

# PATROL NEWS

March/April 2009

"OVER 75 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION"



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# From the Staff ...

**Major Robert E. Bloomberg**  
**Technical Services Bureau**



I had the honor of joining new Attorney General Chris Koster for lunch recently. We visited about a number of topics. He was very open with his views on issues that affected the Patrol, as well as his thoughts on the Patrol in general. Attorney General Koster served as prosecuting attorney in Cass County, which also happened to be my first assignment with the Patrol. By the time lunch was over, it was clear he had a high regard for the men and women of the Patrol, but it was what he said over the next hour that affirmed how high that regard is.

Attorney General Koster had come to the Patrol Academy to address the current recruit class. After a thoughtful introduction by Colonel James F. Keathley, the general made a few opening remarks that were reminiscent of many others. When he moved into the theme of his remarks, I became engaged in his message.

While I can't provide quotes, I attribute the next two paragraphs of this article to Attorney General Koster as I try to paraphrase him. He spoke of the relative ease with which it is possible to be a state trooper—just as it was easy to be a prosecutor or the attorney general. By no means did he minimize the path required to achieve any of these goals, but once you have achieved the position, it is simply a matter of doing what is right. If you get up every day and “do what is right” you surely will be successful. He spoke of the high regard the public has for the Patrol and the criminal justice system. It is not because we are better than any other segment (on that I might argue), but because we are so identifiable as an organization that lives by the precept of doing what is right.

When the public sees a trooper and they are a hundred miles from home, they automatically know that trooper, based on their relationship with “their trooper” from back home. They know they will be treated fairly if it is an enforcement contact; they know they are looking at a well-trained professional who can do whatever needs to be done; they know they are looking at a person who will do what is right.

Attorney General Koster spent much more time developing the concept as he spoke to the recruits that day, but I think I have captured the essence of his message. We have a reputation that serves us well and it is founded on a concept as simple as doing what is right. While his audience was a recruit class preparing for a life as a state trooper, his message goes well beyond that. It is for our members, our uniformed civilians, and our entire organization. This is a large agency and it requires the effort of every one of us to preserve its good name and reputation in our service to the public. Continuing to “do what is right” is our key to retaining the much sought after status of “professional police agency”.

*R. E. Bloomberg*

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## The MASTERS Turns 30!

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

In 1979, Colonel Al Lubker presented an idea to Governor Joseph P. Teasdale. After many questions, Gov. Teasdale approved of the formation of an organization called The MASTERS (The Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society). He told Col. Lubker, "Colonel, if it is run right, this could be a good thing." For the next 30 years, The MASTERS proved time and again that this organization is run right and is a good thing.

The organization includes people who wish to provide a "safety net" of support for families of troopers killed in the line of duty. When this type of tragedy occurs, a director of The MASTERS visits the family, offers guidance during this difficult time, and provides financial assistance to relieve immediate concerns. Over the years, The MASTERS has assisted 17 families and expended for their benefit in excess of \$874,000.

Currently, there are 1,032 members in this 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Membership contributions and gifts to The MASTERS are tax deductible, and serve as the organization's sole income. For information about how to join this organization contact The MASTERS, 5287 Highway 67 North, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901; call them at 573-686-1619; or e-mail them at themastersmo@hotmail.com.

