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From the Staff ...

Lieutenant Colonel Sandra K. Karsten
Assistant Superintendent



Just type the word “safety” into an Internet search engine, and you will find over 100 billion different articles, sites, books, and periodicals addressing this topic. Discussions about personal, student, or employee safety are as numerous as quick weight loss advertisements. Every major employer has some form of employee safety handbook, just as insurance companies have programs aimed at minimizing their risks. The Patrol is no different: We have regular discussions and programs covering public safety, employee safety, firearms safety, and the list goes on ...

Regardless of the safety initiative, we should start each shift or workday by answering the question: What will I do to contribute to workplace safety today? Some answers are simple: Being well rested and healthy when you are at work contributes to the overall safety of the workplace. Driving safely—in your vehicle or the Patrol’s—is important, also. But, it goes deeper than that.

Your Patrol command staff begins each workday by recognizing our responsibility to provide the training and tools for all employees to perform their duties safely. We expend resources in policy development, equipment procurement, and training to provide such tools. We take your safety seriously!

Your responsibility is in joining us. Take your training seriously. Adopt the policies and practices set in place. Safely apply the tools you are given. Know your equipment and how to apply the safest approach when using it. Communicate to co-workers and provide suggestions for safety improvements. Take care of your resources and equipment. From the trooper on the road to the commercial vehicle inspector under a truck ... to the person carrying a box or working in the crime lab ... Safety is always important and should be foremost in your mind.

On behalf of the colonel and the rest of staff, I hope you begin and end each shift safely. I hope each of you answers the question, “What will I do to contribute to workplace safety today?” by demonstrating it.

Sandra K. Karsten

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Cover

Retired Major L. Gene Lacy (l) and Tpr. Justin E. Lacy greet one another with a smile as Tpr. Lacy accepts his diploma from his father. (Inset) Col. Ron Replogle (r) congratulates Tpr. Orry R. Baker as he presents the Superintendent's Award to him.

PERSPECTIVE

Organ Tissue Donation: Do You Know The Difference?

By *Cpl. Clark D. Parrott, Troop E*

Captain Patrick C. Baird was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol on June 1, 1968 and retired on August 31, 2003. He served the citizens of Missouri for over 35 years as a member of the Patrol. After his death on December 28, 2011, Capt. Baird continued to serve—not only the citizens of Missouri, but the citizens of the world. He was a registered organ and tissue donor. It was a decision he made clear to his family, and upon his death, the gift of tissue has been able to help 47 people in eight states and two foreign countries (Korea and Pakistan). Through cornea donation, Capt. Baird was able to restore the sight of two people in Pakistan.

Before I began the writing of this article, I assumed being an organ donor meant just that, donating organs. However, after researching this topic and visiting with Capt. Baird's widow, Janet, I soon realized my assumptions were wrong. With Janet's encouragement, I am hoping to raise the awareness what it means to be an organ and tissue donor.

Organ donation is possible in only the rarest of circumstances. The ability to recover vascular organs is entirely dependent on the manner of the patient's death. This situation, known as brain death, is extremely rare, occurring in only an estimated one percent of all deaths. Brain death is diagnosed as an irreversible loss of blood flow to the brain causing the brain to stop functioning. Heart and lung functions must be maintained by artificial means until potential organ donors are in the operating room. If heart and lung functions are not maintained and circulation stops for more than a few minutes, organs suffer irreparable damage and are no longer usable for transplant.

Tissue donation occurs more frequently. Tissue, such as bone, skin, and eyes, are not dependent on the constant delivery of blood and oxygen. As a result, these tissues remain viable for transplant for many hours after the heart and lungs have stopped. Since death is typically defined as when the heart and lungs stop functioning, more patients are able to donate tissue rather than organs. Tissue and tendons are used in surgeries to repair the cruciate ligaments in the knee which are crucial in helping to keep the knee stable. Bone grafts are used in dental surgeries to aid in bone healing and also fill

defects commonly caused by trauma or disease, such as cancer and degeneration in the spine. Skin grafts are used to save the lives of patients with a burn injury. The donated skin acts as a temporary biological dressing to keep infection out.

The choice to donate tissue and organs is personal and should be made in consultation with your family. If you would like more information on donating organs or tissue, please call Mid-America Transplant Services at 314-735-8200, or visit their website at www.mts-stl.org.

Top DWI Arrests

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| <i>Cpl. Blaine L. Adams</i> Q/GD | 1,114 |
| <i>Tpr. John L. Mason</i> Troop D | 995 |
| <i>Tpr. Ron W. Eakins</i> Troop E | 944 |
| <i>Sgt. Rick C. Fletcher Jr.</i> Troop A | 931 |
| <i>Sgt. Tim R. Tinnin</i> Troop F | 854 |
| <i>Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg</i> Troop A | 799 |
| <i>Major Dale A. Schmidt</i> Q/SSB | 795 |
| <i>Cpl. Mark A. Winder</i> Troop E | 782 |
| <i>Sgt. Nick D. Berry</i> Troop B | 731 |
| <i>Cpl. Mike L. Scoggins</i> Troop E | 723 |

(This list is current as of September 27, 2013.)

Shelby County Residents Named Honorary Troopers

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

On April 24, 2013, Captain Jimmie E. Wilt, commanding officer of Troop B, Macon, MO, presented Honorary Trooper certificates to three Shelby County residents for their quick actions in assisting law enforcement officers in the apprehension of a bank robber and accomplice. Sergeant Dave P. Roberts, who serves as the zone supervisor for Zone 2, Macon and Shelby counties, nominated Mr. Joseph Raymann, Mr. Kyle Chinn, and Mr. Scott Lanpher for the award.

On January 17, 2013, at approximately 1:40 p.m., a white male robbed the Community State Bank in Clarence, MO, at gunpoint. Joseph Raymann, a local, volunteer firefighter, was in the vicinity and overheard radio traffic regarding the robbery. Knowing the description of the suspected robber, Raymann drove toward the bank. He observed an individual matching the description walk away from the area, get into a blue car, and drive away. Raymann immediately notified local law enforcement authorities and followed the vehicle out of Clarence, onto a Shelby County road he knew turned to mud. Raymann stayed in the area and waited for law enforcement to arrive. He then directed officers to the area. Law enforcement officers from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Shelby County Sheriff's Department, Macon County Sheriff's Department, and the Missouri Department of Conservation quickly set up a perimeter and the suspect was taken into custody.

Shortly before the robbery, Kyle Chinn and Scott Lanpher were working at Chinn's agricultural business on Old U.S. Highway 36, in Clarence. Both observed a black sport utility vehicle with Iowa registration and a blue car parked on a side street that intersected with Old U.S. Highway 36. While they were watching the vehicles, they saw a white



Sgt. Dave Roberts (l) and Capt. Jimmie Wilt (r) stand with (center, l to r) Mr. Joseph Raymann, Mr. Kyle Chinn, and Mr. Scott Lanpher after presenting them with Honorary Trooper certificates.

male exit the sport utility vehicle and enter the blue passenger vehicle. The vehicles were seen leaving the area westbound in Clarence.

Approximately 30 minutes later, Lanpher and Chinn learned the Community State Bank had been robbed and the suspect was reported to have been driving a blue passenger car. Chinn and Lanpher immediately got into a vehicle and began driving around Clarence, and located the black utility vehicle they had observed parked next to the blue vehicle suspect earlier in the day. They began following the vehicle and reported the suspicious activity to law enforcement. Subsequently, the sport utility vehicle

was stopped by law enforcement officers and it was determined the female driver was an accessory to the robbery.

There is no doubt that the observations and actions taken by these three citizens enabled the quick apprehension of two bank robbery suspects. Their service to the Clarence community and law enforcement agencies was commendable and worthy of the Patrol's Honorary Trooper award.

(Editor's note: The submission of this article was delayed until the criminal case had been adjudicated.)

New Employees



Justin L. Davis
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop E



Zachary M. Dykes
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop H



Nicole K. Fowler
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop A



Keri L. Lloyd
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop I



Joella M. Miller
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop C



Kenna S. Myrick
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop A



Darrah J. Nelson
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop C



Nicholas A. Perez
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop A



Lyle F. Adams III
Clerk II
Q/TFD



Chelsea M. Bruto
Account Clerk III
Troop A



Kendra D. Cox
DE I
Troop E



Leamon E. Crafton Jr.
Fingerprint Tech. I
Q/CJISD



Joseph K. Krinke
Auto. Tech. III
Troop G

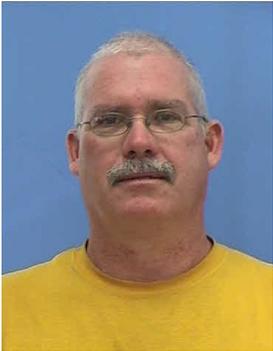


Marie Angst
Lab. Evid. Tech. I
Q/CLD



Sara L. Heitman
Clerk Typist III
Troop F

New Employees



John A. Holland
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II
Troop H



Valerie A. Matherne
Quality Control Clerk I
Q/TFD



Rachel L. Rackers
Clerk Typist II
Troop F



Tracy M. Rademan
Quality Control Clerk I
Q/TFD



Desy C. Raturoma
Quality Control Clerk I
Q/CVED

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mason Jeffrey

Tpr. Jeff W. & Mrs. Megan Huff
Troop A

Warren Michael

CVE Insp. III Garry L. & Mrs. Ashley L. Umphry
Troop H

Alyvia Ann

Avery Kathryn
Cpl. Brian M. & Mrs. Kim B. Anders
Q/DDCC

Mason William

Tpr. Keith W. & Mrs. Amie L. Kaiser
Troop C

Savannah

Tpr. William R. & Mrs. Laura K. Koch
Troop B

Emrey Athlyn

Sgt. Brad D. & Mrs. Alexis A. Holman
Q/AD

Elliston Duane

Chief Oper. Michael D. & Mrs. Susan H. Weiseman
Troop B

Jentry Wayne

Tpr. Andy L. & Mrs. Melissa L. Woods
Troop C

Kolbe Joseph

Tpr. Jim R. & Mrs. Cheri A. Sauer
Troop C

Bradley Allen

Tpr. Dave M. & Mrs. Jacqi L. Smith
Troop A

Layden Robert

Tpr. John R. & Mrs. Cassandra L. Henry
Troop C

Conner Joseph

Tpr. Adam J. & Mrs. Carla M. Fish
Troop B

Simone Evelyn

Comm. Oper. II Thomas B. & Mrs. Shirley A. Smith
Troop C

Carson Caine

Cpl. Joshua C. & Mrs. C. Annie Utz
Troop A

William Bennett

DE II Shane C. & Mrs. Kelly Anderson
Troop C

Kayden Avery

Criminalist III Brittany A. Baldwin
Q/CLD



Spotlight



Comm. Oper. II Cassidy M. Sinden



Appointed: June 1, 2009.

First & Current Assignment: Troop I, Rolla.

Promotions: Communications Operator II — June 3, 2012.

Family: Cassidy is married to Kevin Sinden, and they have one daughter, Maria.

Interests: Cassidy says she enjoys spending most of her time with family, but when possible she helps with events held at the Dixon, MO, VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars). Cassidy said that she and her husband regularly watch NASCAR and strongly favor Carl Edwards, who has family members residing in her hometown of Dixon. She says they also enjoy watching Mizzou Tiger sports.

Cassidy was born at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, and raised in the Pulaski County community of Dixon. She is a 2002 graduate of Dixon High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, MO, where she earned a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice with a minor in fire science. Following her graduation, Cassidy worked for Johnson County, MO, as a dispatcher for one year and then two years for

Pulaski County dispatch. That experience helped pave the way toward her appointment to the Patrol as a communications operator. Cassidy attributes her interest in emergency services to her father, who for many years has served as a volunteer firefighter. In fact, Cassidy became a junior firefighter at the tender age of 12 for both the cities of St. Robert, MO, and Waynesville, MO, and later volunteered for the Dixon Fire Department

First on Cassidy's list is being with her husband and enjoying quality time with their 16-month-old daughter, Maria. Cassidy says she thoroughly enjoys her career with the Patrol. She already has two special assignments under her belt—working in Joplin, MO, following the 2011 tornado and the 2013 Pulaski County flood. When asked what she enjoys most about her job, she stated just being able to help people.

It is apparent from Cassidy's past that she has and will always be one to serve the public.

Cpl. John E. Christensen



Appointed: August 1, 1993.

First Assignment: Troop H, Zone 2, Maryville, MO.

Promotions: Corporal — August 1, 1998.

Current Assignment: Troop H, Zone 6, St. Joseph, MO.

Family: John is married to Annette (Landreth) of Davenport, Iowa. They have three daughters, Jordan 16, Bailey 14, and Tabitha, 9.

Interests: John enjoys bow hunting for turkeys and deer, watching Mizzou sports, and spending time with his family. John is active in his church and has been on several mission trips to Eastern Europe.

He is a native of Stewartville, MO, and graduated from high school there. John then attended college at Missouri Western State University, where he obtained a bachelors degree in criminal justice. Prior to his employment with the Patrol, John was a seasonal park ranger with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and also worked as a police officer at the University of Missouri Columbia MO.

