeds.

"I told her our main concern is and always will be highway safety," said Tpr. Grose. "Less traffic doesn't mean higher speeds. Just because there is less traffic doesn't mean you can drive faster."

# Welcome, Zsolti

The Missouri State Highway Patrol welcomes its newest K9: Zsolti (pronounced Zole tee.) He and his handler, Sergeant R. Brooks McGinnis, Troop A, completed new-dog training at the end of April 2020. Zsolti is Sgt. McGinnis' third Patrol K9 partner (Puki is deceased and Jampy just retired).

"With new-dog training (eight-week stints) and quarterly canine training I've spent over a year of my career away from home since being selected as a canine handler," said Sgt. McGinnis. "Canine handling is a rewarding career path but it also requires a significant commitment from the handler AND his or her family."

Zsolti is 18 months old and is trained as a multi-purpose canine (drug detection, tracking, handler protection, patrol, and article searches).

*Welcome to the family, Zsolti!*

**K9 Zsolti**



## Michael S. Bracker



Michael Shawn Bracker, 51, a sergeant with the Missouri State Highway Patrol and a life-long resident of Southwest Missouri, died unexpectedly on April 18, 2020.

Mike is survived by his wife Melissa (Hudson) Bracker; his sons, Austin and Nicholas Bracker; parents, Robert and Connie Bracker; Melissa's parents, Dennis and Vickie Hudson; sister, Teresa Robertson (Dennis); brothers, Gary Bracker and Dan Bracker (Tammy); brother-in-law, Ryan Hudson (Tedra); nieces and nephews, Shaw Robertson (Lauren),

Adam Robertson, Abby Wright (Tyler), Hannah Bracker, Scout Hudson, and Hawk Hudson; great nieces, Kayda Wright and Elsie Robertson; and his aunt, Elaine Bracker Campbell.

Mike was born in Joplin, MO, on December 10, 1968, to Robert and Connie Bracker. He graduated from Glendale High School, in Springfield, MO, in 1987. He attended Missouri State University, in Springfield, and graduated in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in marketing management. He worked various jobs prior to being accepted as a member of the 74th Recruit Class of the Missouri State Highway Patrol on July 1, 1997.

Upon graduating from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy, Mike was assigned to Troop A, Warsaw, MO. Mike and his family later transferred to Troop D, Joplin, MO, where he was later promoted to corporal. Mike and his family settled in Nixa, MO, where he worked in the Division of Drug and Crime Control as a criminal investigator and was later promoted to sergeant.

Mike was devoted to his wife and children. He married Missy on April 24, 1993. Together, they had two sons, Austin and Nicholas, who brought

them never-ending joy. Mike loved performing home improvement projects, being outdoors, and spending time in his workshop. He especially enjoyed being with family on the beach at 30A in Florida. He was a man of faith and was an active member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Springfield, MO. Mike was a problem-solver who cared for others. He was a selfless man who put others first both in life and death, volunteering to become a transplant donor. He devoted his life to serving and protecting Missourians. He was reserved, yet could light up a room with his personality. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, coworkers, and all who knew him.

A public visitation took place Thursday, April 23, 2020, at Walnut Lawn Funeral Home. Private funeral services were held Friday, April 24, 2020, and were live streamed through the Walnut Lawn Funeral Home Facebook page. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery, Springfield, MO. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mid-America Transplant, 1110 Highlands Plaza Drive East Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63110. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Bracker family.

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## Harold W. Battmer

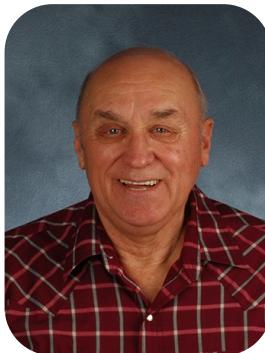


Harold W. Battmer, 86, beloved husband, father and grandfather, died on February 26, 2020, in Lee's Summit, MO. Harold graduated from Pleasant Hill High School in 1951 and attended Central Missouri State College. He felt a strong sense of duty to his country and community and will be remembered for his selfless service to both — he was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army (1953–1955) and later became a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Harold retired from the Patrol on September 1, 1990, at the rank of lieutenant, after serving and protecting the citizens of Missouri for 32 years.

Harold is survived by his wife, Claudine Battmer, two sons, 13 grand-

children, and many other beloved friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to The Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society. To learn more about Harold, visit the Lanford Funeral Home website at <https://langsfordfuneralhome.com/tributes/harold-w-battmer/>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Battmer family.

## Robert J. Eisenhouer



Robert J. Eisenhouer, 83, of Cabool, MO, died at The Living Center on March 4, 2020. Bob graduated from Uniontown High School in Kansas and attended one year at Fort Scott College in Kansas. He served in the U.S. Army under the Army Security Agency from December 1959 to March 1962, in Mas-

sachusetts, California, and Okinawa, Japan. Bob worked at the Missouri Highway Patrol as a commercial vehicle inspector from 1965 to 2002, retiring after 37 years of service. Bob was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend. He will be greatly missed by those whose lives he touched.