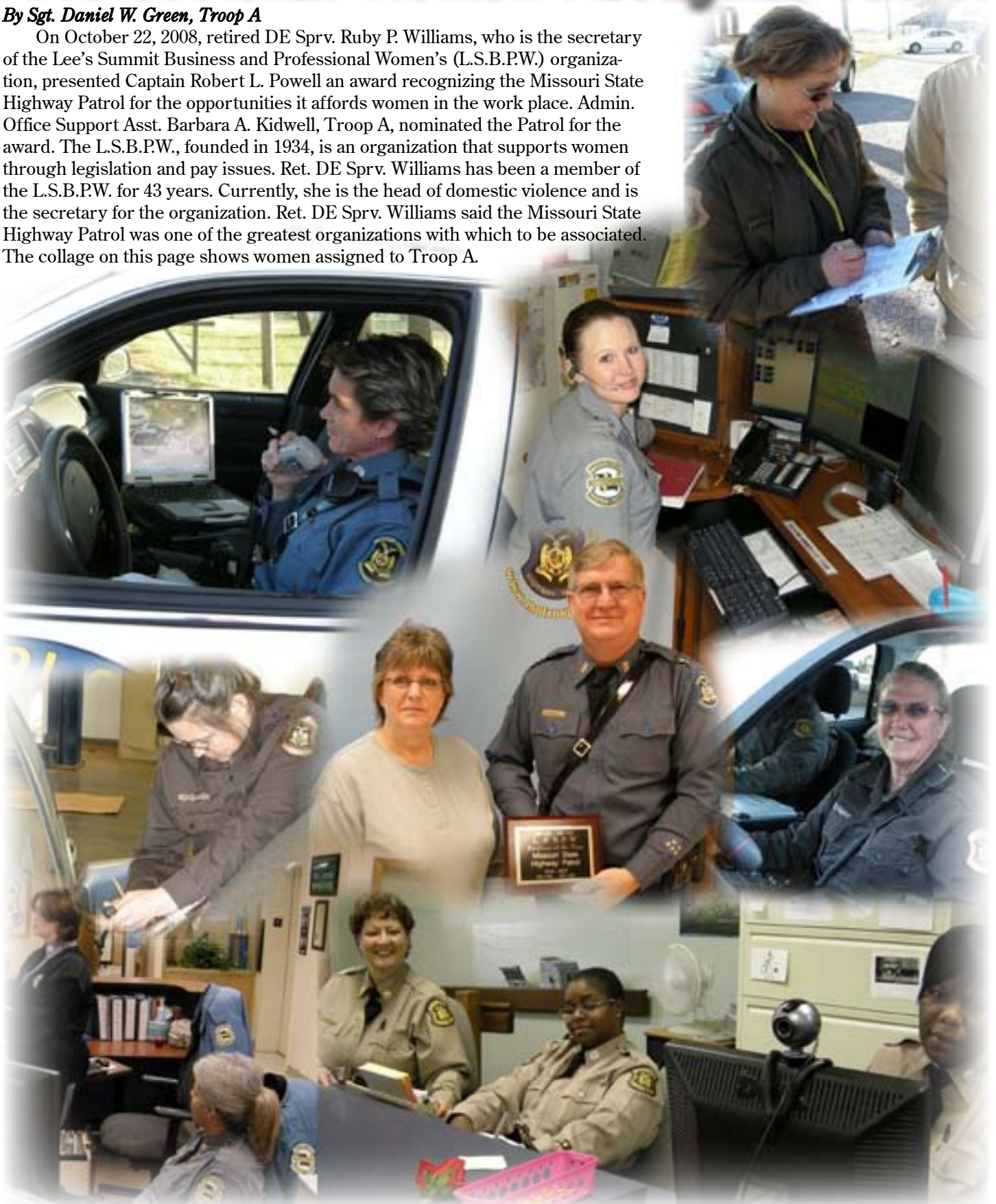
The cover of March/April 2009 *Patrol News* salutes this important organization. The photos are of directors from 1979 to the mid-'90s. Thank you, The MASTERS, for the support and assistance you provide our fallen heroes' families!



# Professional Women Recognize Patrol

*By Sgt. Daniel W. Green, Troop A*

On October 22, 2008, retired DE Sprv. Ruby P. Williams, who is the secretary of the Lee's Summit Business and Professional Women's (L.S.B.P.W.) organization, presented Captain Robert L. Powell an award recognizing the Missouri State Highway Patrol for the opportunities it affords women in the work place. Admin. Office Support Asst. Barbara A. Kidwell, Troop A, nominated the Patrol for the award. The L.S.B.P.W., founded in 1934, is an organization that supports women through legislation and pay issues. Ret. DE Sprv. Williams has been a member of the L.S.B.P.W. for 43 years. Currently, she is the head of domestic violence and is the secretary for the organization. Ret. DE Sprv. Williams said the Missouri State Highway Patrol was one of the greatest organizations with which to be associated. The collage on this page shows women assigned to Troop A.



# Sgt. Jinkens: Right Place, Right Time

By Sgt. Daniel W. Green, Troop A

One of the many aspects of your career as a Missouri state trooper is dealing with the unknown. You leave your house, walk down the driveway, get into your patrol car, go 10-41, and you're ready to handle whatever comes your way. During these precious few seconds, I've often asked myself, "What's going to happen during the next eight hours that will be life changing for someone? What is that person doing right now? When and where will it happen?"

Sometimes it happens when you go looking for "it". More often than not, "it" falls in your lap simply because you were in the "right place at the right time". You don't know when, but one thing's for sure, the "unknown" will rear its ugly head sometime during your shift and change peoples' lives ... forever.

November 22, 2008, was one of those shifts for Jackson County Zone Sergeant Dale O. Jinkens when he just happened to be in the "right place at the right time". At approximately 1:22 a.m. hours, Sgt. Jinkens was conducting a traffic stop at the top of the ramp from westbound Interstate 70 to Little Blue Parkway. During the course of the stop, he observed, in his rearview mirror, a vehicle fire on Interstate 70 at the bottom of the exit ramp to Little Blue Parkway. He immediately concluded his traffic stop and responded to the scene. When he arrived, he observed a van and trailer engulfed in flames. He contacted Troop A Headquarters and advised them to contact EMS.