Tpr. Jonathan D. Fariole



Appointment: July 1, 2010.

First & Current Assignment: Troop I, Zone 2, Phelps and Eastern Maries counties.

Family: Jonny, as he is referred to by friends and family, is married to Angie (Stevens) and they have a 10-month-old daughter, Taylor.

Interests: Jonny's first priority is spending time with his family, but he also enjoys fishing, hunting, and all

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Spotlight



— Fariole

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sports, with an emphasis on basketball and softball.

Jonny was born in Springfield, MO, but was raised just up Interstate 44 in the Laclede County community of Conway, MO. He is a 2004 graduate of Conway High School and also attended Ozark Technical College. Jonny's first employer was American Products, located in Stratford, MO. Realizing that was not the career he had aspired for, he contacted Trooper Andy R. Dill, Troop D, whom he'd met at his church, and inquired if he could tag along for a couple of his shifts. Jonny stated he previously had given law enforcement a thought, but the time spent with Tpr. Dill was enough to convince him to pursue being a trooper.

When asked what he likes about being a trooper, Jonny stated that he understands and agrees that enforce-

ment plays a vital role in traffic safety, but he enjoys being able to help others.

Jonny's continuous smile, easy going demeanor, and wit make him a very popular person at Troop I.

CVO Sprv. I Bradley L. Nail



Appointed: May 11, 2003.

First Assignment: Troop H, Post H4, Watson, MO.

Promotions: Commercial Vehicle Officer II — May 11, 2006; Commercial Vehicle Officer Supervisor I — February 17, 2013.

Current Assignment: Troop H, Post H2, Eagleville, MO.

Family: Brad is married to Angie (Mathes) of Eagleville. The couple has two children: Brayden, 7, and Andrea, 5.

Interests: Brad loves to hunt and fish. He shoots bows with his children, Brayden and Andrea. He also enjoys spending time at Brayden's T-ball games.

Brad was born in Trenton, MO, and grew up in the small Northwest Missouri town of Washington Center. He graduated from high school at Bethany, MO, in 1998. After graduation, Brad worked at Wal-Mart for six years prior to his employment with the Patrol. Brad has been assigned to several truck checks in his career, and says one of the reasons he enjoys the Patrol is the people he works with.

Anniversaries

October

25 years

Chief CVO Vonda K. Smith,
Troop A
DE III Jacqueline R. Biram,
Troop D
CDL Exam. Diane R. Toms,
Troop A

20 years

CVO Sprv. II Gerald W. Johnson,
Troop H
DE III William W. Grant,
Troop E

10 years

Comm. Oper. II Bobbi J. Tyler,
Troop I
DE Sprv. Katie L. Hoover,
Troop D

5 years

Comm. Tech. II Michael M.
Ewers, Troop I

MVI III Dale A. Goldsberry,
Troop E
DE III Sharon D. Johnson,
Troop C
DE III Michael K. Verbrugge,
Troop F
MVI II Sonna L. Basler, Troop B
Clerk Typist III Melissa D. Murr,
Troop B

November

35 years

Admin. Office Support Asst.
Saundra A. Stroud, Troop D

30 years

Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Susan C.
Lauberth, Q/CJISD
Stenographer III Brenda K. David-
son, Troop E

CVO II Timothy M. Chappell,
Troop E
Info. Analyst II Cheryl A. Jaegers,
Q/CJISD

25 years

CIT Sprv. I Eva A. Stafford,
Q/ICTD

15 years

Crim. Sprv. Stacey A. Bolinger,
Q/CLD
Fingerprint Tech. II Joy A.
Sweigart, Q/CJISD

10 years

DE Sprv. Jacinta S. Rupp,
Troop H
MVI Sprv. Stacy R. Barton,
Troop E

5 years

DE III Kyle D. Crothers, Troop A
DE Sprv. Darla L. Conway,
Troop I

Vehicles Powered By Compressed Natural Gas

Sgt. Sheldon Lyon, Troop H

Recently, I attended the opening of the first compressed natural gas filling station in St. Joseph, MO. It is located off of U.S. Highway 759 at Missouri Gas Energy's lot. At the new station was a display of the different vehicles currently on the road that use this new fuel. This fuel is attractive for several reasons. First is the price: The price per gallon is currently \$1.60 per gallon in St. Joseph, and in Nebraska, it is \$1.90 per gallon. Mileage is the same as gasoline and the octane is 101. The second reason is emissions: It burns cleaner than gasoline. The third is all of the money stays in the United States. We have the world's largest supply of natural gas.

Currently, the Ford Motor Company offers new fleet vehicles with the modification to use compressed natural gas. There is also a conversion kit available for vehicles currently being used. The drawback for the program is the cost to convert. For new vehicles, it is approximately \$10,000; for used vehicles, it runs \$3,500. For example, two, five gallon tanks were visible in

A compressed natural gas cylinder is shown.



the cargo area of the SUV converted to compressed natural gas. The dump truck on display had a total of three tanks located between the cab and the dump bed. Some of these tanks have up to 3,000 psi. The tanks have a built in pop-off valve for fire or other emergencies. Compressed natural gas is only combustible when the concentration is from four to 14 percent according to Missouri Gas Energy officials. This gas will not concentrate in

low areas, but rather will dissipate into the atmosphere. All of the compressed natural gas vehicles on display were labeled as such on the side of the vehicle.

As this technology evolves, and the number of compressed natural gas filling stations increases, it has the potential to be a popular alternative to gasoline. I would encourage members to watch for them and to be aware while working.



This vehicle uses compressed natural gas rather than regular fuel.



This school bus has been converted to use compressed natural gas as a fuel source.

Promotions



Ed J. Aylward
Lieutenant
Q/GD



Philip W. Morrison
Lieutenant
Q/HRD



Keith A. Almond
Sergeant
Troop E



Scott L. Nelson
Sergeant
Q/GD



David H. Brown
Corporal
Troop D



David W. Crank
Corporal
Troop E



Brian D. Foster
Corporal
Troop G



Matthew A. Goodson
Corporal
Troop I



Matthew T. Halford
Corporal
Troop F



Dewey K. Heppe
Corporal
Troop E



Matthew L. Keeney
Corporal
Troop E



Lonnie R. Lejeune
Corporal
Troop E

Promotions



M. David Miranda
Corporal
Q/HRD



Jeremy M. Potocki
Corporal
Troop C



Michele L. Edson
Chief Oper.
Troop A



Kayle J. Ballew
Auto. Tech. II
Q/FFD



Sonna L. Basler
MVI II
Troop B



Terry J. Brown
CIT II
Q/ICTD



Chris L. Colman
CVO Sprv. I
Troop A



Beth A. Ellison
DE II
Troop F



Tiffany M. Girdner
Fingerprint Tech. III
Q/CJISD



Angela E. Heckman
Criminalist Sprv.
Q/CLD



Michael D. Hobson
Criminalist II
Q/CLD



Mathew E. Hodgen
Program./Analyst Mgr.
Q/ICTD

Promotions



Terry W. Jarvis
CITS I
Q/ICTD



Christina M. Johnson
DE Sprv.
Troop D



Taremba Karizamimba
CVE Insp. III
Troop E



Vicki K. Nelson
DE Chief
Troop G



Sonja B. Newton
Cook I
Q/TND



Tyler H. Plassmeyer
CIT II
Q/ICTD



Deborah R. Vaughn
Clerk Typist II
Troop C



Stephanie D. Wingate
Food Service Helper II
Q/TND



Steven C. Wyatt
Food Service Helper II
Q/TND

Gov. Nixon Congratulates Berry, Easley

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

If you weren't paying attention, you wouldn't have noticed when Governor Jay Nixon entered his office. A staffer quietly stated that he had arrived, and then Gov. Nixon simply walked up to the first group there to see him. No fanfare. No flourish. Just, well, *normal*. Gov. Nixon greeted everyone in the first small group, speaking directly to the state employee, offering congratulations, smiling for pictures, and having a brief, but friendly conversation with them and their guests. Although he repeated the scenario several times—State Employees of the Month for April, May, and June 2013, were being recognized—each visit seemed *personal*. He seemed relaxed, and appeared to enjoy each short visit. The ceremony went like clockwork, thanks in large part to Gov. Nixon's experienced staffers, who not only arranged the room, but kept things moving along.

Those representing the Patrol were there to celebrate with the May 2013 State Employees of the Month. Our celebrities of the day were Sergeant Nick D. Berry and Corporal Kyle E. Easley, both Troop B. The two officers were being recognized for their actions at a fire in Randolph County last February.

After overhearing radio traffic regarding a fire at a home for the elderly, both officers responded because they happened to be patrolling nearby. The troopers went into the burning residences twice, rescuing four people who needed assistance. Then, they moved vehicles from near the burning building, protecting property and providing a closer vantage point for rescue vehicles. (See story in the May/June 2013 *Patrol News*, page 28.)

"I was honored to be nominated and humbled to be named a state employee of the month," said Sgt. Berry. "I think I've heard we have



Cpl. Kyle Easley, Troop B, (center) accepted a State Employee of the Month award from Gov. Jay Nixon (center, right) in the company of co-workers and family.

some 65,000 state employees. It's hard to imagine Kyle and I being singled out for an event [fire] that took 15 or so minutes of our time. Our nomination might have earned some bonus multiplier based on the thermometer that night. The display in my car said zero degrees, and I think The Weather Channel had it at two degrees. So, we may have had an unfair advantage over the other nominees."

"Being selected is something I never expected. I am proud to represent the Missouri State Highway Patrol in receiving this award," said Cpl. Easley. There are many state employees and troopers who should be recognized for their work."

"Kyle and I were lucky," said Sgt. Berry. "We are in a two county zone, and both of us were lucky enough to be nearby when 9-1-1 dispatched the call. We were lucky the fire was

reported before the ceilings began to fall in. We were fortunate the building's doors were wooden and the deadbolts weren't inside steel door jambs. We were lucky citizens and deputies arrived pretty quickly afterward to help get the folks out of the cold. Sometimes things just work out. Kyle and I were both glad to help. I am not sure I know anybody on the Patrol more ready and willing to do the right thing than Kyle Easley. I have known him since being assigned to do his background investigation. I think he is always extraordinary, day in and day out. I am lucky to work with an exemplary group of people in Zone 10."

"The events leading to receiving the award boil down to being in the right place at the right time, and doing what needed to be done," said Cpl. Easley.

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— Congratulates

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After the presentations to each group, Gov. Nixon welcomed everyone to the Governor's Office. He said the employees of the month are part of an elite group, since they are chosen from the thousands of people who work for the state of Missouri. "As chief executive, I'm very proud of the people who have chosen public service as a career," said Gov. Nixon. "As I travel around the state, I have the opportunity to interact with employees ... People at the office will look at you a little differently now. I ask you to set a higher standard; bring folks up to it. Continue to set the bar high for all of us in the public sector." He then provided a quick tour of the governor's office, sharing the history of the paintings and items around the room.

Neither Sgt. Berry nor Cpl. Easley had ever visited the Governor's Office prior to accepting the State Employee of the Month Award.

"It wasn't what I expected," said Sgt. Berry. "I suppose I didn't anticipate his office to be so massive, complete with murals and vaulted ceilings. I've testified in courtrooms that were smaller and less ornate."

"The office and Capitol are well kept and full of historical details about Missouri," commented Cpl. Easley. "It was an honor and privilege to see the Governor's Office."

Cpl. Easley's parents and in-laws were able to attend. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Michele Travis, said, "The governor seems very personable. He makes you feel comfortable to be there."

"It was very impressive," said Cpl. Easley's father-in-law, Mr. Randy Travis, about the ceremony. "It was an honor to be here." Mr. and Mrs. Travis traveled from LaPlata, MO, for the ceremony.

"My husband and I tour the Capitol every so often. It's so beautiful," said Mrs. Annabelle Easley, Cpl. Easley's mother. She said she recently told her husband they needed to go through the Capitol again. Not long after that, they had an invitation to the Governor's Office for the State Employee of the Month presentation. "I'm just the proud mother today," she said with a smile.

"Kyle works hard for the Patrol," said his wife, Miranda, "and he's good at his job. But, he's an even better husband."



Gov. Jay Nixon (center, right) presented a State Employee of the Month award to Sgt. Nick Berry (center, left), Troop B. Attending the presentation were (l to r) Major J. Bret Johnson, Q/FOB, Major Kemp A. Shoun, Q/ASB, Col. Ron Replogle, Major Luke Vislay, Q/CIB, and Lt. Brian Anderson, Troop B.

How Others — See Us

September 19, 2013

Dear Colonel Replogle,

This letter is overdue, in part, because it is difficult to find the words to express my family's gratitude for the exceptional service of three of your officers. On Sunday morning, August 4, shortly after 9 a.m., Sgt. Jeff L. VanTress, Sgt. Greg K. Leftwich, and Cpl. Roland H. Bartels [all Troop B] responded to a head-on collision on Highway 19 near Center, MO, (Incident #130488796). Trapped in the wreckage was my niece, Katie.

