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From the Staff ...

Major Kemp A. Shoun
Executive Services Bureau



Why I believe the Patrol will stand the test of time ...

I could write about a multitude of people, experiences, and standards that make the Patrol a good agency, but it would take up much more room than this short article. I am going to just touch on one pillar of the organization that remains near to my heart and can be summed up in one sentence, yet covers a broad scope.

"I have been consistently trained, coached, and mentored."

Law enforcement and government in general have gone through some rough patches recently. When negative sentiment or hard times exist, we must ride them out and continue to offer good, caring, and consistent service to everyone. We must continue to treat others with respect no matter what our position is within the organization. The kind acts and commendable service of our employees on a daily basis serves to maintain the long standing honorable reputation of the Patrol. The Patrol's reputation didn't just develop on its own. These performance standards have been handed down through the Patrol's 85-year history by personal influences and positive role models.

As an agency we supply a great deal of training through multiple venues. We function as a machine when it comes to researching new issues and churning out education and training. Our dedication to continuing education and ability to adapt to new influences or standards of all types is one of the best in the market. We offer classroom lectures, practical exercises, videos, online courses, and required reading, just to mention a few. Training on its own is a good way to transfer knowledge, but each of us must internally digest knowledge and then practically apply it to our own jobs and positions.

That's where the coaching and mentoring phases take over. These are usually informal discussions that may be spontaneous as we discuss and debate new knowledge. It often takes the form of common sense, follow-up advice, but it is a critical step in applying new knowledge, policies, rulings, or laws. The informal coaching, counseling, and cheerleading that I have received along the way shaped my opinion of the organization and gave my training the practical reality that I needed.

We must not lose track of the strength that each of us has in the transfer of information and the examples we set. During tragedy, disaster, and hard times our training helps us function each day, while our peers, friends, mentors, coaches, and role models help us through the human experience.

Kemp Shoun

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Social Media Snapshot



This Twitter post marked the beginning of a 22-day journey. Individuals and groups performed 22 pushups and then challenged others to do the same. Day 1 for the MSHP 22-day journey included Colonel J. Bret Johnson, several of his staff, and the 103rd Recruit Class. The number is a reference to the number of veterans committing suicide each day. It is hoped the challenge, a show of support for veterans, will increase public awareness. The 22 pushup challenge continues to make its way around social media.*

**Statistic from Honor Courage Commitment, a veteran's empowerment group.*

Cover

Communications Technician II P. J. Ickes, Q/CommD, tests antennas for optimal performance during an installation.

“Technicians take seriously their role in the mission of the MSHP to serve and protect the officers and by extension the public. To ensure a safe and secure environment for the officers, every car is built to specs that best serve the officer without compromising the stability or integrity of the vehicle. You often see technicians climbing over, under, and through the vehicles to install and test equipment. In addition to building the cars, they maintain the integral pieces of equipment throughout the life of vehicle. Comm. Tech. II Ickes exemplifies the high standards of the Communications Division.”

(inset): All across the state, our facilities employees make sure our building and grounds are in tiptop shape. Here, Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Jessica L. Rice, Troop D, paints during renovations at the troop headquarters.

“Jessica is just one of the many hard working, dedicated employees we have at Troop D,” said Lt. Dan S. Bracker, Troop D. “She helps maintain the entire facility and grounds. She mows, cleans, paints, orders & delivers supplies, and so much more. I’m glad she works with us.”

Remember: Complacency Kills!

On May 7, 2016, Trooper Quin-ton L. DiNovi, Troop A, attempted to take a suspect into custody during a traffic stop on Interstate 70. The suspect resisted and Tpr. DiNovi ultimately took him to the ground during the struggle. The suspect attempted to go for a gun in his waistband, but Tpr. DiNovi, with good use of defense tactics, verbal commands, and his duty weapon, was able to take the suspect into custody without injury to himself or the suspect.

“Obviously, in our career field you can’t be complacent,” said Tpr. DiNovi about the incident. “This is an extreme situation where a traffic stop turned into a bad situation for both parties. The entire incident lasted only a few minutes from first contact to taking the subject into custody.”

“Prior to this incident I had a pleasant encounter on a traf-fic stop in which I was actually thanked for the citation I had given the driver,” continued Tpr. DiNovi. “Right after the pleasant encounter, I stopped the subject with whom I had to fight for my life. The majority of the people we encounter are good people who just make bad choices at times. No matter how many times you stop good citizens, you can’t let your guard down or become complacent. You never know if the next traffic stop or situation you could be fighting for your life.”

“Remember: Complacency kills!” Tpr. DiNovi was alert and relied on his training during this incident, resulting in his going home that day and the suspect going to jail.



ARS Technology Aids Pilot During Searches

By Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C

A new Augmented Reality Sys-tem has been installed in the Bell 407 helicopter to assist pilots in locating and identifying potential suspects and vehicles. As a pilot is following a suspect or vehicle, the officer can call out the location information by simply looking at the display in the cockpit.

ARS is an advanced mission management and mapping system designed to augment full motion video in real time with geospatial information. The system uses addresses, roadways, businesses, etc., and overlays them on the video images from the forward looking infrared camera. This system also makes it easier to operate the camera, because instead of looking away from the camera to look at a map, all the information appears on the screen. This technology is a significant addition to the Missouri State Highway

Patrol’s resources. The high definition images from the camera will be more clear, day or night, making it easier to locate and identify missing or wanted persons, and in some cases, evidence.

“The ARS has made such a dras-tic change for the Patrol in so many ways,” said Sergeant David C. Dinges, Q/AD. “It’s brought our technology up-to-date where it should be. On nearly every flight I have been on, it has made a difference in apprehending criminals. We are able to monitor veh-icles and criminals from the air allow-ing law enforcement on the ground to keep a safe distance, especially during high speed interactions.”

On August 20, 2016, the Missouri State Highway Patrol was conducting an aircraft operation on Interstate 70 in

St. Charles County. During the eight-hour operation, the pilot checked two separate motorcyclists traveling at a high rate of speed. When troopers at-tempted to stop the motorcycles, both motorcyclists refused to yield to the troopers and pursuits ensued. The pi-lot was able to follow both motorcycles and guide officers to their locations using the ARS. One of the motorcycle operators was arrested and additional felony drug charges are being sought at this time.

“The ARS allowed officers in-volved in a high speed incident to dis-continue traveling at high speeds and allow the helicopter to monitor the vio-lator, thus preventing serious injury to officers and the public,” said Sergeant Michael E. Broniec, Troop C.

Missouri State Fair: Thanks For The Memories

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

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has been represented at the Missouri State Fair since 1933, when 12 members were assigned to the event. This year's detail included 70 members and 11 civilians. One of those members was part of the State Fair detail for the last time.

Sergeant Brent Bernhardt, Troop B, made his 21st trip to the fair. The first two years, he worked gates and on the inside patrol detail (a week of gates and a week of patrol). After that, he joined other public information and education officers in helping Otto-The Talking Car share his safety message.

"I have many memories of the fair," said Sgt. Bernhardt. "I was working when the Graviton carnival ride collapsed and I believe at least one person was killed and several were injured. The best memories of all came from working OTTO. One year, we had a young girl who visited Otto multiple times each day while her mother worked inside the fairgrounds. Each time she visited, "Otto" asked her if she brought him some motor oil. One day she came in and brought a quart of oil. I think she was the first I remember ever bringing a "gift" to Otto. Knowing the family was not wealthy individuals made the gift even more special. The little girl has now had children of her own and has never missed stopping

by to visit each year. On another occasion, we had a young man come to us and ask for our help as he proposed to his girlfriend. Apparently, the girlfriend was a big Otto fan and he thought it would be a memorable setting. He asked for her hand and, of course, she said, "YES!!" A large crowd was on hand."

"Many think the job of working Otto is a very easy job, as I did before I was a PIO," continued Sgt. Bernhardt. "But, Otto is very hard work as you constantly keep engaged in conversation with the children and adults who visit. Otto brings a great safety message and makes those attending happy. It's amazing over the years to see [the number of] previous child attendees who are now parents and grandparents who bring their kids to see Otto."