He is survived by his son, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. His wife preceded him in death. To learn more about Bob, visit the Campbell-Lewis Funeral Home website at <https://www.campbell-lewis.com/obituary/robert-eisenhouer>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Eisenhouer family.

## Tony L. Caudle



Tony Lane Caudle, 61, died Wednesday, March 4, 2020, surrounded by his loving family, in North

## Sympathy

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

Ret. Sgt. Glen A. Adkisson - wife  
Ret. Chief Ralph H. Heimericks - wife  
DE III Katie A. Zang (H) - grandmother  
Comm. Oper. III Jeffrey K. Herzer (H) - father  
Sgt. Todd A. Zacher (D) - father  
Cpl. Allen R. Flannery (C) - mother-in-law

DE III Ken W. King (C) - mother-in-law  
DE III Denene C. Axelrod (C) - mother  
Technician III Rod E. Davis (Q/PRD) - wife's grandfather  
Tpr. W. Joe Luzenko (A) - grandmother  
Ret. Sgt. E. DeWayne Rucker - mother  
Tpr. Caleb J. Blue (H) - grandfather

Tpr. Jared E. Smith (B) - grandfather  
Sgt. Bruce L. Reinkemeyer (F) - mother  
Sgt. Amye D. Johnson (G) - father  
Cpl. Daniel J. Johnson (G) - father-in-law  
Ret. Lt. Dan S. Bracker - brother  
Tpr. Michael Soriano (Q/GD) - grandfather, grandmother  
Comm. Oper. Danielle Shepard (E) - grandmother

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Care Hospice House, North Kansas City, MO. He was raised in Stoutland, MO, and graduated from Stoutland High School. Tony served his country faithfully in the United States Marine Corps from 1980 until 1983, and was stationed in the Philippines during part of that time. He worked for Dobbs Catering for a few years before joining the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He served the citizens of Missouri as a motor vehicle inspector for 16 years, retiring in 2016.

Tony is survived by his wife, Shirley, of the home, three daughters, a son, four grandchildren, a brother, three sisters, several nieces and nephews, as well as a host of other relatives and friends. To learn more about Tony, visit the Holman Howe Funeral Home website at <https://www.holmanhowe.com/obituaries/Tony-Caudle-Lebanon/>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Caudle family.

## Joe D. Kearse



Joe D. Kearse, 88, died March 15, 2020. After graduating from Lancaster High School in Lancaster, MO, Joe attended Kirksville State Teachers College. He was certified to teach grades one through eight and taught for four years in a one-room country school teaching all subjects. He then worked at typesetting and construction before responding to an ad indicating the Patrol needed telegraphers. Joe held a

third class license and was hired July 15, 1957. He worked in Troop I, Rolla, MO, and Troop B, Macon, MO, before retiring as a chief radio operator September 1, 1990.

Joe is survived by his wife, Marion, children, and grandchildren. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Kearse family.

## Bryan K. Wilson



Bryan K. "BK" Wilson, 63, of Plattsburg, MO, died Monday, March 30, 2020, at his home. BK grew up in St. Louis, MO, and graduated from Hazelwood High School in 1975. He served 27 years with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Prior to that, he was a police officer in Union, MO.

BK is survived by his wife, Kaye, of the home; children, grandchildren, mother, brothers, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other extended family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to any law enforcement charity of the donor's choice in care of the funeral home. Memorial services will be held at a later date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information about BK and his life, visit the Stith Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services website <https://www.stithfamilyfunerals.com/obituary/RetSgtBryanKeithBK-Wilson>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Wilson family.

## Eugene L. Konold



Eugene L. Konold, 87, died Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Mr. Konold spent his life in St. Louis area except for the three years he served in the military. He joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol September 1, 1977 as a motor vehicle inspector. After more than 18 years of dedicated service, he retired January 1, 1996 as a motor vehicle supervisor.

Mr. Konold is survived by his wife, Ottolie, two sons, a daughter, and seven grandchildren. The Kutis Funeral Home will handle a public memorial service at a later date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Messages of sympathy are welcome at the Kutis Funeral Home website at <https://www.kutisfuneral-homes.com/konold-eugene-l-sr/>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Konold family.

# Thank ~You~

Jennifer and I would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards, and prayers after the passing of my father back in February. We are, and always have been, truly grateful for our Patrol family. Stay safe and God bless!

Sgt. Todd Zacher, Troop D

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## Gilbert R. Schwartz



Gilbert R. Schwartz, 86, died Sunday, April 5, 2020, at his home in Boonville, MO. After graduating from Boonville High School he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. After being honorably discharged he joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Gilbert was a member of the 17th Recruit Class and served in Troop A, Troop F, and General Headquarters during his career. He retired September 1, 1992, at the rank of lieutenant.