For two hours, crews worked to extricate Katie. We can only imagine the stress, emotions, and potential for disagreements that exist in that situation. What we know is throughout that time, the troopers maintained control of this difficult situation and ensured an environment in which the first responders could perform their life-saving work. In the midst of this, they also took the time to communicate with Katie's mother and me in a calm and professional manner. They were able to be reassuring, while at the same time conveying the seriousness of Katie's situation.

These officers knew their duties did not end when Katie was airlifted to the hospital. Their diligence, commitment, and high professional standards are apparent in their work investigating and preparing reports related to this accident. As a result, the driver of the other vehicle has been charged with second degree felony assault and felony DWI-persistent offender.

We are pleased to share with you that after five weeks in the hospital, Katie is home, actively engaged in her physical rehabilitation, and expects she will be able to return to Tulane University in January.

Colonel Replogle, we are thankful to you and the entire Missouri State Highway Patrol for the training and standards you instill in your officers and employees. We offer our most sincere gratitude to Sgt. Van Tress, Sgt. Leftwich, and Cpl. Bartels for upholding those standards.

Very sincerely yours,

Patricia Churchill

Crash Near GHQ Elicits Quick Response

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

The sound of a Kenworth tractor-trailer hitting the base of the General Headquarters' hill was loud during an otherwise quiet afternoon. This impact came after the initial traffic crash on U.S. Highway 50. A GMC single unit grain truck and the Kenworth tractor trailer hauling grain were traveling side-by-side on eastbound U.S. 50. The May 2, 2013 crash occurred just past the exit, after an unidentified maroon car coming down the ramp elicited a response from the driver of the GMC: He moved from the driving lane into the passing lane causing the initial impact. The GMC truck then traveled back to the right, off the roadway, and down an incline where it rolled onto its side and stopped against a tree. The Kenworth crossed the driving lane before going through a guardrail, down an embankment, across Elm Street, and striking

the rock at the base of the General Headquarters' hill. The tractor crashed into the rock face of the bluff, while the trailer turned over onto its side spilling the grain into the ditch and creek.

This particular crash may have seen the quickest response time ever. The loud "boom!" brought a number of Patrol command staff out of the building immediately to offer assistance. Unfortunately, the driver of the Kenworth did not survive. The Jefferson City Police Department investigated the crash, which occurred about 2:30 p.m. It was late that evening before the scene was cleared.



The response time was immediate after this crash occurred directly in front of General Headquarters. A number of GHQ officers arrived on scene in moments.

Girls State Welcomes 820

By Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C

Missouri Girls State 2013 took place during the last week in June at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, MO. Over 800 delegates attended this year's Missouri Girls State, making it the largest Girls State on record! This year's 820 citizens (girls attending Girls State) were placed into 21 cities in seven counties.

There were two political parties ... the Federalists and the Nationalists. The girls had the opportunity to learn and observe how local and state government works.

Once again, 42 troopers were chosen from the 820 girls attending Girls State to represent the law enforcement contingency. Troopers from the Mis-

souri State Highway Patrol teach the Law Enforcement School of Instruction portion of Girls State. Trooper Amanda J. Kahler, Troop D, (the most popular trooper at Girls State) was on hand all week and taught several courses to the girls attending the law enforcement portion of Girls State. Tpr. Kahler presented such courses as women's safety, inappropriate texting, and women in law enforcement. Members of the Division of Drug and Crime Control spoke to the girls on topics such as synthetic drugs and search and seizure laws. Troop F SWAT was on hand and gave a riveting program to the delegates.

Just like troopers across Missouri, the Girls State troopers had many duties during the week. Girls State troopers were expected to write tickets for Girls State violations, make arrests, and assist other citizens in need. By the end of the week a new colonel was appointed by the Girls State governor. The newly appointed colonel will attend the 2014 Missouri Girls State ... and the traditions of Missouri Girls



Sgt. R. Brooks McGinnis, Troop A, and his partner, Puki, held everyone's attention during the K-9 demonstration at Girls State.

The Giving Tree

H4H: Hunting For Heroes

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

Hunting for Heroes provides resources (recreational therapy and counseling) to disabled law enforcement officers injured in the line of duty. This group of volunteers offers two hunting retreats and two reunion gatherings each year. But, more important than an opportunity to take part in an activity they enjoyed prior to being wounded is the opportunity for the camaraderie with other officers. What began as a turkey hunt in the Spring 2011 with three wounded heroes has grown to include heroes from all over the country. The heroes have

been known to make special appearances where they share how important Hunting for Heroes is to them.

"This is a time where they can be re-energized, and see there's a family of law enforcement that still loves them and hasn't forgotten them," said H4H President Chris Allen, who himself is an active member of law enforcement. "They are still a cop, even if they don't put their uniform on every day and patrol the street."

H4H is always looking for volunteers. Fundraising is necessary, in order for the group to purchase adap-

tive equipment for the outdoors experiences. Hunting for Heroes can be found via Internet at huntingforheroes.org; via e-mail at callen@huntingforheroes.org; U.S. mail via 8426 Clint Drive Suite 353, Belton, MO 64012; or by phone (816) 812-7991. Join their mailing list by texting "H4H" to 22828. The group is funded by the benevolence of the communities they swore to protect. If you are interested in hosting a fundraiser, have a special skill, or a contact that might help honor these heroes, please contact H4H.

Editor's note: *Missouri State Highway Patrol employees are generous people. Stories about their generosity appear in the Patrol News regularly. For the next few issues, employees are invited to share information about a charity that's important to them. Stories must be 300 words or less and will be printed as space allows on a first-come, first-served basis.*

An H4H Benefit ... Troopers Cross Our Border, Offer Support

By Sgt. Andy J. Bell, Troop A

On a warm, humid day in July, three Missouri troopers (Sergeant Andy J. Bell, Corporal Casey E. Utterback, and Trooper Chris R. Blackmon) assigned to Troop A packed their trucks, crossed the Missouri border, and entered Kansas to feed hungry bikers! In an effort to raise money for a nonprofit organization, Hunting for Heroes (H4H), several members of the Kansas City, KS, Police Department and various supporters, rode their Harley-Davidson motorcycles from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., making five stops along the way. They call it a poker run. Most of the police officers attending the run belong to a biker club like no other. They call themselves the Gunslingers. They are part of a nationwide motorcycle club made strictly of law enforcement officers. They are the "99%ers!"

During the midway point of this poker run, participants reached the Fraternal Order Police Lodge #4, in Kansas City, KS. It was here that Sgt. Bell, Cpl. Utterback, and Tpr. Black-

Members of the Gunslingers, a motorcycle club of law enforcement officers, present H4H president, Mr. Chris Allen (center, wearing H4H T-shirt), with a donation.

mon donned their aprons and clutched their serving spoons to serve more than 100 supporters.

With the assistance of Amy Welch from Hope Haven, of Harrisonville, MO, meat prepared by Kurzweil Meats, of Garden City, MO, and items donated by Sonic Drive Inn, of Harrisonville, MO, the hungry appetites were satisfied. The three Missouri troopers chatted with their neighboring law enforcement family which welcomed them into the lodge as one of their own. If the charm of these troopers wasn't enough, the mouth watering pulled pork surely won the hearts and stomachs of many.



After the feast was over, the troopers watched as the Gunslingers mounted their steel horses and rode to their next stop.

With a little clean up and a few more stories told, the troopers' work was done. The benefit was a success! Each participant's entry fee and presence helped raise funds and awareness for the Hunting 4 Heroes organization. There are no borders or limits when it comes to helping our brothers and sisters with disabling injuries.

Gov. Nixon: 'I Have Rock Solid Confidence'

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

The mood of the well wishers on the South Lawn of Missouri's Capitol was much different from the somber toll of St. Peter Catholic Church's bell signifying 9 a.m. on Friday, July 13, 2013. The anticipation and pride was palpable. Sergeant Mark A. Wilson's terse commands alerted everyone that the celebrities of the day—members of the 96th Recruit Class—were about to arrive. The recruits' cadence echoed as they marched through the Capitol's tunnel and into the sunlight.

Once the class had assembled at their seats, Captain David P. Perkins, then director of the Training Division, General Headquarters, greeted them, "Good morning, recruits!" It was not surprising that Capt. Perkins was greeted with an upbeat, if not enthusiastic, "Good morning, Sir!" Following the invocation by Mr. Tim Baker, Woodlawn, IL, the Troop F Color Guard presented the colors with precision and presence. When the wind proved stronger than necessary, the flag bearers respectfully returned and served as sentries, making sure the United States and Missouri flags stood throughout the ceremony.

Recruit Orry R. Baker's tenor voice showed honor and reverence

The Troop F Color Guard [l to r: Cpl. Ron D. Kyle, Cpl. Bruce A. McLaughlin, Tpr. Jason J. Cluver, and Sgt. Matt J. Broniec] presented the colors during graduation while graduating Tpr. Orry R. Baker sang the national anthem.



toward our nation's anthem. No doubt, as Trooper Baker, he will be called upon to repeat his performance at a future Patrol function.

Governor Jay Nixon addressed the new troopers saying, "I have rock solid confidence in each member of the Patrol, and that confidence is sitting on your shoulders now as well." He then recognized that the Patrol's standards of training continue to be raised, and that this class met those standards. Gov. Nixon pointed out that this group of troopers has technological resources that their predecessors of 50 years ago couldn't have imagined. But, most-

ly, he acknowledged that this group of individuals had chosen to serve the public in a field where the hours are long and sometimes dangerous.

"I've never been more proud of the Missouri State Highway Patrol as I have as governor over the past five years," said Gov. Nixon. He told the class that troopers have answered the call time and time again when natural disasters and other emergencies surfaced throughout our state. "I know you will carry on the proud tradition of the Missouri State Highway Patrol," he said. "I commend you."

After the governor's address, the Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell, Supreme Court of Missouri, had the responsibility of administering the Oath of Office to the 96th Recruit Class. Before she did so, she told the class, "I speak on behalf of the entire judiciary of the state of Missouri ... our branch of government has tremendous respect for all you do and will continue to do. Thank you for your service."

Dean Gil Kennon, vice president of college affairs, Mineral Area College, conferred associate's degrees to those who had earned them.

Then, it was the moment the 96th Recruit Class had been waiting for since January 16, 2013. Capt. Perkins instructed Sgt. Wilson to "... prepare the class for commissioning." Sgt. Wil-



Ladies and gentlemen ... presenting ... the 96th Recruit Class!

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son directed each row of new troopers to stand, right face, and march. As each new trooper squared the corner and walked to where they began their ascent of the Capitol steps, pride, confidence, and an awareness of the moment showed on their faces. These 38 individuals were now part of an important day in Patrol history.

Colonel Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Patrol, thanked those present before he spoke to the new troopers. He reminded them to remember their training, their classmates, and who they work for—the citizens of this great state. He called upon them to remember the Patrol's core values, the thousands of troopers who came before them, and the 30 heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice. He shared words of wisdom, like those about attitude by Charles Swindoll.

"We have a choice every day about our attitude," said Col. Replogle. "We can't change our path, how other people act, or the inevitable. We are in charge of our attitudes." He then closed his remarks with, "May God bless you and keep you safe throughout your careers."

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DE III Rondia J. Wood, Troop G, smooches her son's cheek as she presents Tpr. William J. Wood his diploma. Tpr. Wood's father, MVI II Jeff A. Wood, and Col. Ron Replogle smile as they look on.

Listed below are the names/hometowns/troop assignments for the new troopers.