Sgt. Bernhardt isn't the only member for which the Missouri State Fair is a repeating assignment. Take, for instance, Corporal Alex H. Michajliczenko, Troop C.

"I think one of the best parts of the state fair is being able to interact



Asst. Chief Oper. Jessica R. Dillon, Troop A, checks the daily call log before reviewing it with the shift sergeant.

with the public, and start a conversation with something other than, "Good afternoon, I'm Corporal Michajliczenko with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The reason I stopped you is ...," said Cpl. Michajliczenko, who has served on the detail for several years.

"This year, I was assigned to the day shift ground patrol the second half of the fair. I particularly enjoyed this assignment, because I got more opportunities to visit with the fair goers. Trooper Brian Peters, Troop A, and I made it a point to contact families with little children, and we made sure to invite the little ones to meet 'Our Buddy Otto.' We passed out countless stickers that week. One interaction I remember

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The 2016 Missouri State Fair detail is pictured.

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specifically,” said Cpl. Michajliczenko. “Brian and I were walking by the Agriculture building when a 4- or 5-year-old boy stopped us. He had to tell us about the state trooper he recently saw (most likely Cpl. David Miranda) riding on a Segway. He wanted us to know he thought that was really cool. Then, in a rather demanding tone, he stated he wanted a ride. I tried to explain I’d love to give him a ride, but the Segway was only meant for one occupant. He was rather disappointed, so I again invited him to see Otto. He was excited, as he had never seen a talking car before. So, I told him, I couldn’t take him on the Segway, but if Dad agreed, I could give him a piggy back ride. Sure enough, he was happy to take me up on the offer. We delivered him safely to Otto’s pavilion, and I hope left him with a most favorable opinion of the Patrol.”

Cpl. Michajliczenko said he hopes the Segways return to the fair. “Those things were great! They were conversation starters and got you around the fairgrounds quickly.”

“There are two ways to exert your strength: One is pushing down, the other is pulling up.”

— *Booker T. Washington*

Gaming At-A-Glance

By Lt. Ed Aylward, Q/GD

The Gaming Division would like to share the following division highlights with the rest of the agency.

- ❖ Corporal Alex W. Whitehead, Isle of Capri – Kansas City, arrested a subject for tampering first degree and possession of methamphetamine. As a result of the investigation, two stolen vehicles were recovered.
- ❖ On August 19, 2016, while monitoring the turnstiles in the surveillance office, Corporal Maurice E. Benzie, Lumiere Place Casino – St. Louis, recognized two subjects entering the casino. The subjects had stolen a wallet from a patron exactly two months earlier.
- ❖ Sergeant Matt R. Schmidt, Lumiere Place Casino – St. Louis, arrested two subjects after a patron was pickpocketed of \$300 in the HQ Center Bar.
- ❖ Corporal Alex Whitehead, Corporal Maurice Benzie, and Sergeant Matt Schmidt are examples of the caliber of troopers assigned to the Gaming Division. Great police work, gents!

We Remember



Tpr. Ross S. Creach
End Of Watch: Dec. 12, 1943



Cpl. Dennis E. Engelhard
End Of Watch: Dec. 25, 2009

From the desk of: _____

The MASTERS' President

By Ret. Col. Fred M. Mills, president of The MASTERS

Compassion and caring is never forgetting their service, their sacrifice ...

While we don't know as much as we would like about Trooper James D. Ellis, one thing that is abundantly clear was his commitment to service over self. Equally, our commitment remains strong to the memory of his service and the sacrifice he made for each of us. Tpr. Ellis became a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1935, and was assigned badge 45. After training, Tpr. Ellis served at General Headquarters and on August 1, 1937, he transferred to Troop A. It was while America was engaged in the horrific war with Japan that his call to serve seemingly intensified.

Tpr. Ellis was granted a military leave of absence in July 1941, to join the U.S. Army. The transition from serving Missourians on the home front to the battlefields on foreign soil was without delay. Now Captain Ellis, he was assigned to the Philippines and served in the field artillery of the 2nd Cavalry Division.

On January 7, 1942, one month after the attack on Pearl Harbor and the bombing of the airfields in the Philippines, Japan began the invasion of the Philippines. This act of aggression—the attack on Pearl Harbor—gave the Japanese air superiority over the entire Philippine Islands in one day.



Tpr. James. Ellis' grave is located in Floral Hills Cemetery, Raytown, MO.

The Battle of Bataan, a fiercely fought battle, lasted just over three months before the joint surrender of the American and Filipino forces. It was in this battle that Capt. Ellis was wounded and taken as a prisoner of war. During this battle, the combined casualties of the American and Filipino military were 10,000 killed, 20,000 wounded, and 75,000 imprisoned.

The cruelty of the Japanese Army against our forces was evident in the Bataan Death March as they were provided with little or no food or water. The prisoners of war, reportedly numbering around 70,000, were forced to walk for 60 miles. After walking this distance, they were loaded into overcrowded, enclosed train cars to complete the journey to the POW camps. During the entire trip, our soldiers were subjected to ongoing brutality that can only be described as truly inhumane. When the travel was completed, the survivors were estimated at only 54,000. We can only imagine the level of cruelty and suffering Capt. Ellis and his fellow soldiers had to endure.

Sadly, it was on October 16, 1942*, that Capt. Ellis, the Patrol's Tpr. Ellis, one of Missouri's finest, died at the young age of 34 in a Japanese prisoner of war camp. We can only hope and pray that Tpr. Ellis remains the only member of the Patrol to be killed while serving in the military.

The Patrol and The MASTERS recognize the circumstances of this tragic loss, while on a different continent and on military leave, are still about service and sacrifice. It is not simply a moral responsibility, but an honor to recognize Tpr. Ellis along with the other Patrol heroes for the sacrifices each made to keep us safe. Unquestionably, The MASTERS feels the four Patrol heroes who died in the line of duty preceding Tpr. Ellis' death welcomed their fellow trooper home.

While the search continues, we have been unable to locate any records indicating Tpr. Ellis had children. His



Tpr. James D. Ellis

wife, Kathleen Ellis, died on January 6, 1986, and is buried in the Lee's Summit Historic Cemetery.

The MASTERS is in the early stages of a special project: We have begun the process of visiting the graves of each of the Patrol's heroes. In the beginning, the primary emphasis is being placed on the 11 heroes (including Tpr. Ellis) who lost their lives prior to January 1979, which was when The MASTERS was formed. Times were different then, particularly when we look at finances and available benefits to assist families when these tragedies occurred. That certainly isn't a criticism. Our purpose is to visit each of these locations to determine what, if anything, needs to be done; or, what we can do to ensure that future generations of visitors are aware this is the grave of a Missouri hero who made a sacrifice for each of us. We wanted to ensure, with family approval, there is a special remembrance and recognition on the graves of each of these individuals to identify and show our appreciation for their service as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

**Col. Calvin G. Jackson, M.D., a fellow prisoner of war, was present when Tpr. James Ellis died on October 16, 1942, and made note of this in his personal diary. Thus, we believe the grave marker's date of June 30, 1943, is an error. One of the military records lists an event date of May 7, 1942, and while we believe this is the date he was wounded and not his date of death, we continue to look for additional records.*

Tpr. James Bava Memorial Highway Dedicated

By Sgt. Scott White, Troop F

Both days dawned much the same: Clear skies, humidity, and hot weather. August 28, 2015, began with Trooper James M. Bava climbing into his patrol car and going on duty for his 7 a.m. shift. It ended in his ultimate sacrifice on Missouri Route FF. One year and one day later on August 29, 2016, a portion of Missouri Route FF, from Elmwood Drive westward to Audrain County Road 977, was dedicated to Tpr. Bava as a way of remembering his ultimate sacrifice.

House Bill No. 2335, signed last year by Governor Jay Nixon, went into effect on August 28, 2016, exactly one year from the date Tpr. Bava died.