Gilbert's wife of 46 years preceded him in death in 2015. He is survived by his five daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, and other family members. Memorial contributions are suggested to SS., Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Boonville, MO, or the U.S. Marines "Toys for Tots" charity. This quote from Gilbert was included in his obituary: "Farewell. Life is setting on the things I did and those I left undone. Thank you, Vera; I love you still, it was a great trip. I'll be on that cloud waiting ..." For more information about Gilbert, visit the Howard Funeral Home's website at <https://www.howardfh.com/obituary/Gilbert-Schwartz>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Schwartz family.

## Eddie L. "Lee" Porter



Mr. Eddie Leon "Lee" Porter, 76, of Jefferson City, MO, died peacefully Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at his home. Lee grew up in Texas and graduated high school and college there. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Texas A & I College in Kingsville, Texas. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War until being honorably discharged in 1969 at the rank of sergeant. While in Vietnam, he worked with Army intelligence under the MACV-SOG, 525th Division, 27th regiment stationed in Cu Chi, Vietnam. From his service in Vietnam, Lee was awarded a bronze star. He was a member of the Patrol's 38th Recruit Class in 1969 and retired as a sergeant in 1996. He worked the road in Nevada, MO, then transferred to Jefferson City where he was assigned to both Troop F and General Headquarters. He worked undercover in the narcotics unit for many years and was a firearms instructor at the Academy.

Lee is survived by his wife, Brenda, three children, three step-children, four grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, three nieces, and many beloved friends. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a private celebration of life service

took place in the Freeman Chapel. A webcast of the celebration for friends to view was made available through the "photos and videos" tab on the Freeman Mortuary website at <https://www.freemanmortuary.com/>. A public visitation and memorial service with military honors in the Freeman Chapel will occur once the restrictions for gathering have been removed. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Central Missouri Honor Flight, P.O. Box 334, Columbia, MO 65203 or the Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society (The MASTERS), 780 County Road 383, Whitewater, MO 63785. To learn more about Lee, visit the Freeman Mortuary website at <https://memorials.freemanmortuary.com/Porter-Eddie%22Lee%22/4193728/>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Porter family.

## Gail J. Paceley



Gail J. Paceley, 66, of Jefferson City, MO, died peacefully on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at her home. Gail was a 1971 graduate of Mount Lebanon High School in Mount Lebanon, near Pittsburgh, PA. She received her bachelor's degree from William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri. Gail was employed as a criminal analyst with the Missouri State Highway Patrol and retired after

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30 years of service in February 2007. After retirement, she worked for Cole County Residential Services. She is survived by her brother, two sisters, nieces, nephew, and friends. Her husband, Russ Paceley, preceded her in death. Memorials may be made to the Goldschmidt Cancer Center. For more information about Gail, visit the Houser-Millard Funeral Directors website at [www.millardfamilychapels.com](http://www.millardfamilychapels.com). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Paceley family.

## Forrest W. McKeage



Forrest W. McKeage, 72, of rural Alma, MO, died Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg, MO. He is a 1966 graduate of Sweet Springs (MO) High School. Forrest joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a commercial vehicle enforcement inspector in 1968. He retired as a commercial vehicle officer supervisor in 2002. In addition to his wife, Betty (Limback), Forrest is survived by four children, 10 grandchildren, one brother, two sisters, a sister-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran School or Saint Paul Lutheran High School

in care of Campbell-Lewis Funeral Home. For more information about Forrest, visit the Campbell-Lewis Funeral Home website at <https://www.campbell-lewis.com/obituary/forrest-mckeage>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the McKeage family.

## Herbert A. Campbell



Herbert A. Campbell, 83, died on January 7, 2020. He served his country for two years in the United States Army before joining the Missouri State Highway Patrol. In January 1962, he began working as a driver examiner. Herbert became a trooper in September 1964 and retired at the rank of sergeant in February 1991. Survivors include his wife, Vicki (Averett) Campbell, a son, five daughters, 15 grandchildren, one brother, one sister, other relatives, and friends. Herbert was preceded in death by his first wife, Evelyn (Houser), one son, and three brothers. To learn more about Herbert, visit the McDaniel Funeral Service website at <https://www.mcdanielfuneralservice.com/obituary/herbert-campbell>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Campbell family.

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# Honoring Our Fallen Troopers

## Small Groups Gather At Memorial

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

Each May, Missouri's law enforcement agencies gather to remember their fallen heroes. This year's restrictions on gatherings due to the coronavirus prevented the annual memorial ceremony from taking place. However, Missouri's law enforcement family took time to reflect and show its respect. Small groups of officers from several departments stood quiet vigil near the lighted Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial located on the Capitol grounds. This year, in place of photos from the memorial service, we remember and honor all our fallen troopers in this issue by placing a collage on the front cover.

*Members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri State Troopers Association, and Missouri Peace Officers Association held a candlelight vigil honoring Missouri's fallen heroes.*



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