- Orry R. Baker**, Festus, MO,
Troop C, St. Louis/Jefferson
Counties
- Alshon L. Blunt**, St. Louis, MO,
Troop C, St. Charles County
- Brian C. Clements**, Waterloo, IL
Troop C, Franklin County
- John I. Cobb III**, Lee's Summit, MO,
Troop I, Phelps/Maries
Counties
- Nathan A. Cockrum**, Troy, MO
Troop C, Lincoln/Pike Counties
- Erica E. Crabtree**, Florence, MO
Troop A, Bates County
- Jared L. Dillon**, Waverly, MO
Troop A, Carroll/Ray Counties
- Reese E. Douthett**, Pineville, MO,
Troop D, Dallas/Hickory
Counties
- Joshua B. Doyle Jr.**, Duck Hill, MS,
Troop E, Dunklin County
- Joshua L. Dunmire**, Fulton, MO,
Troop I, Crawford County
- Aaron A. Engelhart**, Warrensburg,
MO, Troop A, Jackson County
- Clint A. Finkemeier**, Odessa, MO,
Troop F, Camden/Miller Counties
- Adam J. Fish**, Taylor, MO, Troop B,
Lewis/Knox Counties
- Mark W. Hedlund**, St. Charles, MO,
Troop C, Franklin County
- Daniel C. Highley**, Fenton, MO
Troop C, Franklin County
- Jacob L. Hutchings Sr.**,
Ste. Genevieve, MO, Troop C,
Ste. Genevieve/Perry Counties
- Keith W. Kaiser**, Imperial, MO,
Troop C, South St. Louis/
Jefferson Counties
- Justin E. Lacy**, Columbia, MO
Troop C, St. Charles County
- Eric K. Lanxon**, Higginsville, MO,
Troop F, Boone County
- Christopher E. Leach**, Cameron,
MO, Troop E, Butler/Ripley
Counties
- Jason T. Lukowski**, Maryville, IL,
Troop C, St. Charles County
- Kyle McGivney**, Apple River, IL,
Troop B, Lewis/Knox Counties
- Ethan B. Mueller**, Jefferson City,
MO, Troop F, Montgomery
County
- Robert J. North**, Barnhart, MO,
Troop C, Jefferson County
- Joseph S. Palmer**, El Dorado
Springs, MO, Troop E, Scott/
Mississippi/New Madrid
Counties
- Charles L. Pleasant Jr.**, St. Louis,
MO, Troop C, South St. Louis/
Jefferson Counties
- Anthony M. Richerson**, Boonville,
MO, Troop F, Cooper/How-
ard Counties
- Bobby L. Riefle**, Piedmont, MO,
Troop E, Butler/Ripley
Counties
- James A. Rowe**, New Cambria,
MO, Troop B, Putnam/Sul-
livan Counties
- Beau M. Ryun**, Higginsville, MO,
Troop A, Bates County
- Ryan T. Schneid**, Cobden, IL,
Troop E, Butler/Ripley Coun-
ties
- Valen F. Selsor**, Stewartsville, MO,
Troop H, Andrew/Buchanan
Counties
- Jack T. Thomas**, Liberty, MO,
Troop A, Platte County
- Michael A. Tinsley**, West Plains,
MO, Troop G, Shannon/
North Howell Counties
- William J. Wood**, West Plains, MO,
Troop D, Cedar/St. Clair
Counties
- Tiffany L. Woods**, Springfield, IL,
Troop C, Franklin County
- Tyler R. Wright**, Springfield, MO,
Troop A, Henry County
- Tyler G. Zimmerman**, Lebanon,
MO, Troop I, Laclede County

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Col. Replogle then presented the four class awards. Trooper Kyle McGivney earned the physical fitness award. Trooper Jared L. Dillon earned the firearms award. Trooper William J. Wood earned the academics award. Trooper Orry R. Baker accepted the Superintendent's Award, which is presented to the person with the most points overall.

Trooper Dillon, class commander, spoke on behalf of the 96th Recruit Class, thanking those present and emphasizing, "... there are 38 more trooper guardians ..."

After the ceremony, the new troopers marched back around the Capitol's grand staircase, through the tunnel, and inside to sign their oaths.

"The ceremony was very professional," said new Trooper William J. Wood. "It definitely lived up to MSHP standards." Graduation was only the beginning of a big weekend for Tpr. Wood. He and his fiancée, Niki, tied the knot the very next day in a private family ceremony in Mt. Home, AR.

Tpr. Wood was one of eight in the class who have family members who are employed by the Patrol or another law enforcement agency. These family members were allowed to assist the colonel with presenting a diploma to their new troopers. Tpr. Wood said his parents [MVI II Jeff A. and DE III Rondia J. Wood, Troop G] were excited when he told them he wanted to go through the Academy. "They are very proud. They supported me 110 percent. I couldn't have done it without them."

“Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy.

—Norman Vincent Peale”

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

45 years ago

September 1968 — The centerfold paid tribute to the Division of Finance and Supplies. One of the photos showed Sgt. Joe L. Cassady at a drawing board with plans for the new Academy.

40 years ago

October 1973 — This issue included a photo of Bob Hope at a press conference just prior to his performance at the Missouri State Fair. Standing nearby was Cpl. James G. Watson, who served on Mr. Hope's security detail.

35 years ago

September 1978 — The local zone office placed an Army footlocker outside the Kansas City Police Department's helicopter unit as a secure place to store items and transfer radar units from one zone to another. Imagine the KCPD's surprise when one of their trained bomb dogs 'alerted' to the Patrol zone's footlocker. The local trooper was called to the helicopter unit immediately to clear up the concerns. Only a few steno notebooks were found inside the footlocker when it was opened. The dog's handler hypothesized the dog was picking up on some residue from items stored in the footlocker by its former owner (flares?) ...

30 years ago

October 1983 — The Drug and Crime Control Division is officially established. The top priorities of this new division were auto theft and narcotics investigation. Bids were being accepted for enlarging the Supply building, which was to be doubled in size. Anti-sniper teams from all nine troops attended a special training session at Fort Leonard Wood.

20 years ago

September 1993 — This issue highlighted the retirement of Col. C.E. "Mel" Fisher and appointment of Col. Fred M. Mills. The Missouri State Fair detail was covered extensively. The photo on the back cover illustrated the damage to Highway 54 due to the massive flooding that year.

10 years ago

October 2003 — The Bomb Squad acquired a new Romotec, model F6A, robot. Sgt. Allan Heseman, Q/RDD, accepted the DPS Employee of the Month award for August 2003. The 4th CVO Class graduated. Tpr. Jeff White responded to Highway 54 in Callaway County after a caller advised she had hit an animal with her vehicle. The impact killed the animal, which turned out to be a mountain lion weighing approximately 105 pounds and measuring about 50 inches long with a tail of more than 30 inches.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

| Year To Date Oct. 31, 2013 | Same Period Last Year Year To Date | Number Of Increase Or Decrease | 2011 Traffic Fatalities | 2012 Traffic Fatalities |
|----------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 623 | 697 | -74 | 786 | 826 |

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

L.E.T.S.A.C. Honors Patrol Trooper

By Capt. J. Tim Hull, Q/PIED

The Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council held their annual conference at The Inn at Port Arrowhead in Lake Ozark, MO, on July 8-12, 2013. Each year, the council honors officers as "Traffic Officer of the Year" from four categories for the tremendous accomplishments they achieved during the previous year. They honor officers from small departments, medium departments, large departments, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The awards were presented at the conference banquet held on the evening of July 11, 2013.

This year's Patrol recipient was Trooper Derek A. Mason, who has been with the Patrol for two years and is assigned to Troop C, Zone 2, which covers North St. Louis County. Prior to his appointment, he served four years of active duty with the United States Marine Corps. During 2012, Tpr. Mason made a total of 1,126 arrests. These arrests included:

- 128 DWI Arrests
- 117 Seat Belt/Child Restraint Citations
- 160 Speed Citations
- 218 Hazardous Moving Citations
- 244 Non-moving Violation Citations
- 23 Felony Criminal Arrests
- 85 Drug Arrests
- 151 Misdemeanor Criminal Arrests

In addition to these arrests, Tpr. Mason issued 362 warnings and investigated 32 traffic crashes which resulted in 10 arrests. In 2012, Tpr. Mason not only led the officers in Troop C in driving while intoxicated arrests, but also led officers within the Patrol. This achievement alone is a display of Tpr. Mason's strong work ethic and passion to provide the best quality of service to the citizens of Missouri.

In 2012, the St. Louis Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving recognized Tpr. Mason for his driving while intoxicated arrests. The wide variety of



(l to r) Tpr. Ron W. Eakins, Troop E, Tpr. David L. Johnson Troop A, Major J. Bret Johnson, Q/FOB, Tpr. Derek Mason, Troop C, Lt. Jon C. Pruitt, Troop C, Cpl. Dale B. Pounds, Troop G, and Sgt. Mike A. Petlanski, Troop C, pause for a photo after the L.E.T.S.A.C. awards banquet.

arrests Tpr. Mason makes proves his focus is on making Missouri's highways safer for all to travel upon.

Tpr. Mason has represented the Missouri State Highway Patrol with distinction and honor, and his outstanding performance as a Missouri state trooper has brought credit upon

himself, the Patrol, and the state of Missouri. With this distinction has come the award of Missouri State Highway Patrol LETSAC Officer of the Year.

Congratulations, Tpr. Mason, on your accomplishment!

Top BWI Arrests

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|---|----|
| Tpr. Dustin T. Metzner Q/AD | 48 |
| Cpl. Scott M. Lance Troop F | 47 |
| Tpr. Dave F. Echternacht Troop F | 43 |
| Sgt. Chris S. Daniels Troop F | 34 |
| Sgt. Randy R. Henry Troop F | 27 |
| Tpr. W. Robert Plumley Jr. Troop F | 26 |
| Cpl. Scott B. White Troop F | 23 |
| Cpl. Dean A. Bartlett Troop F | 23 |
| Cpl. Stacey L. Mosher Troop F | 20 |
| Tpr. Dustin H. Crafton Troop F | 17 |
| Tpr. Chuck A. Bowles Jr. Troop C | 17 |

(This list is current as of September 27, 2013.)

Captain Ron L. Walker



"It's a normal cycle. You work here for awhile and then you don't. The greatest thing is the people you work with. There's been all kinds of neat things I've had a chance to be around and see. It's been fun."

With those words, Captain Ron L. Walker, Q/FOB, neatly wrapped 35 years of dedicated service. He said there were "... lots of state fairs, man-hunts, and little events" throughout his years on the Patrol.

"I went to Truman Lake before there was a lake there," said Capt. Walker. "The dam was there. I moved to Clinton the year before they filled the lake."

While he was assigned to Troop A, he said he served as extra help at the Missouri State Fair, when they had big crowds. "When they had a big concert, you were there to help with the concert, but not part of the detail."

Capt. Walker recalled the Alis Ben Johns manhunt, also. This manhunt took place in his zone in 1997, and lasted 30 days. "I remember lots of people coming and going ... Ended up, we caught the guy not far from where we started." He said this manhunt garnered national attention.

When asked about his choice to become a trooper, Capt. Walker explained, "I kinda fell into the job. My dad had it, and I knew it was what I was going to be. I just didn't realize how good it would be here."

"One of the things that helped me was my wife and daughter were not high maintenance. They knew I was going to be gone with the demands of my job. Dad started working for the Patrol in 1958 [becoming a member in 1960], and September 1 will be the first time there won't be a Walker here since then."

Any thoughts on your experience going through the Academy? "I would say the training is consistent. A lot of things we do today, there's no difference. The people that go there today get the same experience I got in 1978. It's a shared experience that holds everyone together. Everybody in this organization has the same experience. They go from the Academy to the road. The administrators in our organization are not from outside; they are our own people."

Capt. Walker attributes his success to having "Christian parents who prepared me, my wife and daughter, who didn't demand a lot, and the quality of people here to help you."

He said he's enjoyed his career; the people he's met. "The quality of our people is so good. Everyone does their small part and it comes together. Having the chance to be here in GHQ, you learn to work within the parameters of government to do what's best for the citizens. I've told the personnel in Field Operations that you have to keep things in balance—enforcement ... education ... public interaction. We bring all the resources we have to bear to be a positive influence on people that live or pass through Missouri."

"The communication connection is so good, you know more about what is going on and you get more feedback from the office," he continued. "We used to not have that. We worked with local agencies and the sheriffs and citizens to deal with the issues. It worked fine, and continues to do so."

He recalls phone calls from the public to him at home, "People would call you because they were unhappy about some local police or sheriff's department thing. They think we have

the power to do something about it."

"I was a young trooper when Ronald Reagan came to Columbia. We had CB radios at that time. I'll never forget hearing on the CB all the talk of how patrol car after patrol car was going to Columbia. That shows the impact of what we do. Missouri has an unusual cross section of industry, agriculture, and geography. Missouri has about everything. We're only missing a coast. The crossroads from both coasts come through here. There is a diversity of people who live and work here. Missouri is a great place to work and raise a family. I think the Missouri State Highway Patrol adds to that. It's a quality of life thing."

The best job on the Patrol? "Being a trooper," answers Capt. Walker. "It's what everybody signed up for. You go out every day and you know who the good guys are and who bad guys are. People are so appreciative of help ... We [FOB] get letters all the time for something small. Things happen every day that troopers don't give much thought to. It's amazing the power our people have with their presence. People remember what troopers do ... what troopers say to their children ... We got one letter that wrote about someone who sped past them. Further up the road, a trooper had stopped that car. The person wrote us about that and put the license of the trooper in the letter. People who follow the rules want you to do something about people who don't."

"I once asked an employee in a promotion interview board how he became connected to the Patrol. He said when he was 16 he was a passenger in a car that was in a wreck. The trooper who responded to the wreck made such an impression on him that he became one ... Multiply that by all of the small events ... all the troopers. We only hear about a few of them."

"The constant through all these things is the quality of people. You come to Jefferson City, and see the

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work ethic here it is hard to define or find elsewhere.”

After he retires, Capt. Walker says he isn't sure what will be next. He plans to expand his garden, to remain active in his church, and to be available to help someone who needs it.

“Transition is a normal thing around there,” he said. “People are getting ready to do things I've been working with. It's a part of the cycle. We have people learning new jobs and taking on new challenges every day. It's amazing, the continuity of service, the quality of people. We just keep going ... through expansions, through mergers ... This current [August 2013] flooding event—we have people on the front line in Waynesville, MO. You equip them and empower them.”