The hour-long ceremony included sincere presentations from Patrol members, state officials, and family members, including his fiancée. The Patriot Guard Riders were present at Tpr. Bava's funeral procession in 2015, and held American flags during the memorial highway dedication ceremony this year.

The event began with a welcome from Sergeant Doug B. McPike followed by the invocation from Troop F Chaplain Bob Knight. Mr. Alex Armstrong sang the national anthem and "Amazing Grace" during the ceremony.

"It was said of James during his funeral, that James was a good man, and I'm here today to echo that sentiment ...," said his father Mr. Jim Bava



Col. Bret Johnson joined the Bava family for this photo. This sign denoting the Trooper James M. Bava Memorial Highway appears on Missouri Route FF.

during his remarks. Mr. Bava noted the importance of his family's faith in trusting that they will see him again in Heaven. "Until that time, this father's heart is broken, and he longs to see and hold his son again. He longs to see his son's big smile, to hug him, and tell him that I love him," he added.

Ms. Rose Sanders, Tpr. Bava's fiancée said the love and concern shown to her and the family during the past year are nothing short of remarkable. "He wasn't just a cop," she noted. "He was a human just like the rest of us. He had a family and he had a future, one of which I was supposed to be a part of ..."

Tpr. Bava's mother Alyce Bava also spoke during the ceremony.

"James valiantly chose to uphold his oath of office to serve and protect at any cost," she said. "James sacrificially chose to do the (hardest) thing and it cost him his life." Alyce Bava shared many special memories of James regarding who he was as a person and the countless special moments spent with family and his fiancée. She said his death has left a painful hole in his absence for those who love him.

"It's in the darkest of places that the light of the gospel message shines the brightest ...," she added. Alyce Bava noted the importance of Jesus Christ in her family's life. She said her son trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior.

Troop F Captain Michael Turner, MOSTA President Cody Fulkeron, and MoDOT Traffic Engineer Eileen Rackers made presentations. State Senator Jeanie Riddle and State Representative Jay Houghton were also present. Framed Senate bills with the dedication proclamation and a pen were presented to several family members. Colonel J. Bret Johnson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, provided closing remarks, and Troop F Chaplain Bob Knight gave the benediction. Afterward, a luncheon was provided at the Kentucky Road Christian Church.



The Patriot Guard Riders attended the highway dedication to show their respect for Tpr. James Bava.

Class Of 1962 Gathers For Annual Visit

By Ret. Sgt. Larry D. Cooper

Retired Captain Shay E. East was in charge of our reunion this year, and the six guys (and wives) who attended met at the Hampton Inn in Liberty on September 13 for lunch. That evening, the recruit class from 1962 met for dinner at Chappell's Restaurant & Sports Museum in North Kansas City. (We were very impressed with all of the sports memorabilia.) After breakfast at the motel the following morning, we all headed back home. I guess in Patrol talk we "dispersed." Even with a smaller number than usual, we had a great time telling stories about the good old days (some of the stories were even true). All of us agreed we were thankful we served our time when we did. Our

wives are just as close friends as we guys are, and I'm sure they had some stories of their own.

Next year, we'll gather for our 55th anniversary, and we'll meet in Jefferson City.



In the photograph are (l to r) retirees Sgt. Larry Cooper, Capt. David L. Cook, Capt. Shay E. East, Sgt. Harold D. Shelton, Sgt. Myron C. Garrett, and Tpr. Mickey D. Mason.

Troop D & MOSTA Chapter Support Deputy



On behalf of the members of Troop D and the MOSTA-Troop D Chapter, Corporal Seth D. Isringhausen presents Taney County Deputy Darin Carter (center) with a donation to assist with expenses during his recovery. Also pictured is Taney County Sheriff Jimmie Russell (l).

By Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Troop D

At approximately 2 a.m. on September 16, 2016, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Taney County Sheriff's Department went to a residence southwest of Hollister, MO, in Taney County. Officers were going to attempt to contact an individual suspected of being involved in a pursuit with the Branson Police Department. Upon arrival, officers made contact with a male and a female subject at the front door of the residence, which led to an exchange of gunfire. During the incident, Taney County Deputy Darin Carter was shot and sustained nonlife-threatening injuries; the trooper was uninjured. On October 11, 2016, members of Troop D and the MOSTA-Troop D Chapter presented Deputy Carter with a check of approximately \$450 to assist with expenses during his recovery.

DPS Recognizes Thuss' Heroism

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

Trooper James E. Thuss, Troop A, accepted the September 2016 DPS Employee of the Month award during a special ceremony on September 19, in the Academy cafeteria. The recognition came as a result of Tpr. Thuss' actions at the scene of a two vehicle crash on February 2, 2016.

That day, Tpr. Thuss was patrolling and checked a vehicle traveling 68 mph in a 50 mph zone on Missouri Route D in Cass County. While Tpr. Thuss prepared to conduct a traffic stop, the suspect vehicle rapidly accelerated to 101 mph and traveled through a stoplight into the intersection of Route D and Missouri Highway 58. The speeding vehicle struck another vehicle, resulting in the latter becoming disabled and catching fire.

Tpr. Thuss contacted Troop A communications and requested assistance from the fire department and emergency medical services. Without hesitation, he positioned his patrol car near the victim's vehicle and attempted to provide assistance. The female victim was seriously injured and not able to move. As the vehicle continued to burn, Tpr. Thuss worked quickly and was able to free her from the driver's seat and began to lift her from the burning vehicle. An unidentified bystander assisted him, and the two of them carried her to a safe loca-

tion. During this incident, Tpr. Thuss severely strained his left calf muscle. Despite his injury, he continued rendering aid and comforting her until the Belton Fire Department arrived.

Tpr. Thuss' calm, decisive, and selfless actions saved this woman's life. She was transported to a trauma center and underwent several days of



DPS Deputy Director Stephen Sokoloff presented the September 2016 DPS Employee of the Month award to Tpr. James Thuss. Tpr. Thuss' wife, Melody, proudly stands to his left.

intensive care treatment. Her condition has improved and she continues to recover from her injuries. Tpr. Thuss was treated for his injury and has since returned to work.

The driver that had caused the crash fled the scene. With the assistance of bystanders and responding law enforcement officers, the suspect was apprehended in a nearby field.

During the DPS Employee of the Month award ceremony, DPS Deputy Director Stephen Sokoloff presented the certificate and DPS commemorative coin to Tpr. Thuss. Colonel J. Bret Johnson, superintendent of the Patrol, presented a challenge coin to Tpr. Thuss and congratulated him.

"Thank you for recognizing Jim," said Captain Scott A. Shippers, Troop A. "His actions on February 2 truly are indicative of the dedication and service he provides on a daily basis.

"This has been a very humbling experience for me and my family," said Tpr. Thuss. "Since this occurred several months ago, I've had the opportunity to speak with Becky [the injured woman] and she is doing well. She is getting around, but not 100 percent and is extremely grateful. I assured her that I didn't do anything someone else from here wouldn't have done."

Congratulations, Tpr. Thuss, on being named DPS Employee of the Month for September 2016!

Meramec Creek Bridge Renamed To Honor Tpr. Snodgrass

By Sgt. Cody Fulkerson, Troop I

In early September 2015, a conversation took place between Trooper Jeffrey S. Leathers and Lieutenant Steve P. Davis, both Troop I, Rolla. The conversation was about the possibility of having a roadside memorial placed on Missouri Highway 32, in Dent County near where Trooper Gary W. Snodgrass lost his life on February 21, 1970. They both agreed that it was long overdue, so the process began with Tpr. Leathers researching the crash that took Tpr. Snodgrass' life. He obtained copies of the original crash report from the Patrol Records Division, and was able to locate where the crash occurred, which was adjacent to the bridge crossing the Meramec Creek on Highway 32, approximately 7 miles east of Salem, MO. Tpr. Leathers learned that the actual road bed had been moved slightly to its current location, approximately 250 feet south of the road bed's location in 1970. In visiting the area to obtain the GPS coordinates and photographs of the bridge, he discovered that the original road surface still existed as an access to private property adjoining the creek.

Since the crash occurred in very close proximity to the existing bridge, it was decided that it would be fitting to have the bridge named in memory of Tpr. Snodgrass. Tpr. Leathers contacted Missouri Senator Dan Brown and Missouri Representative Jeff Pogue and learned about the process for having a formal memorial dedicated in someone's honor. Thus, the process began: A memorial bridge proposal was routed both via a petition and through legislation (including fundraising to pay for the memorial). Sen. Brown's office advised they would be honored to work diligently to have the bill introduced and passed, so the petition process would not be necessary. The Missouri State Troopers Association offered to cover the costs

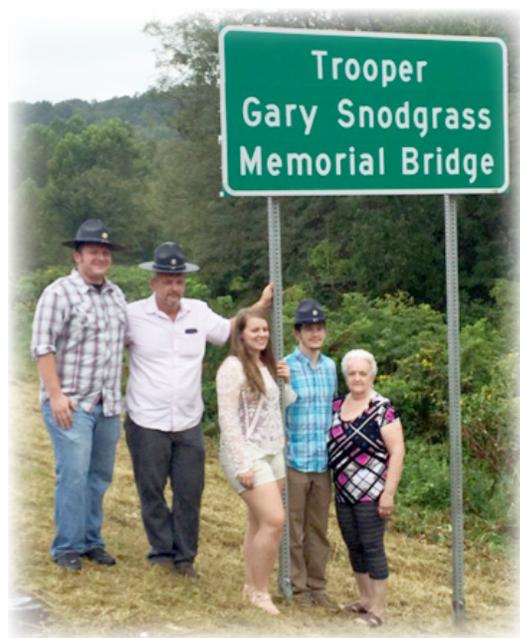
The Trooper Gary Snodgrass family, (l to r) Mr. Brett Snodgrass (grandson), Mr. Tony Snodgrass (son), Ms. Bethanie Snodgrass (granddaughter), Mr. Brendon Snodgrass (grandson), and Mrs. Ellen Buskirk (widow), attended the ceremony renaming the bridge crossing Meramec Creek on Missouri Highway 32.

associated with the memorial, so fundraising was unnecessary. Senate Bill 852 and House Bill 2335 were both introduced, passed in both chambers, and signed by Governor Jay Nixon. The crash that took Tpr. Snodgrass' life occurred immediately adjacent to the bridge renamed in his honor.

Tpr. Leathers was able to locate Tpr. Snodgrass' surviving family, and stayed in contact with his widow, Ellen Buskirk, and his son, Tony Snodgrass. The entire Snodgrass family was very pleased and gave their blessing and support.

On September 8, 2016, the long overdue ceremony became reality. Troop I Headquarters in Rolla, the same building where Tpr. Gary Snodgrass reported for duty over 46 years earlier, became the gathering place to honor his service and memory. Family, friends, former co-workers, current members, and employees attended and packed the training room. Captain James W. Remillard, commanding officer of Troop I, welcomed all in attendance, while Colonel J. Bret Johnson, Sen. Dan Brown, and Rep. Jeff Pogue paid their respects with many others representing the various agencies and the Troop I community.

Capt. Remillard honored the memory of Tpr. Snodgrass stating, "This long overdue bridge dedication will serve two purposes. First and foremost, it will forever honor the memory and service of Tpr. Gary W. Snodgrass. Secondly, it will serve as a stark reminder to our motoring public that our state troopers are willing to give the



ultimate sacrifice for their protection."

Tpr. Snodgrass was killed in a single vehicle crash on February 21, 1970. He began his career with the Highway Patrol on June 1, 1969, and graduated from the Patrol Academy on September 5, 1969. He was assigned to Troop I, Zone 1, at the time of his death. To date, Tpr. Snodgrass has been the only uniformed member assigned to Troop I to make the ultimate sacrifice. Tpr. Snodgrass was 24 years old at the time of his death, and left behind a wife (Ellen) and one young son (Tony). Prior to working for the Patrol, Tpr. Snodgrass had served as a military policeman in the U.S. Army and as a police officer with the Owensville (MO) and St. Charles (MO) police departments.

For additional information, you can visit the Highway Patrol web page and click on the "Ultimate Sacrifice" link about half way down the page. There, you can click on Tpr. Snodgrass' name, where you'll find information about his sacrifice. Another link will take you to a more detailed article about Tpr. Snodgrass, written by his friends and co-workers.

CAP Continues To Connect MSHP, Public

By Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Troop D

On the evening of October 11, 2016, 23 Troop D citizens completed their participation in the 2016 Troop D Community Alliance Program at an awards ceremony and dinner held at Touch Restaurant in Springfield, Missouri. During the awards presentation, members of the class accepted plaques and commemorative Patrol challenge coins recognizing them for their dedication to the program. Retired Colonel Ron Replogle served as the guest speaker, and the participants

also had an opportunity to listen to a presentation by retired Captain Jack Merritt and Mr. Jamie Holstein about The MASTERS.

This year's program began on September 6, 2016, 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 employ-

ees. Some of the topics included: traffic stops, crash investigation, firearms familiarization, marine operations, canine, and criminal investigation. Twenty-eight officers and employees served as guest instructors.

The 2016 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.

Cpl. David Brown describes SWAT activities to Community Alliance Program participant.



Sgt. Todd Zacher assists Clerk Typist III Meagan Shawhan, who attended the Community Alliance Program, at shooting range.



Sgt. Dan Wohnoutka, Q/AD, explains how the Patrol uses aircraft to serve and protect the public.



Pictured are the participants of the 2016 Community Alliance Program in Troop D.

A Trooper Is Never Really Off Duty

By Sgt. Darryl C. Suhr, Q/GD

On October 18, 2016, Sergeant Dave Bierer, who is assigned to the Isle Casino, Cape Girardeau, MO, received recognition from the Missouri Department of Conservation and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for actions he took on December 16, 2014.

Sgt. Bierer was off duty that December day in 2014, and was duck hunting at the Duck Creek Conservation area. He'd been drawn to hunt in Pool 8, known as the wade-n-shoot area, which is actually on the Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. The Missouri Department of Conservation manages hunting on the Mingo Refuge. Sgt. Bierer and his party proceeded to their spot in the flooded timber when another hunter, unknown to them, walked in almost on top of them. The unknown hunter advised Bierer's party that he was going to hunt right there, and proceeded to start shooting ducks before legal shooting hours.

Now, anyone that knows Dave knows that he loves duck hunting, but this other hunter's flagrant law and safety violations were just too much for Dave to take. So, he stopped hunting, and with the assistance of Trooper Matthew Foster, Troop E, who was also off duty and duck hunting with Sgt. Bierer, contacted the offending hunter, identified himself, and obtained the other hunter's identification. Sgt. Bierer contacted Conservation Agent Jeff Scott by cellphone (also off duty and hunting nearby), and explained the situation to him. Conservation Agent Scott was waiting for the offending hunter when he left Duck Creek.

Simple enough, right? Well, the story does not end there. First, a little explanation for you non-duck hunters reading this: Conservation areas that allow duck hunting in Missouri require hunters to go through a draw system to hunt. You fill out and submit a green card, available at the conservation area, and then hunters draw numbers and pick their assigned hunting areas based upon their draw numbers.



(l to r) U.S. F&WS Zone Federal Wildlife Officer Geoff Donaldson, Missouri Department of Conservation Agent Jeff Scott, Sgt. Dave Bierer (Q/GD), and Missouri Department of Conservation District Supervisor Russell Duckworth are pictured.

The Conservation Department writes down your assigned hunting area on the green card, and stamps it with an official Missouri Department of conservation stamp. If you draw a low number you are hunting in a choice spot, if you draw a high number, well, it's an early breakfast and a long drive home without hunting.

Now, back to my story. Further investigation by Conservation Agent Scott revealed that the stamp on the green card didn't look quite right, and that the suspect had not taken part in the morning draw at Duck Creek. Since the violation occurred on a federal refuge, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was contacted about the investigation.