Capt. Walker is pretty sure he'll golf and fish more once he's retired. He notes that the retirees he sees gathered in various places seem happy to be retired. “I think our people take care of themselves and have a good support group among other retirees which enriches your life. There's still a connection with the Patrol through sergeants meetings and with other retirees.”

Do you have any advice for those going through the Academy? “It's the standard that has served us well. The values we try to teach you when you get here are important for the good of the agency and to protect the people. The standard has always been about right and wrong. You do the right thing for the right reasons and you get good results.”

Capt. Walker also said he would tell young troopers, “It goes by quickly ... Enjoy the time you have.”

Capt. Walker's Journey

Appointed: June 1, 1978.

Academy: 47th Recruit Class.

Promotions: Corporal — September 1, 1989; Sergeant — September 1, 1992; Lieutenant — July 1, 1998; and Captain — August 1, 2001.

Assignments: Troop A, Zone 11, Henry County; Troop A, Zone 11, Benton County; Professional Standards Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City; Field Operations Bureau, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

Retirement: September 1, 2013.

Retirements

DE III Karyn E. Shepherd



On September 1, 2013, Troop B Driver Examiner III Karyn E. Shepherd retired after serving 30 years with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. DE III Shepherd began her career with the Patrol on September 1,

1983, as a driver examiner assigned to Troop B in Macon, MO. On November 1, 1987, she transferred to the Communications Division, and was assigned as a radio operator at the Troop B Headquarters. In May 1999, she was promoted to assistant chief telecommunications engineer, and in March 2003, she became the Troop B area MULES (Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System) trainer. During the time she served as the MULES trainer, she was responsible for the training of individuals who worked for 45 law enforcement/communication agencies. In May 2006, Karyn transferred to a Troop B driver examination position. She was promoted to Driver Examiner III in May 2007.

Karyn, a native of Madison, MO, graduated from Heritage Christian Academy High School in Moberly, MO. After high school, she attended

Southland Baptist College in Hattiesburg, MS, where she took courses in secretarial studies. She later obtained an associate's of business degree from Moberly Area Community College in Moberly.

When asked about her career, Karyn said she always loved working with Patrol employees. Her favorite assignment was serving as a MULES trainer as she was able to meet and interact with people outside of the Patrol who shared similar interests.

Karyn and her husband, Ron, have two grown children: Seth and Bethany. Karyn's immediate plans after retirement include working part-time at a local credit union, traveling, and spending more time with her family.

Troop B wishes Karyn a long and happy retirement.

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Clint E. Dill
Corporal
Troop G

*Retired July 1, 2013.
27 years, eight months of
dedicated service.*



Arie L. Hoard
Sergeant
Q/DE

*Retired August 1, 2013
24 years of dedicated service.*

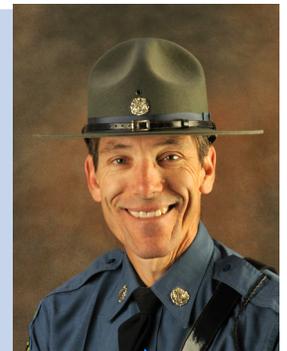
Greg D. Kenley
Corporal
Troop E

*Retired August 1, 2013.
28 years of dedicated service.*



Jeffrey W. Paul
Sergeant
Q/DDCC

*Retired August 1, 2013.
29 years, seven months
of dedicated service.*



W. Scott Pauley
Sergeant
Q/DDCC

*Retired August 1, 2013.
33 years of dedicated service.*



Shelby L. Pirtle
Sergeant
Troop E

*Retired August 1, 2013.
27 years of dedicated service.*

Rebecca J. Strain
Chief DE
Troop G

*Retired August 1, 2013.
27 years of dedicated service.*



**Evelyn M.
Borgmeyer**
Insurance Clerk
Q/HRD

*Retired September 1, 2013
20 years, 10 months of
dedicated service.*



Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Nate K. Brown
Sergeant
Troop A

*Retired September 1, 2013.
29 years, eight months of
dedicated service.*



Esther I. Driskell
Account Clerk III
Troop A

*Retired September 1, 2013.
16 years of dedicated service.*

**Clifford R.
Gronauer**
CITS II
Q/ICTD

*Retired September 1, 2013.
11 years, 10 months of
dedicated service.*



Craig E. Harrison
Sergeant
Q/GD

*Retired September 1, 2013.
28 years of dedicated service.*



Robert W. Hayes
Sergeant
Q/GD

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



**Christopher C.F.
Hoskins Jr.**
Sergeant
Q/GD

*Retired September 1, 2013.
33 years of dedicated service.*

Andy J. Ley
Lieutenant
Q/GD

*Retired September 1, 2013.
28 years of dedicated service.*



William R. Lowry
Sergeant
Q/RDD

*Retired September 1, 2013.
37 years, 10 months of
dedicated service.*



Congratulations On Your Retirement!



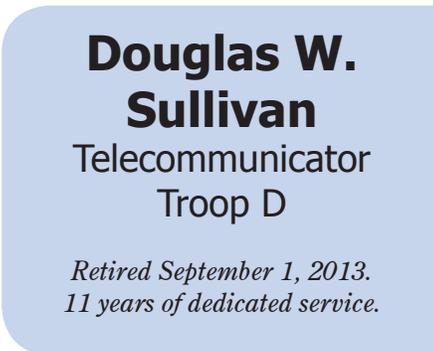
Jerry L. Robinett
CIT III
Q/ICTD

*Retired September 1, 2013.
31 years of dedicated service.*



Brenda Spencer
DE Clerk III
Troop D

*Retired September 1, 2013.
21 years, eight months of
dedicated service.*



Douglas W. Sullivan
Telecommunicator
Troop D

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



Donna K. Woody
DE Sprv.
Troop D

*Retired September 1, 2013.
20 years of dedicated service.*



Troop C's Zone 20 Sets The Bar High

By Troop C

Troop C's Zone 20, which covers Ste. Genevieve and Perry counties may just be the most fit zone in the state! Sergeant Don S. Larsen, Corporal Brent J. Fowler, Trooper Jamey R. Diffee, and Trooper Joseph D. Flynn all finished in "excellent" in all the categories of the 2013 Missouri State Highway Patrol's physical fitness test. All four zone members ran the mile-and-a-half run in under 9 minutes and 50 seconds.

"In this job, we all know how important it is to keep in good shape and maintain a healthy lifestyle. On the side of the highway, our lives can depend on it," said Sgt. Larsen. "A lesser discussed, but equally important benefit to fitness is its direct correlation to longevity of life and reducing stress, so we can enjoy a long and fulfilling retirement."

Congratulations to the men of Zone 20, Troop C!

Pictured are the members of Troop C's Zone 20: (back row, l to r) Tpr. Joseph D. Flynn, Tpr. Jamey R. Diffee; (front row, l to r) Sgt. Don Larsen, and Cpl. Brent J. Fowler.



MVI Participates InConference, Trade Show

MVI Analyst Brenda J. Davis, Q/MVI

The Patrol was represented well at the 48th Annual Missouri Association for Pupil Transportation Conference and Trade Show held at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO, from July 9-11, 2013. Assistant Director Roger D. Cross and MVI Analyst Brenda J. Davis, both Q/MVI, traveled to Columbia on July 9, where they served as judges for the Missouri's Best Inspector and Missouri's Best Technician competition sponsored by MAPT.

On Wednesday, July 10, the conference officially kicked off with a workshop for transportation professionals, updates by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and Missouri Department of Revenue, and a session on school bus safety provided by Lieutenant John J. Hotz, Q/PIED. The keynote speaker for the 2013 conference was retired MSHP Captain Gary L. Moore, who provided an introduction to the student rider-ship DVD presentation made possible as a joint effort of the Center for Educational Safety and MAPT. The DVD will be distributed to the transportation departments of all public schools in Missouri as an educational tool for school bus drivers. Following an awards luncheon, MVI Analyst Davis shared statistical information from the 2012 Spot Check School Bus Inspection Program and the 2013 Annual School Bus Inspection Program, as well as updates regarding the Patrol's school bus inspection program.

Captain Lester D. Elder, Q/MVI, presented Total Fleet Excellence awards to representatives of school districts with fleets receiving an annual school bus inspection approval rating of at least 90% without any items being placed out-of-service. DESE presented additional awards to districts and contracting agencies.

At the completion of the awards ceremony, conference registrants were invited to attend the trade show highlighting the latest technological trends of the pupil transportation industry.



Motor Vehicle Inspector Supervisor Tobi A. Vance, Troop A, Motor Vehicle Inspector Supervisor Jerry L. Jenkins, Troop F, Motor Vehicle Inspector III Dwight L. Christian, Troop F, Motor Vehicle Inspector III Ryan J.M. Ice, Troop F, Motor Vehicle Inspector III Gary L. Campell, Troop F, Motor Vehicle Inspector II Richard L. Hargrove, Troop F, Motor Vehicle Inspector III Terry G. Mebruer, Troop F, and Sergeant Bruce L. Reinkemeyer, Troop F, were available throughout the conference and at the Motor Vehicle Inspection Division's trade show booth to answer school bus inspection questions.

Additional workshops took place throughout the day on Thursday, and included the topics of emergency situations on the school bus, securing a wheelchair, and natural disaster response. One presentation from the Joplin School District discussed the efforts of their pupil transportation department during the recovery and rebuilding efforts following the EF-5 tornado that devastated that city in

2011. The conference closed with an evening banquet honoring MAPT's distinguished service award recipients.

MAPT's annual conference and trade show continues to be the best opportunity to reach out to and receive information from the professionals of Missouri's pupil transportation industry. Both MAPT and the Missouri State Highway Patrol are committed to taking necessary actions to ensure the continued safety of Missouri's children as they are transported to and from school each day.

October

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

Troop meetings occur during this month.

President Obama Visits UCM

By Lt. Nathan C. Ahern, Troop A

On Wednesday, July 24, 2013, President Barack Obama visited the Warrensburg, MO, area to make a speech on the campus of the University of Central Missouri. He was joined by Governor Jay Nixon. Neither first lady accompanied their husband. The president made comments about the economy and especially complimented the university's "innovative campus initiative." This program allows students to get a four-year degree in two years, through the use of accelerated classes. President Obama further praised the program which helps students to obtain "low-cost degrees as a model for the nation."

President Obama's visit marks the first time a sitting president has visited the University of Central Missouri. However, three prior sitting presidents have visited Warrensburg itself: President Harry Truman, President John F. Kennedy, and most recently, President George W. Bush in 2004. Also, former President Bill Clinton visited and spoke there in 2011. The entire area was very excited. The city was busy for days cleaning, straightening up, and decorating the streets with welcome signs, flags, and other patriotic displays.

The president's visit began about 4:30 in the afternoon as his plane, Air Force One, landed at Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, MO, approximately nine miles directly east of Warrensburg. Few things in government are as impressive as seeing one of our nations' leading symbols of power—Air Force One—land and approach a parking area. Everyone was on pins and needles as the president was almost an hour late, a rare occurrence according to the United States Secret Service. After a short visit with some local Air Force personnel, the motorcade was off to Warrensburg. Gov. Nixon joined the president in the presidential limousine. The route was uneventful, even with several hundred spectators along the route, both on base and the entire route through the country into Warrensburg itself. The public made many comments about the motorcade. Most were in awe of how many vehicles were involved, and how loud the motorcycles were!

As I am sure everyone is aware, planning for a presidential visit begins the moment one learns of the event. Depending on the timing, complexity, and how much fore warning we are provided, planning can take weeks.

It is virtually always a multi-agency undertaking and requires a lot of meetings and co-planning with both the Secret Service as well as multiple other agencies. This operation was no exception, as there were several law enforcement agencies involved. In addition to the Patrol and U.S. Secret Service, the law enforcement agencies of the University of Central Missouri Police, Warrensburg Police, Knob Noster Police, and Johnson County Sheriff's Office, and Missouri Department of Conservation agents assisted. The Kansas City and Independence police departments provided motorcycle officers to assist with the motorcade. There were several agencies involved that were not so obvious. Agencies such as MoDOT and the Warrensburg Street Department were heavily involved helping with traffic issues and providing equipment to block streets and control intersections. Area ambulance districts and fire departments, of all types and sizes, also assisted.

Fortunately, and thanks to great planning and effort, the visit went off without a hitch, excluding the delayed start. However, to be honest we hope it is some time before we begin planning for the next presidential visit!



Lt. Nate Ahern, Troop A, addresses the security detail prior to President Obama's visit.

Behind The Scenes ...

Patrol Assigns 87 To Missouri State Fair

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

In 1933, the Patrol assigned 12 troopers to the Missouri State Fair. They provided traffic control, security, and assisted the public attending this grand event. There were rides, food booths, games, displays promoting Missouri's resources, a wide variety of livestock, and hundreds of entries hoping to win a ribbon for that special recipe or example of craftsmanship.