Members of the Missouri Department of Conservation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service contacted the suspect at his residence in St. Louis, MO. The agents recovered a stack of stolen green cards and an official-looking Missouri Department of Conservation stamp at the suspect's residence. Turns out the suspect had a local print shop in St. Louis make the stamp for him. This way, the suspect could drive straight to Pool 8, stamp his own card, circumvent the entire

drawing procedure, and guarantee himself a hunting spot every time he showed up.

The agents recovered the stamp and green cards, and obtained a confession from the suspect. Their investigation revealed that the suspect had placed orders for more stamps. Apparently, this violation was about to grow and become more widespread. As a result of the investigation, the suspect was charged with a federal fraud crime, paid an enormous monetary fine, and lost all of his hunting privileges on both public and private lands in the entire United States of America for three years. Additionally, Conservation Department duck hunting areas across the state have modified their green card stamping procedures to avoid this type of fraud in the future.

What initially appeared to be a relatively minor game violation literally turned into a federal case. All because of the off-duty actions of a couple of dedicated Missouri state troopers.

Good job, guys!

(Note: Tpr. Foster will receive his certificate from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at a later date.)

While Standing In The Gap

(Editor's note: This article is an excerpt from a speech given by retired Sgt. J. Mike Hooker at the Trenton, MO, Police Complex in 2013, on Memorial Day. Sgt. Hooker served and protected the citizens of Missouri for 32 years. He was zone supervisor of Zone 4, Grundy and Mercer counties, for nearly 15 years.)

"On the evening of September 11, 1977, when I was stationed in Bethany [MO], I met with Daviess County Sheriff Leland Houghton in Gilman City [MO]. Harrison County Deputy Sheriff Leon Riggs and I had traveled to Gilman City to investigate a burglary that had happened on the Daviess/Harrison county line. I remember it was late in the evening when we finished and Sheriff Houghton headed back to Gallatin [MO]. In less than one hour, I was notified that Sheriff Houghton had been shot and killed at a residence in Lake Viking [MO]. Sheriff Houghton was well respected as a law enforcement officer. His son Tom was later elected sheriff of Daviess County and served for four terms.

I first met Mark Griffin in the summer 1979, when I was promoted to corporal and transferred from Bethany to Trenton [MO]. Mark was a young man who was working as a deputy for the Grundy County Sheriff's Department. Mark and I soon became fast friends. I remember that in the spring 1980, Mark decided to get a slow pitch softball team together to compete in the slow pitch league in Trenton. I noticed that Mark already had a recipe for disaster when he told me he was going to form the team using only people who worked in law enforcement. The players never had time to practice nor did the team have the same players during any game. As hard as Mark tried, the team was not very good, but we sure had fun. Mark was shot and killed in January 1981. It was a senseless tragedy. We lost a fine young man and a very good officer that day.

I used to go by the house where Mark was killed nearly every day and I had a bad feeling each time. That house stood for almost 30 years after that day in 1981, having only recently being torn down. As far as I was concerned it could have been torn down the next day. They named a ball field here in Trenton in Mark's honor, not because he was a great ball player, but because he was so well liked and highly respected in the community. Mark was only 23 years old.

Trooper Henry C. (Hank) Bruns was promoted to corporal and transferred to Trenton in the summer 1985. I had just been promoted to zone sergeant here. Hank was the hardest working officer I ever knew. I was working one day near Albany, [MO,] when I received a call to work a traffic crash near King City, [MO]. Hank was the very first Highway Patrol trooper stationed in King City. King City was in our zone, but Hank was assigned to work out of a St. Joseph Zone. I heard Hank sign on the air with Troop H radio. I looked at my schedule and noticed Hank was on vacation. When I arrived Hank had his patrol car at the scene, but he was not in uniform. I told him I would finish the report and handle all the paper work. Hank just said no, his wife was working, the kids were in school, and he needed something to do. In fact, Hank would never have liked the idea of overtime, because he didn't want anyone telling him to go home when he was working.

One day not too long after Hank was assigned here, Trooper Greg Overfelt—the officer that replaced Hank in King City—asked me what I knew about Hank. He said an official at the bank in King City had called him and wanted to know when he wanted them to install a bank alarm in his house. Greg asked them why he would want them to do that. The official stated because Tpr. Bruns had them install one in his house. To this day, I have never heard of another officer having

the local bank alarm installed in their house. That's just the way Hank was. Hank had become nearly a legend in King City for his work ethic in the 14 years he worked there. I had worked the night shift before I received the call early one cold February morning in 1987. It was the Troop H dispatcher calling me to let me know that I had two officers from my zone involved in a serious traffic crash on an ice-covered highway east of St. Joseph. One was injured and the other officer, Cpl. Hank Bruns, had just been pronounced dead upon arrival at Heartland Hospital. I was told that Hank's children were at home in Trenton, but his wife was somewhere in the St. Joseph area. They were trying to locate her. I was asked to go to Hank's residence to make the death notification to his children and bring them by patrol car to St. Joseph. I had watched Hank and Judy's children grow up and this was not going to be easy. I had made several death notifications by then during my career and I made several after that day, but none was harder. I had learned from experience that it was best to get a little support when making a notification when you had time. I called my minister, Larry Lineville.

I also called Nancy Slonecker, because I knew she was good friends of the family. Nancy brought along her daughter Angie who was a friend of Hank's daughter, Amy. Derrick was about 18, I believe, and Amy was around 16. I am not sure of their exact age, but I remember that all six members assigned to this zone attended Amy's high school graduation in uniform the next year because her father was unable to attend. Together we made the death notification the best we could and I was relieved to learn that Judy had been located and was at the hospital before we arrived. All these years I have visited with Nancy Slonecker several times, but we had never

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spoken about that day until a year ago. On that occasion Nancy asked me if I remembered the day Hank died. I just answered by saying I could never forget that day. She said when she returned home that evening from the hospital in St. Joseph, she threw all the clothes she had been wearing that day away because she felt so bad she didn't ever want to wear them again. I guess I didn't realize what a burden I had placed on her that day in trying to ease some of my own. They named a stretch of highway in honor of Hank Bruns near King City, because he was so well liked and respected. Hank was only 41 years old.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the loss of another friend—Sgt. Robert G. Kimberling—in October 1999, on Interstate 29 near St. Joseph, MO. Bob, as we knew him, grew up just a few miles from here in Jamesport, [MO]. During his youth he spent a lot of time in and around Trenton.

His wife, Kelly, even worked in Trenton for several years. Bob had a reputation among his peers as being an outstanding officer for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. That October day Bob stopped a car whose driver had left the Farris Truck Stop south of St. Joseph without paying for \$24.69 worth of gas. Bob was killed during a gun battle that resulted from that stop. On occasion, I used to see Bob's mother here in Trenton since she lived in Jamesport. She was such a nice lady and I couldn't help but feel a little sad knowing she had lost her only son in such a tragic way. They named a few miles of Interstate 29 in his honor and placed a marker at the location where he was killed. The new gym at Jamesport High School was also named after him. He left behind a wife and two daughters, ages 11 and 12. He was only 43 years old.

I have just told about some of the officers that I was acquainted with who were killed during my 32-year career. Just the ones who worked this area. There were more! Some of you may have shared one or more of these bad

days with me. But, if you haven't then it is my hope and wish that you never have a day like I have been talking about during your career. In closing, I want to say that all my days on the job were not bad days. In fact, there were many more good days than bad and I had a lot of fun along the way. It was a great experience and I made many life-long friends. I want to thank all the officers here tonight for their dedication and service to the public. I think Tim Munday said it best tonight. Tim is a Trenton police officer and also serves as a minister. Tim said in his speech, "You stand in the gap between good and evil."

Even though you sometimes don't receive the respect that you deserve. Without the men and women who serve as police officers our society would constantly be in chaos. You are the true heroes, along with firefighters, ambulance crews, citizens who step forward when needed, and soldiers who fight for our freedom. You truly do, "stand in the gap between good and evil."

Two Men Accept Honorary Trooper Certificates

By Sgt. Clark D. Parrott, Troop E

Captain Jeffrey N. Vitale, Troop E, presented Honorary Trooper certificates to Mr. Heath A. Moon and Mr. Jeffrey D. Thomas at a ceremony November 28, at Troop E Headquarters.

On October 7, 2016, troopers were dispatched to a vehicle crash and fire with occupants trapped inside. The investigation determined the two bystanders, Mr. Moon and Mr. Thomas, risked their personal safety and well-being by extricating the seriously injured driver and a toddler from inside the burning vehicle.

Troopers learned that Mr. Moon had driven up on the scene of the crash. His attempts to extinguish the fire with a water bottle were unsuccessful. He removed the child safety seat, containing the toddler, and placed the child seat and child inside another bystander's vehicle. Mr. Moon then returned to the burning vehicle and made two failed attempts to pull the driver from inside the burning vehicle.

Another bystander, Mr. Thomas, lives nearby and had come to the scene of the crash. Together, the two men were able to remove the driver from the burning vehicle and relocate the injured man to a safe distance away from the burning vehicle. Both injured occupants were transported to the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center by the Ripley County Ambulance Service.

"The actions of Mr. Moon and Mr. Thomas were exemplary," said Captain Vitale. "They both uphold the motto of the Missouri State Highway Patrol of service and protection. I am certain the injured occupants would have not been able to exit the burning vehicle on their own and without the assistance



Capt. Jeff Vitale, Troop E, stands with new Honorary Troopers Mr. Heath Moon (l) and Mr. Jeffrey Thomas (r).

of Mr. Moon and Mr. Thomas. Their quick response and unselfish disregard for their own personal safety prevented two certain deaths from occurring."

Editor's note: The Honorary Trooper certificate is presented to a non-employee who performs in an exemplary manner and under dangerous conditions to aid another.

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



David O. Bagley
CVO Sprv. I
Troop A

*Retired September 1, 2016.
23 years of dedicated service.*



Nancy M. Brown
DE Sprv.
Troop B

*Retired September 1, 2016.
Nine years of dedicated service.*

Terry L. Carroll
Chief Technician
Q/ICTD

*Retired September 1, 2016.
19 years of dedicated service.*



Brian D. Douglas
Chief Technician
Q/ICTD

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



Wanda A. Hill
Clerk Typist III
Troop E

*Retired September 1, 2016.
29 years, nine months of dedicated
service.*



Katie L. Hoover
DE Sprv.
Troop D

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



**Keverne L.
McCollum**
Lieutenant
Q/PRD

*Retired September 1, 2016.
32 years, eight months of dedicated
service.*



Scott E. Meyer
Lieutenant
Troop H

*Retired September 1, 2016.
26 years of dedicated service.*



Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Robert S. Pitts
MVI Sprv.
Troop G

*Retired September 1, 2016.
23 years of dedicated service.*



Thomas R. Propst
Corporal
Troop F

*Retired September 1, 2016.
30 years of dedicated service.*

Mark E. Richerson
Captain
Q/WPD

*Retired September 1, 2016.
30 years, seven months of dedicated
service.*



**Kenneth G.
Williams**
CVO II
Troop D

*Retired September 1, 2016.
40 years of dedicated service.*



**Roger S.
Williams**
Sergeant
Q/GD

*Retired September 1, 2016.
30 years of dedicated service.*



Brett A. Forsythe
Trooper
Troop F

*Retired October 1, 2016.
28 years, eight months of dedicated
service.*



Rebecca J. Moore
Clerk Typist III
Troop D

*Retired October 1, 2016.
Eight years of dedicated service.*



DPS Honors Tpr. Adam Miller

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

Department of Public Safety Director Lane Roberts presented the October 2016 DPS Employee of the Month Award to Trooper Adam N. Miller, Troop E, during a special ceremony on October 21, at General Headquarters.

Tpr. Miller was nominated for his actions on Friday, June 17, 2016, after overhearing radio traffic regarding a house fire located at 310 Sunset, Sikeston, MO. He and a Sikeston police officer arrived at the scene to find the right half of a residential duplex was on fire. There was a large amount of smoke billowing out of the front door and windows.

The Sikeston police officer made contact with the residents on the left side of the duplex and had them evacuate. While the Sikeston officer was making contact at the front of the residence, Tpr. Miller went to the rear of the duplex where he observed smoke coming from the residence. Further examination revealed the rear door was partially open. Without regard for his personal safety, Tpr. Miller entered the smoke-filled residence. Unable to see, he felt his way through the residence, crawling to remain beneath the smoke. He discovered an unresponsive subject sitting in a chair.

Tpr. Miller grabbed the subject by both arms and dragged him to the front doorway. As he neared the front door, Tpr. Miller was able to get the attention of two Sikeston police officers, who assisted him in removing the subject from the home. The subject, who was disabled and could not walk or talk, was transported by ambulance to the Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston for treatment.

Tpr. Miller was transported to the Saint Francis Medical Center Emergency Room in Cape Girardeau, MO, and was treated for smoke inhalation. He was released after being examined.



(l to r) Major Greg Smith, Q/FOB, Capt. Jeff Vitale, Troop E, Tpr. Adam Miller, Troop E, Lt. Col. Sandy Karsten, Q/ASO, and DPS Director Lane Roberts pause for this photo after the October 2016 DPS Employee of the Month presentation.

Major Greg K. Smith, Q/FOB, read the nomination leading to the award. Afterward, he told Tpr. Miller, “My hat’s off to you. You’ve made us very, very proud, and we thank you for your service.”

“Many of us have been to house fires,” said Director Roberts. “Normally, it’s the smoke that causes death. This trooper had to get on his hands and knees because of the smoke. I guarantee he saved that person’s life.” After presenting a DPS challenge coin to Tpr. Miller, the director said, “I hope it reminds you how much we appreciate and admire you.”

Lieutenant Colonel Sandy K. Karsten, Q/ASO, represented the Patrol’s command staff at the ceremony. She congratulated Tpr. Miller and

presented him with a Patrol challenge coin.

“What you did that day, and what you do every day represent the core values listed on this coin,” said Lt. Col. Karsten.

Tpr. Miller expressed his appreciation to those present. “I continue to try to do the best I can do, and I have no regrets. I’d do it again,” he said.

At the ceremony, Captain Jeff N. Vitale, Troop E, told those present, “Adam always asks me how he can improve himself and how to do better in his zone. I always tell him to keep doing what he’s doing and that he’s doing a terrific job. Keep up the good work, Adam.”

Congratulations, Tpr. Miller!

'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 August 6 to October 6, 2016. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column. Rank and assignment reflect those at printing.)

Troop A

Tpr. A.M. Beckwith, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.C. Belardo, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.J. Black, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.R. Blackmon, 1 arrest
Tpr. Q.L. DiNovi, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.A. Duvall, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.W. Ferguson, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Hall, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.A. Jones, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.D. Mathes, 2 arrests
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 7 arrests
Tpr. B.W. Montgomery, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.A. Perez, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.R. Peters, 2 arrests
Sgt. G.D. Primm, 7 arrests
Cpl. J.K. Riley, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 3 arrests
Tpr. T.C. Smith, 1 arrest
Tpr. H.R. Stevens, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.J. Thompson, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.J. Villanueva, 5 arrests
Tpr. G.B. Wright, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.R. Wright, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.G. Yendes, 1 arrest

Troop B

Cpl. T.J. Adams, 1 arrest
Sgt. E.F. Brown, 2 arrests
Tpr. W.J. Crose, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.D. Davidson, 4 arrests
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 3 arrests
Tpr. T.J. Haley, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.R. Kottwitz, 9 arrests
Sgt. T.R. Rohn, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.A. Rowe, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.H. Riley, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.B. Ritter, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.E. Smith, 1 arrest

Troop C

Tpr. J.A. Akers, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.J. Arsenault, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.G. Autenrieth, 2 arrests
Tpr. O.R. Baker, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.M. Bishop, 1 arrest

Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 5 arrests
Cpl. C.D. Gullett, 1 arrest
Tpr. H.H. Hoemann II, 2 arrests
Cpl. V.M. Kasput, 1 arrest
Tpr. P.C. Long, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Mason, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.J. Mayer, 2 arrests
Tpr. K. Moffat, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.J. North, 2 arrests
Sgt. W.B. Sevier, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.P. Waaso, 1 arrest
Sgt. R.L. Watson, 1 arrest
Sgt. T.M. Williams, 1 arrest

Troop D

Cpl. E.B. Adams, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.W. Adamson, 3 arrests
Tpr. D.B. Blankenship, 3 arrests
Cpl. W.L. Burr III, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.L. Butler, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.W. Coleman, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.W. Crouch, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 3 arrests
Tpr. R.W. Garrett, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.E. Givens, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.T. Hackett, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.L. Harmon, 2 arrests
Cpl. G.H. Hendrix, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.W. Henley, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.D. Isringhausen, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.J. Long, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.W. Meyer, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.T. Polodna, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.C. Rickman, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Rorie Jr., 4 arrests
Sgt. S.R. Rowe, 1 arrest
Tpr. A. Sandoval Jr., 1 arrest
Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.A. Sumner, 1 arrest
Sgt. E.J. Walker, 1 arrest

Troop E

Tpr. K.A. Barnett, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.B. Christian, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.L. Crafton, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.J. Hagggett, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.W. Myers, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.N. Miller, 1 arrest

Cpl. R.D. Owens, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.S. Palmer, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 3 arrests
Tpr. R.T. Schneid, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.L. Schlieff, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 2 arrests
Tpr. S.K. Talburt, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.T. Ulm, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.J. West, 2 arrests
Tpr. E.M. Westmorland, 4 arrests
Cpl. J.T. Wilson, 1 arrest

Troop F

Tpr. M.P. Acord, 2 arrests
Cpl. S.A. Ballard, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.A. Beaulieu, 3 arrests
Cpl. M.G. Broniec, 3 arrests
Sgt. M.A. Halford, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.T. Halford, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.B. Johnson, 3 arrests
Cpl. B.A. McLaughlin, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.H. Mistler, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.O. Mitchell, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.E. Morice, 4 arrests
Tpr. C.B. Nelson, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.E. Newbold, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.B. Patterson, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.R. Plumley Jr., 2 arrests
Tpr. C.W. Reichert, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.L. Rice, 3 arrests
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.T. Shikles, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.W. Turner, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.A. Winter, 3 arrests

Troop G

Tpr. C.P. Chatman, 4 arrests
Sgt. J.A. Cravens, 8 arrests
Tpr. J.S. Cunningham, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.M. Dougherty, 1 arrest
Sgt. B.D. Foster, 7 arrests
Sgt. S.N. Foster, 2 arrests
Cpl. C.R. Haden, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.M. Heimsoth, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.D. Johnson, 2 arrests
Sgt. G.J. Loring, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.J. Mendez, 5 arrests
Tpr. C.T. Morgan, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.A. Philpott, 1 arrest

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Tpr. J.D. Piccinino, 1 arrest
Sgt. C.N. Ponder, 1 arrest
Sgt. D.B. Pounds, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.O. Prater, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.R. Roberts, 4 arrests
Tpr. B.C. Rowden, 6 arrests
Cpl. E.M. VanWinkle, 3 arrests
Cpl. R.D. Vaughan, 1 arrest

Troop H

Sgt L.M. Allen, 3 arrests
Tpr. K.J. Cool, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.B. Heintz, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.R. Hilliard, 2 arrests
Sgt. J.S. Johnson, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 3 arrests
Tpr. Q.R. McConkey, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.J. Miller, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.R. Muck, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.W. Neely, 1 arrest
Sgt. L.M. Newman, 1 arrest
Tpr. V.F. Selsor, 1 arrest
Cpl. R.A. Sherman, 2 arrests
Sgt. T.L. Williams, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.M. Wright, 1 arrest

Troop I

Tpr. G.A. Ayres, 1 arrest
Tpr. J. Bellers, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.M. Blackston, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.R. Capps, 1 arrest
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 4 arrests
Cpl. A.N. Fulkerson, 1 arrest
Sgt. D.M. Hedrick, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.R. House, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.A. Ice, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.W. Pfeifer Jr., 1 arrest
Tpr. K.D. Rapier, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.S. Sloan, 3 arrests
Tpr. N.A. Smith, 8 arrests
Tpr. J.C. Southwood, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.W. Summers, 1 arrest
Sgt. A.B. Swearingin, 1 arrest
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.G. Zimmerman, 1 arrest

Aircraft Division

Sgt. S.L. Price, 1 arrest

DDCC

Tpr. E.L. Tyrrell, 1 arrest

Gaming Division

Tpr. T.L. Holston, 2 arrests

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

45 years ago

November 1971 – This issue highlighted the first recruit graduation held at the Patrol’s present Law Enforcement Academy on October 15, 1971. An article submitted by Sergeant G.C. Johnson entitled, “The Patrol Emblem Speaks,” presented what the Patrol’s patch might have “seen” since the agency’s creation. The article was a unique way to celebrate the agency’s 40th anniversary.

35 years ago

December 1981 — An article told the story of a prison break. Seven convicts escaped from the Kansas State Prison in Lansing, KS, on September 6, 1981, after overpowering a guard. Three of the subjects were recaptured a short time later after wounding a Bonner Springs, KS, police officer. But, the four remaining convicts made their way to Springfield, MO. Multiple agencies and the National Guard were involved in the manhunt. After the escapees were all recovered, two of them made the statement that, “it does something to a person when he thinks that he is getting away on a train and looks out to see a Highway Patrolman looking at him eyeball to eyeball from a helicopter.”

25 years ago

November 1991 — K-9 Ben’s arrival was announced in this issue. The 11-month-old German shepherd was assigned to Trooper Sheldon Lyon, Troop H. An article explained that Governor John Ashcroft had signed a law designed to strengthen the DWI laws in Missouri. This new law lowered the BAC to .10 percent, required a mandatory 30-day license suspension before a judge can grant hard-ship driving privileges, and several other changes to the law.

15 years ago

December 2001 — The 79th Recruit Class arrived at the Patrol’s Law Enforcement Academy. U.S. Attorney Raymond W. Gruender presented Distinguished Service Awards to Sergeant Rick J. Sanders, Trooper Jason N. Crites, CVO Bill G. Britton, and CVO Larry E. Masterson. They were honored for their efforts in seizing more than 6,600 pounds of processed marijuana during two separate commercial vehicle inspections at scale house E-2-N in Steele, MO.

5 years ago

November/December 2011 — The Missouri Criminal Justice Modernization Program team accepted a Governor’s Award for Quality and Productivity in the area of technology. The Sergeant David C. May Memorial Highway was dedicated in a ceremony at Troop E Headquarters. The Missouri Automated Criminal History Site team accepted a Governor’s Award for Quality and Productivity in the area of efficiency/process improvement. The MSHP Crime Laboratory Division Achieved international accreditation. Capt. Gary Haupt, Troop D, accepted the NASBLA Award from the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

Well Done!

Final Windmill Shipment Escort Completed

By Sgt. Chip Drenon, Troop A

Troop A and Gaming Division of officers escorted 300 superloads from Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base in Belton, MO, to Stewartville, MO, over a period of six weeks. Those superloads represented 50 of the 95 windmills being erected there. Troop A coordinated escorts for the 300 loads over a period of approximately six weeks, starting in early September. The effort included 10 officers per day working six days a week. Troop personnel addressed the logistics and enormous demand for manpower, and extensive planning, scheduling, and coordination challenges on a daily basis.

Troop A reached out to the Gaming Division's Western District for assistance, and the division provided numerous officers throughout the process. The Fleet and Facilities Division provided spare vehicles and they were maintained at Troop A, allowing gaming officers to utilize those vehicles rather than borrow zone cars.