Fast forward to August 2013. It's the Missouri State Fair, still in Sedalia, MO, and the Patrol has sent a detail of 77 members and 10 civilians. There are more rides, thousands of entries vying for recognition, food booths everywhere, games, more displays promoting Missouri's resources, more livestock, grandstand concerts, and a talking car named Otto. Again, troopers provide traffic control, security, and assist the public throughout the event.

When you walk onto the fairgrounds and begin exploring, you'll see much of what is described above—whether it was years ago or today. But, the Missouri State Fair is much more than what you see. Behind the scenes are people making sure things run smoothly. That includes the Patrol's detail. Troopers are available 24/7 throughout the 10 days of the Missouri State Fair. There are three shifts, specific assignments and duties, and a lot of planning involved in this detail.

"This is one of the best years we've had," said Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, Troop A, "The weather was terrific. The guys that came from other troops were really good workers. The guys also looked good in their uniforms. What makes the fair

is the opportunity for the public to see the Patrol in a different light. People come up and ask us all kinds of questions. We have to know where everything is."

In each area, during each shift, a sergeant supervises operations. "The chemistry of the sergeants working together is the biggest factor of how this fair went," said Sgt. Hedrick. "The sergeants, Lt. Jenkins, and Lt. Inman set the example. We are proud of our

"This year, a sonar recovery boat visited the fair ..."

organization and I think people see that. All of us should be selling the Patrol, not just the PIEO guys with Otto." He described the detail as community policing at its best.

Sgt. Hedrick supervises the ground patrol inside the perimeter which consists of 12, two-person teams. Along with the constant contact with the public are the calls for assistance. They respond to all manner of reports—from rabbit bites, altercations, and disturbances, to stealing from a vendor.



Sgt. Jason P. Clark, Q/DDCC, talks to a youngster at the fair while manning the Rural Crimes Investigation Unit's display.



Tpr. Terry A. Bible, Troop D, takes a moment to greet a little one at the fair.

"During the first week of the fair I was assigned to the ground patrol," said Tpr. Brandon W. Adamson, Troop F. "This involved walking the fairgrounds to assist people who had any questions or needed directions to certain events, finding lost children, dealing with disturbances, and basically promoting a positive image of the Patrol to fairgoers. During the second week, I was assigned to the carnival grounds [Midway]. During that week, I basically stayed within the carnival grounds to assist with lost children (again), and took care of those injured while on the carnival grounds. I also went to the recruiting tent occasionally to answer questions from those who were interested in employment with the Patrol. This was the second year I have been assigned to the fair. It is nice to see other troopers—ones I graduated with from the Academy, or who I just don't get an opportunity to see throughout the rest of the year. Everybody you run into at the fair is typically happy and easy to get along with ... which makes working the fair a good experience."

The grandstand assignment includes a total of 16 officers who provide security for tractor pulls, exhibitions, and concerts during the 10 days of the fair. This detail is under the

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supervision of Sgt. R. Brooks McGinnis and Cpl. Russ W. Shaul, both Troop A. The detail covers this area from 10 a.m. to midnight. During the Tobey Keith concert, the stage extended into the crowd. “The 60 people standing around the stage could almost touch Tobey Keith,” said Sgt. McGinnis. This set up prompted a new approach to security. Sgt. McGinnis explained that troopers were strategically located, so the “T-shirt security” team could simply shine a flashlight toward a trooper near them if they needed assistance with a rowdy fan. “With only nine officers, I told them to keep moving around,” said Sgt. McGinnis. “I had more than one person tell me they were pleased to see a lot of troopers, and when asked, they thought there were 30 or so there.”

“It’s a pretty high profile assignment,” continued Sgt. McGinnis. “The governor’s booth always hosts dignitaries. We have troopers standing by that booth to prevent any conflicts with who is allowed inside. All of the officers on this year’s detail were outstanding. The weather was outstanding. That always helps. The hotter it is, the more irritable people get.”

Sgt. Brian Daniel and Sgt. Mike P. Fennewald, both Troop A, supervise the Midway, where up to four officers



Chief Tech. Warren Reynolds, Q/ICTD, and Auto. Tech. III Cody Fender, Troop A, respond to a call for assistance.

patrol each eight-hour shift and deal with issues related to the rides, carnival ride operators, and lost children.

“It was pretty quiet,” said Sgt. Fennewald. “The majority of the calls were lost kids, but we did have calls where people were injured on rides. A couple of years ago, we had an alligator get loose and try to bite people.”

“One of the most important assignments is the gates,” said Sgt. Hedrick. “Those troopers control the crowd coming into the fairgrounds. They stand out there in the heat and

rain. It might not be the most ideal assignment, but they do it and have great attitudes.”

The fairgrounds boasts 12 gates, of which four to six gates require traffic control based on attendance. Gate 6 is open all night, but the rest of the gates are closed by 2 a.m. People



Comm. Oper. II Angelina R. Tidd, Troop A, handles incoming calls at the Missouri State Fair command post.

continue to come in and out of the fairgrounds, but by 2 a.m., the vendors are closing down and it is pretty quiet. Troopers on ground patrol check the campgrounds throughout the night using a “gator” or golf cart, both of which are marked as Patrol vehicles. The gator even has LED lights affixed to the front.

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This display of several Patrol vehicles and a vessel illustrates to fairgoers some of the Patrol’s fleet.

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“Unless we’re busy with concert traffic, the gate officers are off by midnight,” said Sgt. Clark N. Stratton, Troop A. “It isn’t the most glamorous job, but Sgt. Hedrick is correct: It is important. We implemented a rotation on the gates a few years ago that moves the officers from gate to gate. We also put up tents by the gates to provide some shade and relief from the heat when they aren’t in the street directing traffic. Most officers only spend a part of the fair on the gates.”

One assignment at the fair includes several uniformed civilians. They are located next to the Highway Gardens and answer questions about the various functions and equipment of the Patrol. This year, a sonar recovery boat visited the fair for a while, before being swapped out with a safe boat. There are examples of patrol vehicles, too.

“This year, we had a CVO truck and the 1959 Dodge,” said Motor Vehicle Inspector Daniel A. Gregory, Troop I. “They try to send something that makes people go, “Cool!” An individual in Sedalia loans his 1968 Mercury that he’s restored to look like patrol vehicles did at that time.”

MVI Sprv. Gregory says it’s his sixth year in a row working at the Missouri State Fair. “I love to go to the fair. I take a display with me showing the things I’m involved with—from identifying burned vehicles to school bus inspections to inspection stations. It brings up a lot of questions. I absolutely love talking to people like that.

“Since it’s a farming community, we get a lot of questions about licensing for driving from the field to the elevator. There are those who are ornery and those who appreciate what the Patrol does. You have to be on your toes,” said MVI Sprv. Gregory. “You find people that admire or despise you. I don’t mind standing there talking to people. The rain or heat doesn’t bother me. I make sure I have a perfect uniform, too. For a lot of people at the



Traffic control is key to a smooth operation at the Missouri State Fairgrounds.

fair, that might be their first contact with law enforcement. We gotta look good. When you meet someone the first time—that is what sticks in your brain. Every time you have an encounter with that agency or organization, that first experience comes to mind. If you have more people supporting you, that’s better. I absolutely love talking to the people at the fair.”

Chief Technician Warren D. Reynolds, Q/ICTD, was first assigned to the Missouri State Fair about 24 years ago. He said for the last 15 years he has assisted with the technical side of the fair. “I am part of the communications technical support team. This year, it consisted of myself, James S. Adkins [chief technician, Q/ICTD], and Randy L. Vanscoy [probationary communications technician, Q/ICTD]. We work out of the MODOT shed. Each of us is at the fair for about four days. Our duties are to ensure 24-hour

communications between the command post and officers assigned to the fair detail.” Chief Tech. Reynolds says this includes mobile, portable radios, and the fixed station equipment at the command post.

“We also attend to vehicles that need radar, mobile computer devices, and mobile video repair. Occasionally, we have an antenna on a car that is broken or troopers realize something isn’t right with their equipment and we take care of it. We have the time. There are people from other troops that haven’t been able to get to their troop headquarters for maintenance on their radar/docking stations for their laptops. They realize they can get these small things fixed while they are at the fair. Our “big” responsibility is ensuring Otto—The Talking Car, is up and running so he can interact with the fairgoers.”

Chief Tech. Reynolds said the job of watching over Otto—The Talking Car has become much easier since he was updated a few years ago. Otto used to include old vacuum pumps and relay technology, so working on Otto two or three times a day wasn’t unusual. “He is an icon at the fair. We hear stories from generations of families who have come through to visit Otto.” Otto’s jump in technology makes him “very easy to be around” according to Chief Tech. Reynolds. “It’s an easier assignment now than it used to be.”

He said the communications employees are basically an “insurance policy” for the Patrol detail. They also help the mechanics assigned to the fair, and vice versa. “We are there to do whatever’s needed.”



(l to r) Tpr. Brandon Adamson, Troop F, and Sgt. Mike Fennewald, Troop A, answer questions while on patrol.

Fair Detail Includes Down Time

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

The Missouri State Fair detail has a lot of ground to cover while they're working. But, with shifts set at eight hours, one has to wonder: When they aren't working, what are they up to? Sgt. Hedrick said when he's not working, he enjoys playing golf at the nearby Sedalia Country Club. "They are generous to let us play there, even though we aren't members. Some enjoy bicycling—I think Clark Stratton [sergeant, Troop A] and Sean Jacobs [automotive technician supervisor, Troop A] biked 16-20 miles in the morning on the KATY trail. Some of the troopers' families come visit them before school starts. Other officers run or work out—Lee Ewigman [trooper, Troop B] lifted weights and boxed. Members of the detail also go to the concerts or hang out at the motel pool when off duty."

Sgt. Hedrick said he might spend a little time exploring the fair in his off hours. "The pineapple whip is good." He followed that comment with a chuckle and said, "Funnel cakes—corn dogs ... Lt. [Dale O.] Jenkins always has to have a corn dog every year. Chris Gach [sergeant, Troop A] likes Tiger Ice Cream, so he gets some at the Mo Ag building. It's Mizzou col-

This caricature by artist Jim Dyke showed up one day. It now resides in the zone office on the State Fairgrounds.

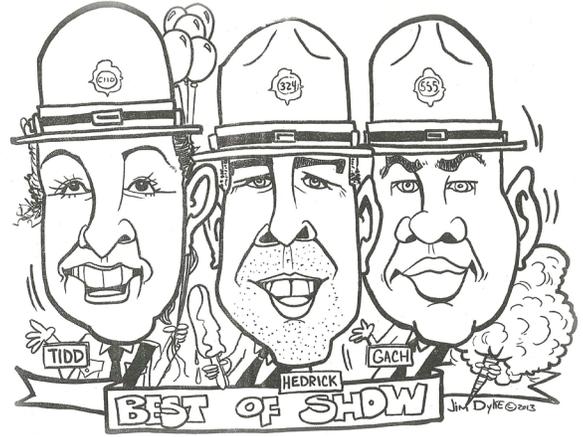
ors. Sgt. Stratton likes the huge hot tamales, which are red hot. They are huge. Clark has to get his fix, and has four to five of them while we're at the fair. I can't stand them, because they are too hot for me."

"Getting a tamale is about the only time I go back to the fairgrounds when I'm off," said Sgt. Stratton. "I did go to the Foreigner/Starship concert. Mostly, I do things like golf and ride my bike on the KATY trail."

Trooper Brandon W. Adamson, Troop F, said when he wasn't working, he did go to the fair occasionally. "I took in a few concerts while I was there. One day, my wife came to the fair, ate lunch in Sedalia with me, and we just acted like tourists before I had to go to work. I spent a few days walking the fair with other off-duty troopers. I spent a little time in the hotel pool cooling off after a long, hot day,

too. It is a long time to be away from home, but I enjoyed being there both years I've been assigned."

CVO II Jim C. Rector, Troop A, MVI Sprv. Dan Gregory, Troop I, Tpr. Brandon Adamson, Troop F, and Sgt. Mike Fennewald, Troop A, take a moment to catch up on the day's events.



"My wife and I go together and stay in our camper," said Motor Vehicle Inspection Supervisor Daniel Gregory, Troop I. "She works with the Department of Agriculture. We work during the day and go to the fair afterward. There is so much stuff to do up there. I hope this assignment doesn't go away. Talking to the people, I love it."

"I look forward to seeing folks that I have met over the years, and the prime rib at Kadhe's. But, I, myself, do not spend afterhours at the fair," said Chief Technician Warren D. Reynolds, Q/ICTD. "I pretty much lounge in my motel room, catching up on television and reading."

"I think everybody would say the first six days are good," said Sgt. Hedrick. "But, you do miss home, and you're ready to go home after the first week. You get to meet people and work with officers from around the state. You see how they do their job. Troop A might do things different than Troop G, but everyone stands for the same thing. We're here to serve, and everyone cares about the people we serve. It's good to see them treating others like their own family. I relay that to guys in the zone and on the ground: Treat them like they are your family. That goes a long way. I do hope all the guys come back next year. It was a great group."