Due to the size of the loads and restrictions, escorts utilized two separate routes. The large base sections utilized a route which took approximately five hours to complete. The blades and smaller sections utilized a route which took approximately one and one-half hours, which allowed those escorting officers to return for a second trip. Curfew in the Kansas City area was a challenge because the loads were allowed to move only between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

In addition to the 50 windmills for which Troop A provided escorts, Troop H provided escorts for an additional 45 windmills, which arrived frequently at the Iowa State Line. Overall, this was a very successful operation due to the tremendous team effort of the Highway Patrol, MoDOT, and the company moving the sections.

The last shipment was delivered from Richards-Gebaur AFB to Stewartville on October 22, 2016. This



This photo shows the windmill sections staged at Richard-Gebaur AFB prior to being transported to Stewartville, MO.

was a very challenging project and I want to recognize the extraordinary team effort of all who participated in making it a successful operation. In addition to all the officers providing

escort, I would like to also thank the inspectors for their daily assistance. Special thanks to: Lieutenant Dale O. Jinkens, Troop A, Chief CVO Vonda K. Smith, Troop A, Troop A communications operators, Auto. Tech. Sprv. Sean D. Jacobs, Troop A, Clerk Typist III Jennifer L. Hulse, Troop A, Clerk Typist II Kimberly L. Watts, Troop A, Lieutenant Andy O. Tourney, Q/GD, Director Larry G. Rains, Q/FFD, Special Assistant Tamie L. Quigley, Q/FOB, Misc. Prof. Jennifer L. Becker, Q/FOB, and the ladies from MoDOT Permit Office. Finally, I would like to thank Troop A Staff for their continuous support throughout the project.

Well done, everyone!

PAs Honor Cpl. Kyle Easley

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

On August 31, 2016, Troop B Corporal Kyle E. Easley accepted the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorney's "DWI Hero of the Year Award." The award was presented to Cpl. Easley at the association's annual awards banquet held at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, MO. Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney Mike Fusselman nominated Cpl. Easley for the award for his commitment in finding and apprehending impaired drivers. In the past two years, Cpl. Easley had made approximately 15-20% of the total driving while intoxicated arrests in Randolph County.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Stephanie Luntsford, Cpl. Kyle Easley, and Prosecuting Attorney Mike Fusselman posed for this photo after the awards banquet.



Columbia College Coach Named Honorary Trooper

By Sgt. Scott B. White, Troop F

Captain Michael A. Turner, Troop F, presented an Honorary Trooper certificate to a Columbia College volleyball coach on October 21, 2016, at the Columbia College Southwell Gymnasium, in Columbia, MO. The recognition stems from her actions after a basketball player collapsed on the court. The incident occurred on August 8, 2016. Trooper Brandon L. Harris arrived at the Columbia College gymnasium to play basketball. As he entered the gymnasium, Tpr. Harris saw a fellow basketball player collapse on the court. Tpr. Harris went to the victim and found him to be non-responsive with labored breathing.

About the same time, Columbia College Volleyball Coach Melinda Wrye-Washington was in the athletic training room when she was notified someone needed help in the gymnasium. Upon responding to the gymnasium, Ms. Wrye-Washington

observed Tpr. Harris placing the victim into the recovery position. While in the recovery position, the victim stopped breathing. Tpr. Harris directed bystanders to call 9-1-1, placed the victim on his back, and began chest compressions. Ms. Wrye-Washington retrieved an AED from the athletic training room, and with the assistance from Tpr. Harris attached the AED to the victim. The AED indicated a shock was advised. After the shock, the AED monitored the victim and indicated chest compressions should continue. Tpr. Harris continued with chest compressions until the victim gasped for air. When EMS arrived, the victim was breathing on his own and had regained a pulse. The victim was

transported to University Hospital and regained consciousness later that day.

“Trooper Harris and Ms. Wrye-Washington’s actions symbolize the core values of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and without a doubt were instrumental in saving this man’s life,” said Captain Turner.



Tpr. Brandon Harris, Troop F, and Ms. Melinda Wrye-Washington pose for a photo after the Honorary Trooper presentation.

Thank You

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all of the prayers, thoughts, cards, and expressions of sympathy, we received after the death of our mother-in-law/grandmother, Mabel Whaley.

Sgt. Pat Spire, retired
Cpl. J.D. Spire, Troop A

My family and I would like to thank each of you for the cards, emails, calls, and overwhelming attendance at the funeral service following the death of my grandmother. The passing of a loved one is always difficult, but the support from all of you made it much easier.

Thank you,
Tpr. Les Wilson, Troop D

My family and I would like our many Patrol friends and retirees for their prayers, cards, and words of encouragement during the short illness and death of my wife. All those that attended the visitation and funeral were certainly a comfort to the entire family.

Capt. Siah Davis, retired

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, telephone calls, and words of encouragement I received after my stepfather, Larry Land, passed away. This was a very difficult time for my family and I, and without the support of the Patrol family this time

of loss would have been very hard to deal with.

Thank you very much,
MVI Chief Daniel Gregory & family

Dear Patrol Family,

Words seem inadequate to express my appreciation to all of you who have provided us with support, prayers, and acts of kindness during Fred’s battle with Alzheimer’s disease and since his passing. Fred was extremely proud of his Patrol career and loved his Patrol family. My deepest gratitude and thanks to each of you.

Mrs. Kim Kling, wife of retired Sgt. Freddie C. Kling

Deaths

Joseph W. Saale



Joseph W. Saale, 87, died Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at Twin Oaks in Hermitage Pointe in Wentzville, MO. He was born in St. Louis, MO. He served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1951-1953. Joe worked as a truck driver for Kroger before retiring in 2005. He worked as a CDL examiner for the Missouri State Highway Patrol from 1987 to 1994. He is survived by his son and two daughters. The Patrol

extends its sincerest condolences to the Saale family. To learn more about Mr. Saale's life, visit the Carter-Ricks Funeral Home website (<http://carter-ricksfuneralhome.com>).

Robin E. Lightfoot III



Robin E. "Bob" Lightfoot III, 73, died Friday, October 21, 2016, at the Centerpoint Medical Center in Inde-

pendence, MO. He was born in Boonville, MO. He served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1965, earning expert rifle, expert marksman, and the Class Gunner Medal, Armed Forces Expedition Medal, and Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters. Bob retired as a commercial vehicle officer supervisor for the Missouri State Highway Patrol after working from 1985 to 2005. He is survived by his wife Harriet, son and daughter-in-law, and four grandchildren. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Lightfoot family. To learn more about Mr. Lightfoot's life, visit the Walker-Nadler-Fuller Funeral Home website (<http://www.nadlerfullerfh.com>).

Sympathy

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

Tpr. Les A. Wilson (D) - grandmother

Cpl. Kyle A. Green (F) - father-in-law

Ret. Capt. Siah T. Davis - wife

Ret. Steno. I Dianne L. Wallace - husband

CJIS Tech. III Caroline R. Thompson (Q/CJISD) - father

Tpr. Keith W. Kaiser (C) - grandfather

Tpr. Matt H. Riley (B) - grandfather

Ret. Tpr. R. Tim Thomas - mother

Criminalist III Abby J. Lehman (Q/CLD) - mother

Comm. Oper. I Beth D. Martin (I) - grandmother

Ret. DE Sprv. B. Tom Harrison - mother

Ret. CVO II Clayton Farr - brother

CVO Sprv. I Kyle E. Cullifer (B) - grandmother

Prob. Comm. Oper. Heather J. Thomas (I) - mother-in-law

Criminalist III Karen M. Hoover (Q/CLD) - grandmother

Sgt. Chuck R. Colbert Jr. (E) - son
Ret. Lt. Edward N. Moses - brother-in-law

Cpl. Tyler R. Jenkins (C) - wife's uncle
MVI Sprv. Gary W. Stockton (D) - sister

DE III Kirk Rourke (B) - mother

Tpr. Christopher A. Winter (F) - father

Asst. Chief Oper. Paula J. Price (F) - brother

Tpr. Matthew J. Lewis (B) - nephew

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