'Looking Beyond The Stop'

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of June 17, 2013 to August 17, 2013. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)

Troop A

Tpr. D.C. Belardo, 1 arrest
Sgt. A.J. Bell, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.V. Cole, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.S. Craig, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.A. Duvall, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.E. Fessenden, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Hall, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.J. Hamerle, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Jones, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.J. Kline, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.S. Kutzner, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.R. Lange, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 6 arrests
Tpr. D.D. Mathes, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.D. Moeller, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Paulsen, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Peters, 1 arrest
Cpl. G.D. Primm, 4 arrests
Tpr. R.C. Richardson, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.A. Schmutzler, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.T. Schwarz, 1 arrest
Cpl. C.A. Taibi, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.D. Wallace, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.R. Wright, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.B. Wright, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.J. Yoder, 3 arrests

Troop B

Cpl. T.J. Adams, 1 arrest
Cpl. E.F. Brown, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.J. Glover, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.J. Haley, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.A. Mason, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.D. Primm, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.W. Reichert, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.B. Ritter, 1 arrest
Sgt. T.D. Shoop, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.A. Vogt, 3 arrests

Troop C

Tpr. J.A. Akers, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.A. Ashby, 1 arrest
Tpr. O.R. Baker, 1 arrest
Tpr. Z.D. Bauer, 1 arrest

Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.R. Diffie, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.D. Gadberrry, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.L. Grass, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.D. Gullett, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.S. Huskey, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.F. Isringhausen, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.V. Jannin, 2 arrests
Cpl. T.R. Jenkins, 1 arrest
Tpr. V.M. Kasput, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.W. Long, 1 arrest
Tpr. P.C. Long, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. McCurdy, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.A. Moore, 1 arrest
Cpl. W.B. Sevier, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.D. Smith, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Summers, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.E. Williams, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.B. Yoder, 2 arrests

Troop D

Tpr. E.B. Adams, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.A. Bible, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.L. Butler, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.L. Cary, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.W. Choate, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.D. Fieser, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.A. Heil, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.J. Kahler, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.L. Knight, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.L. Mason, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.R. Monk, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.S. Rice, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.L. Tyrrell, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.R. Young, 1 arrest

Troop E

Sgt. M.E. Carson, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.W. Crank, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. DeJournett, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.W. Eakins, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.B. Foster, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.A. Lacey, 3 arrests
Sgt. M.D. Lynch, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.M. Reynolds, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.K. Talburt, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.L. Vannada, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.J. West, 3 arrests

Troop F

Tpr. B.W. Adamson, 1 arrest
Sgt. W.V. Ahrens, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.A. Armstrong, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.J. Cluver, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.H. Crafton, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.M. Cummings, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.A. Dickens, 1 arrest
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.R. Dowd, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.C. Frame, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.J. Graf, 6 arrests
Sgt. M.A. Halford, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.T. Halford, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.G. Holzschuh, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.B. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.B. Kings, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.E. Klempke, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.A. McLaughlin, 3 arrests
Cpl. M.E. Morice, 4 arrests
Tpr. M.L. Rice, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.A. Schrage, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 1 arrest
Cpl. R.S. Thompson, 1 arrest
Cpl. T.R. Walley, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.B. Wilt, 4 arrests
Tpr. C.A. Winter, 2 arrests

Troop G

Tpr. T.L. Brown, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.A. Cravens, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.C. Downey, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.D. Foster, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.N. Foster, 8 arrests
Tpr. J.V. Garrison, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.M. Greenan, 2 arrests
Sgt. C.A. Hogue, 2 arrests
Cpl. A.D. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.A. Kimes, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.D. Odle, 3 arrests
Cpl. D.B. Pounds, 1 arrest

Troop H

Cpl. J.E. Christensen, 2 arrests
Tpr. S.J. Cool, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.B. Heintz, 3 arrests

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Sgt. A.A. Henry, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 6 arrests*
CVO G.W. Johnson, 1 assist*
Tpr. K.F. Jeffers, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.L. Starmer, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.J. Sullivan, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.L. Vernon, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Zach, 1 arrest

Troop I

Tpr. D. Blankenship, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.R. Capps, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.W. Cunningham, 1 arrest
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 1 arrest
Cpl. D. Dicus, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.N. Fulkerson, 3 arrests
Sgt. J.H. Glendenning, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.P. Millsap, 2 arrests
Tpr. G.R. Moravec, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.T. Peart, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.D. Stewart, 1 arrest
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 1 arrest

Deaths

David D. Finley



Funeral services for David D. Finley, 43, of West Plains, MO, took place Friday, June 28, 2013, at the West Plains Civic Center, under the direction of Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. Dave died at 8:43 p.m., Saturday, June 22, 2013, at Lake Wedington, Fayetteville, AR.

He was born September 26, 1969, at Springfield, MO, to Dave and Melinda (Funkhouser) Finley, and was the oldest of three children.

Dave graduated from Kickapoo High School with the Class of 1987. He attended Drury University. Dave was a police officer for the Republic (MO) Police Department for three years, where he earned Rookie Officer of the Year. Dave then was a graduate of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy as a member of the 69th Recruit Class in 1995. In 1997, he was named the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. At the time of his death, Dave, a sergeant, was assigned as the zone supervisor of Zone 6, which includes Southern Howell and Oregon counties. He was a dedicated and hardworking member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol who believed in the mission of his job.

On March 31, 1996, he was married in Branson, MO, to Debra LaFevers, and to this union two beautiful children were born, Zachary D. Finley and Allyson B. Finley. Dave was of the Baptist faith.

Dave (a.k.a. D.D.) embraced the challenges of life, and he loved and treasured his family. He enjoyed deer hunting, playing softball, running, and biking. He was a loyal fan of NASCAR and the Atlanta Braves. He has forever imprinted his hand on the hearts of those who were closest to him. We love and will miss him dearly.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Debra; two children, Zachary and Allyson, of the family home; his parents, Dave and Melinda Finley, of Springfield; two brothers, Paul F. Finley and Phillip J. (and his wife, Stacie) Finley, all of Springfield; mother-in-law, Janet K. LaFevers, of West Plains, MO; two sisters-in-law, Dana Frost, of West Plains, and Nicole LaFevers, of Springfield; and three brothers-in-law, David (and his wife, Jan) LaFevers, of Branson West, MO, Douglas LaFevers, of West Plains, and Daniel (and his wife, Karen) LaFevers, of Mountain View, MO; and many special nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

His maternal grandparents, Dan and Lillian Funkhouser, and paternal grandparents, George and Opal Finley, preceded him in death.

Burial was in the Howell Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Finley Children's Fund, and may be left at Robertson-Drago Funeral Home.

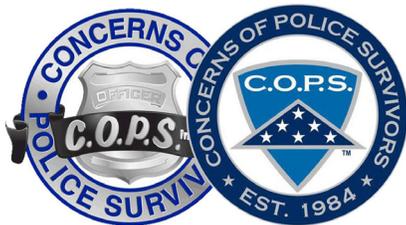
The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Finley family.

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—Winston Churchill”

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Zone Mates Remember Sgt. Finley

By Trooper T. Eddie Young, Troop G

Sgt. David D. Finley held many roles in his life and he played all of them to the fullest. In Dave's world, there wasn't room for second best or doing something merely "good enough." Everything Dave did he did to his fullest. That internal drive carried over into his responsibilities as a trooper, supervisor, husband, father, brother, and friend. Dave loved being the best at all of his responsibilities. He personified the demeanor and character that the Patrol desires for all troopers to have. It was almost as if the Patrol obtained its eight core values by simply observing Dave while he worked the road.

I always found it interesting that after 18 years of committed service, Dave would still swap "war stories" as if he was fresh out of the Academy. Dave's blue flame had never dimmed, and certainly never extinguished. Dave would turn around and chase down an expired tag as if he was still riding with his FTO. I always knew that if Dave was going to be working the road during his shift because he didn't have any pending paperwork to review, I better be working hard. I knew that by lunchtime Dave was going to ask me, "Eddie how many do you have for the day?" Even though I thought I was having a good day, often Dave would still be "one-upping" me. If for some reason I was ahead of Dave he would guarantee that would change by the time he would go 10-42.

Although I have had countless conversations with Dave regarding work, I have just as many stories regarding family. Like I said earlier, he did everything to the max—including being a husband and father. Dave loved his wife, Debra, endlessly. Debra was the yin to Dave's yang. I enjoyed hearing his stories of their trips and the excitement Debra would get Dave into. I could tell Debra had the ability to get Dave to drop his guard and relax. I also heard countless stories

about his son, Zach, aka "Bub", and daughter, Ally, aka "Sissy".

Dave was overly passionate with his hunting, running, exercising, NASCAR, and, of course, his Atlanta Braves. Being a baseball nut, I enjoyed talking baseball with Dave. The one game playoff, or like Dave would say, "The one game rip-off" that occurred between the Braves and the Cardinals on October 5, 2012, will never be forgotten due to the conversations we had regarding that game. Recently, I thought of Dave when the Braves completed the sweep of the Cardinals. Cardinal fans might say it was because they were in a rut—I think it was because Dave has managed to turn God into a Braves fan.

I could truthfully type all day and it would not begin to properly memorialize Dave. I will simply state I was lucky enough to work for Dave, who has taught me many things I will keep doing for the duration of my career. I can also say I lost a true friend on June 22, 2013. He will be greatly missed by the members of Zone 6. There is one thing that we should all learn from Dave and that is to live life to its fullest and never settle for second best.

By Cpl. Logan S. Elliott, Troop G

I first began working with Dave almost two years ago, when I was promoted to corporal and assigned to his zone. I remember sitting down to eat dinner with Dave for the first time at Dairy Queen, which was one his favorite stops. I was still a little nervous about my new position and while we were eating, I told Dave I had never been a corporal before and it was his zone to run.

I said, "Just let me know what you expect of me, and I'll see that it gets done." I also told him if I did something he didn't like to just let me know because he wasn't going to hurt my

feelings. Dave looked at me over his cheeseburger and said, "Oh, I'm not worried about hurting anybody's feelings." That wasn't the most comforting thing a supervisor has ever told me, but Dave turned out to be an excellent supervisor. He always took care of his guys and even though he was a zone sergeant, he still worked hard on the road and led his zone by example. I don't recall one day when Dave ever called in sick. He was a company man and was proud to be a trooper.

One thing I really respected about Dave was that if you did do something he did not approve of he was not afraid bring it to your attention. He seemed somewhat quiet and serious when I first met him, but after getting to know him that was not the case. Dave turned out to have quite the sense of humor and was a real character once you got to know him. He loved his family very much and spoke of them often. Though I had only met his family a few times, I felt that I knew each of them personally through the many stories that Dave told. I considered Dave a good friend as well as my supervisor. He will be greatly missed by friends, family, and co-workers, as well as by the many citizens of Missouri whom he served.

By Tpr. Jonathan M. Heimsoth, Troop G

I was assigned to Howell and Oregon counties straight out of the Academy, and Sgt. Dave Finley was my zone sergeant. Dave was a great person and a great leader. I learned from Sgt. Finley's experience in the Patrol and apply it when I work the road. I appreciated that Sgt. Finley put a lot of trust in me that I would be able to handle myself and that I would always do the right thing. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to have worked for Sgt. Finley and the chance to get to know him as a person.

Deaths

Marvin L. Buschjost



Marvin L. "Butch" Buschjost, 81, of St. Thomas, MO, died on Saturday, June 29, 2013, at his home. He was born in St. Thomas on August 16, 1931, son of the late Louis and Cecilia (Strope) Buschjost. On July 11, 1959, in St. Elizabeth, MO, he married Evelyn Rose Oligschlaeger, who survives at the home.

Mr. Buschjost graduated from high school in 1949. He served in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954. After the Army, he was self-employed for 10 years. He then worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 23 years. He retired March 31, 1994, as the plant maintenance engineer supervisor assigned to the Construction and Maintenance Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City, MO.

Mr. Buschjost was a third degree member of St. Thomas Knights of Columbus and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus member with the St. Jude General Assembly. He was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children: Gregory Buschjost (and his wife, Jeanie), of Fulton, MO, Douglas Buschjost, of Jefferson City, Curt Buschjost (and his wife, Sharon), of Jefferson City, and Susan Wood (and her husband, Corey), of Jefferson City; eight grandchildren: Ben Buschjost, Sara Buschjost, Lindsey Buschjost, Justin Buschjost, Alex

Buschjost, Brock Buschjost, Derek Wood, and Kendall Wood; one brother, retired MSHP Captain Larry Buschjost (and his wife, Patty), of Lake Ozark, MO; and one special cousin, Mary Ann O'Neill (and her husband, Rich), of Russellville, MO.

A mass of Christian burial took place at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2013, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Rev. Jeremy Secrist officiated. Interment with military honors occurred at St. Thomas Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Thomas Church.

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

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Lawrence I. Miller



Lawrence Irwin Miller, 91, of Joplin, died on Sunday, July 14, 2013, at Freeman West Hospital.

Lawrence was born October 27, 1921, in Cassville, MO, son of the late A.M. Miller and Lula Irwin Miller. He graduated from Cassville High School, and served in the United States Army during World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam Era. He retired in 1965, with the rank of sergeant first class (E-7), and he was awarded several citations and medals. He moved to Joplin, MO, in 1966, and worked for

the state of Missouri with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, retiring in 1985, as a driver examiner.

He was a 50-year-member of the Cassville Masonic Lodge #383 A.F. & A.M., and was a member of the Cassville American Legion. He was baptized at Blendville Christian Church in Joplin.

He loved his family very much, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed gardening, was known for being very particular about his tomatoes, and enjoyed fishing with family and friends, especially his late son, Steve.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Evelyn Mandell Miller; a son, David Miller, of Joplin; a daughter, Judy Heiniger (and her husband, Bob), of Joplin; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Hal Miller (and his wife, Wilma), of Cassville; a sister, Lotsee Campbell, of Owasso, OK; a sister-in-law, Betty Miller, of Cassville; several nieces; and several nephews.

Funeral services took place on Thursday, July 18, 2013, in Parker Mortuary Chapel with Dr. Phillip McClendon officiating. Interment followed in Osborne Memorial Cemetery with family serving as pallbearers, and full military honors. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Missouri Conservation Department or the Disabled American Veterans.

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

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November

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| Nov. 4 | • Central Standard Time begins. |
| Nov. 11 | • Veterans' Day observed. |
| Nov. 28 | • Thanksgiving |

Deaths

Reginald M. Walker



Reginald M. Walker, 48, of Jackson, MO, and formerly of Kennett, MO, died on Monday, July 29, 2013. He was born to the late Thilbert Walker and Rebecca Fay Ridge on May 3, 1965, in Memphis, TN.

On Jan. 30, 1987, he married Sally Deck, who preceded him in death on Aug. 10, 2005. Reggie was a sergeant on the Missouri State Highway Patrol and dedicated his life to ensuring the safety of Missouri drivers.

Survivors include his daughter, Megan Walker, of Marble Hill, MO, formerly of Kennett, and his brother, Tpr. Richie A. Walker (and wife, Shelly), Troop E (Fredericktown, MO). He is also survived by other relatives and many close friends.

Reggie was known for his kind spirit and he touched the lives of everyone he met. He will be remembered for his contagious laugh and his willingness to help others in any possible way. A devoted husband, father, brother, son, and friend, he will be deeply missed by all.

Funeral services occurred on Saturday, August 3, 2013, at First United Methodist Church in Kennett, with Pastor Mark Anderson, of Cape Girardeau, MO, officiating.

Burial followed in the Senath Cemetery. Pallbearers included Tim Hullett, Curt Poore, Hampton Deck, Jacob Livey, David Morris and Jason Bean. Sgt. Dennis W. Rainey, Tpr. Todd P. Watson,

Sgt. Doug M. McDaniel, Tpr. Rick L. Vanada, Tpr. Dennis W. McCormick, Mr. Donnie Shelton, and CVO II Ron O. Abmeyer served as honorary pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Heart for Africa, a charity that works to improve the lives of children in Africa. Donations can be made at <http://bit.ly/ReggieWalkerMemorial>.

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

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Paul E. Corl Jr.



Mr. Paul E. "Gene" Corl Jr., 78, of Jefferson City, MO, died Sunday, August 11, 2013, at home surrounded by his family.

He was born on February 4, 1935, in Sedalia, MO, a son of the late Paul E. Sr. and Dorothy L. (Peters) Corl. He was married on April 24, 1952, in Harrison, AR, to Veronica M. "Fronie" Kampeter.

A lifelong resident of Jefferson City, Gene graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1953.

He worked with the Missouri Highway Department for two years before joining the Patrol in 1957. For the first 10 years, Gene served as a driver examiner. In 1967, Gene went to the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy in Rolla, MO, and became a Missouri state trooper. He was employed with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Troop F, for 36

years, retiring in 1993, and thoroughly loved his work.

Gene was an active member of St. Peter Catholic Church, joining in 1972, where he was involved with the St. Peter Men's Association. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association, Wears Creek Yacht Club, and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie 2693.

Gene was a devoted family man and thoroughly loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed being outdoors hunting and fishing with his grandchildren on the farm. He cherished the memories of Boy Scouts with his sons, Camp Hohn, and the big Scout Jamboree in Idaho, taking the whole family in a Nimrod tent camper, and Mizzou football games supporting his son, Ben. He enjoyed coaching baseball and traveling with Fronie on various trips, cruises, and he even enjoyed the casinos! He loved playing cards with his brothers-in-law, retired troopers, and friends through his retirement.

Survivors include: his wife of 62 years, Fronie Corl; his daughters, Geana (and her husband, Martin) Godsy and Carla (and her husband, Stephen) Trower, both of Jefferson City; his grandchildren, Nathan (and his wife, Misty) Godsy, of Jefferson City, Sasha (and her husband, Steven) Kremer, of Bonnots Mill, MO, Andrew Godsy, of Jefferson City, Samantha (and her husband, Nathan) Davis, of DeSoto, MO, Alexandria Trower, of Jefferson City, and Jonathan Trower, of Jefferson City; and his great-grandchildren, Benjamin Godsy and Maddy Bell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sons, Benjamin L. Corl (August 5, 1990) and Paul E. Corl III (July 21, 2010).

A mass of Christian burial took place Friday, August 16, 2013, at St. Peter Catholic Church with the Reverend Anthony Viviano officiating. A private graveside service and interment were held at Riverview Cemetery at a later time.

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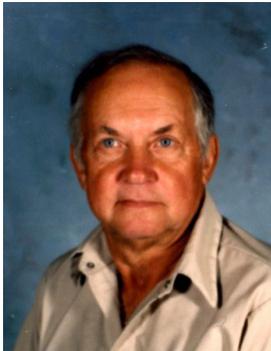
Following Gene's wishes, his body was donated to the University of Missouri for anatomical study. His family would like to give a special thank you to SSM Hospice for all the wonderful care and compassion they showed Gene and his family during the last three years.

Those desiring may make memorial contributions to SSM Hospice, 124 W. Stadium Blvd., Jefferson City, MO 65109, or Camp Wonderland, 18591 Miller Circle, Rocky Mount, MO 65072.

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

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John E.C. Vieth



John Emil Carl Vieth III, 83, of Jefferson City, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at St. Mary's Health Center. He was born February 11, 1930, the son of the late John Emil Carl and Opal (Cardwell) Vieth Jr. On February 12, 1950, he was united in marriage to Rosella Nichols, she survives at the home.

John was a 1948 graduate of Jefferson City High School. He was employed as a produce manager at Kroger's for 34 years and then later worked in maintenance at the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Troop F. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

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John enjoyed building things and could fix anything. He built his own home here in Jefferson City, and was very proud of his family cabin he built at the Lake of the Ozarks. One time, he made a garage door opener out of an old washing machine motor. He built many basement rec rooms for his friends throughout Jefferson City. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Along with his wife Rosella, he is survived by two children: Gary Vieth (and his wife, Debbie), of Holts Summit, MO, and Sharon Benton, of Jefferson City; seven grandchildren: Tera Hayden, Eric Vieth, Dakota Benton, Danny Tellman, Michael Tellman, Thomas Benton, and Angel Toebben; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister: Jackie Baysinger.

Funeral services took place at 11 a.m., Thursday, August 15, 2013, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Russ Bowder officiating. Entombment followed in the Hawthorn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Calvary Lutheran High School. Houser-Millard Funeral Directors handled the arrangements.

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

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Robert F. Miller



Robert Ferrell Miller, 82, of Poplar Bluff, MO, died at his home on

Tuesday, August 20, 2013. Mr. Miller was born in Macomb, IL, on July 15, 1931, to Oscar F. and Vernetta Johnson Miller. On August 22, 1952, he married Faye Crites in Essex, MO. She survives at the home.

Bob was a member of First United Methodist Church and the American Legion Post 153 in Poplar Bluff. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and retired in 1988 as a sergeant with the Missouri State Highway Patrol after 30 years of service. Bob (Bobba) enjoyed spending time with his family, golfing, and carpentry work, which showed in the houses that he built.

Survivors include his wife; their children: Ken F. Miller (and his wife, Wenmay), of Littleton, CO, Lynn W. Miller (and his wife, Cindy), of Farmington, MO, and Michael A. Miller, of Poplar Bluff; four grandchildren: Jennifer Roth (and her husband, Eric), Lance Miller, Matthew Miller, and Andrew Miller; three great-grandchildren: Jade, Cannon, and Lila Faye; and a brother, William J. Miller, of Maple Grove, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Beverly Mourfield.

Funeral services took place on August 24, 2013, at Cotrell Funeral Chapel in Poplar Bluff, with Rev. David Stewart officiating. Interment with full military honors followed at Memorial Gardens Cemetery. The family request memorials be made to St. Jude Tribute Program, P.O. Box 1000, Dept, 142, Memphis, TN, 38148-0142.

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

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~ Thank You ~

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, gifts, and prayers received following the loss of my dad, Lawrence "Shorty" Gladbach. I would also like to thank everyone who was able to attend the visitation and funeral mass. I feel very fortunate to work with an organization that shows such strong support during a time of deep sorrow.

*Sincerely,
DE II Rebecca K. Adams, Troop H*



My family and I want to thank everyone for the kind words, prayers, cards, and flowers we received following the passing of my mother, Nana. Furthermore, I would like to thank Troop H for the monetary donation that was made to the local Alzheimer's Association Chapter in her memory.

Lt. Eric A. Tilford, Troop H



Chad and I want to express our gratitude to the Patrol family for all the loving comfort and support received after the painful loss of his mom, Cindy Witt. We were deeply humbled to receive so much from a place we really didn't expect: the great and noble Highway Patrol. A special thank you to the employees in the Human Resources Division. We are honored to be part of this family. May God bless each of you.

*Clerk Typist III Amy E. Witt
Q/HRD*



Thanks for all the cards and calls I have received since the passing of my father, Bradley Watkins. Your prayers and well wishes have helped during this difficult time.

*Ret. Latent Tech. II Valerie J
Watkins*



We would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, flowers, visits, and prayers following the death of our mother and mother-in-law, Doris Asher. The words of encouragement meant so much to us.

*God bless you, and thanks again,
DE III Jill A. Jones, Troop D
CVO II Darin A. Jones, Troop D*



I would like to thank my Patrol family for the cards, prayers, and your attendance at my mother's "Celebration of Life" service. My mother fought cancer valiantly and now has the ULTIMATE HEALING and is again with my dad and the Lord. No words can express how BLESSED I am to be part of this marvelous family. God BLESS each of you and your families! Remember, we never know when it will be our time, so hug your family as much as you possibly can and tell them you LOVE them each and every day.

*Thank you!!!
Spec. Asst. Tamie L. Quigley
Q/FOB*

Sympathy

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

CVO Sprv. II Terry J. Nolan (H) - father-in-law
Sgt. Todd A. Zacher (H) - stepfather
DE Sprv. Aimee S. Knisley (C) - grandmother
Clerk Typist III Amy E. Witt (Q/HRD) - mother-in-law
Ret. Capt. Larry L. Buschjost - brother
Ret. Sgt. Wayne A. Murphy - wife
Lt. Norm A. Murphy (C) - aunt
DE III Benita D. Vick (A) - mother
Capt. Lee Ann H. Kenley (I) - father
Ret. Lt. Dennis L. Hutton - father
Comm. Oper. II Ila R. Duvall (A) - brother-in-law

CVO II Kyn L. Gordon (B) - nephew
DE III Brenda S. Hornecker (C) - father-in-law
DE I Naykia M. Spencer (C) - grandmother
DE II Becky K. Adams (H) - father
Ret. R&T Tech. 1st Class Lyle Seelinger - wife
Ret. CVO Sprv. I Linda J. White - mother
Latent Fingerprint Tech. II Valerie Watkins (Q/CJISD) - father
DE III Jill A. Jones (D) - mother
CVO II Darin A. Jones (D) - mother-in-law

DE Sprv. Donna Woody (D) - husband
Tpr. Richie A. Walker (E) - brother
Ret. Sgt. Larry G. Liebig - mother
DE III Pam M. Cooseman (C) - grandmother
DE II Allison J. Fall (A) - grandmother
Tpr. Dale R. Reuter (H) - mother-in-law
Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg (A) - uncle
CVO II James C. Rector (A) - uncle
Spec. Asst. Tamie L. Quigley (Q/FOB) - mother
Ret. Lt. Wesley E. Benitz - wife

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Meet Me At The Fair!



Pictured is the 2013 Missouri State Fair detail. This group provided traffic control, and protected and educated the public during the fair, which took place from August 8-18. According to the Department of Agriculture, the annual attendance is approximately 350,000. Nearly 400 commercial vendors and concessionaires participated. The Gary Allan concert was the top selling concert in the Pepsi Grandstand this year. People purchased an unprecedented 52,000 bottles of water during the 2013 fair. A food drive on Tuesday collected 32,800 pounds of food for Missouri food pantries—three times what was collected last year. The sale of champions' auction raised \$131,900, supporting Missouri youth in agriculture.