The fire was the result of a small passenger car having impact with a trailer that was loaded with a commercial coffee cooker weighing several thousand pounds. The impact of

the small passenger car with the trailer caused the tongue of the trailer to puncture and rupture the gas tank of the van. Initially, it was unknown if the van was occupied due to the large amount of smoke and fire.

Sgt. Jinkens re-positioned his patrol car to block westbound traffic, which was driving through the crash scene. At this time, he observed a small passenger car on its top and on fire near the concrete divider. He exited his patrol car, and a bystander at the scene advised him that an unconscious person had been partially ejected from the side window of the small passenger car, and that



*This photo shows the fiery crash on Interstate 70 at Little Blue Parkway.*

person was on fire. Sgt. Jinkens found an unconscious female trapped with her upper body pinned between her vehicle and the median barrier.

He used his fire extinguisher to put out some of the fire that was on and around the unconscious female. Sgt. Jinkens, with the aid of two passers-by, pushed the rear of the overturned vehicle away from the concrete divider creating enough room for him to reach the unconscious female, who was still on fire, and drag her from the car. He quickly extinguished the fire on the victim's upper body and then handed her off to others at the scene, who then moved her to a safe area away from the

burning vehicles. The victim was lifeless and did not appear to be breathing. Sgt. Jenkins retrieved his first aid kit (recently purchased for road officers) from his trunk, which enabled several individuals to provide assistance to the victim. Those assisting included: Kansas City, MO, Police Officer Johnnie Wyatt Jr., one unknown male "trained in first aid", and two unknown nurses. The female victim later regained consciousness and continued assistance was provided until EMS arrived.

Considering the driver's age, Sgt. Jinkens feared there would be children in the rear of the car. He used what was left of his fire extinguisher and a second fire extinguisher on the fire, and he used a flashlight to search the inside of the passenger car, which, much to his relief, did not contain any passengers.

The female victim was transported to Centerpoint Hospital where she was eventually stabilized. She was then transported to the KU Medical Center Burn Unit for treatment of third degree

burns and other serious injuries.

The driver and passenger of the van were later located sitting in a passenger car near the scene. The driver suffered minor injuries and was transported to an area hospital for treatment. The passenger walked away from the scene.

Sgt. Jinkens was definitely "in the right place at the right time" when the "unknown" reared its ugly head. Just imagine what would have happened to the female, who was on fire after the crash, if Sgt. Jinkens had not initiated a car stop at the top of the ramp at Interstate 70 and Little Blue Parkway. There is no doubt that Sgt. Jinkens saved a life that night with his quick response to a serious traffic crash, his first responder training, and by him simply being at the right place at the right time ... it's what we do!



# Just Sit On It!

## *MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D*

Sergeant Gary L. Braden was near the 81-mile marker on Interstate 44 around lunchtime. He was “working traffic” when he observed a Dodge Grand Caravan pass by without a readable license plate. Sgt. Braden initiated a traffic stop and approached the passenger side of the vehicle to make contact with the driver. He immediately noticed a strong fragrance of ... air fresheners. He also noticed a male passenger in a wheel chair in the third row of the vehicle.

The driver appeared very nervous and apprehensive as she provided her North Carolina driver’s license. A MULES check showed she had an extensive criminal history. She said the man in the wheel chair was her *father-in-law*, and they had found the van for sale on the Internet, so they flew to Chicago and purchased the vehicle.

The driver didn’t speak Spanish and was unable to talk with her “father-in-law”. She made gestures to communicate.

Sgt. Braden had Capt. Juan Villanueva (then a lieutenant) speak with the man in the wheelchair. The man in the wheelchair provided information that did not coincide with the driver. He said that he did not know the driver very well, and that he had just met her in Chicago and decided to travel back to Texas with her rather than take another mode of transportation.

Sgt. Braden asked the driver if there was anything illegal in the vehicle and she said, “No.” She gave permission for him to search the vehicle.

Sgt. Braden asked the driver to follow him to Troop D Headquarters, so he could search the vehicle in a safer location. She agreed and followed him to Troop D.

Sgt. Braden conducted an external canine sniff of the vehicle for illegal drugs with his K-9 Or. Or provided a positive indication of drugs on both rear quarter panels and wheel wells. A search of those areas showed they

were empty, but were used to transport drugs.

As Sgt. Braden was searching the vehicle, he thought of the passenger’s wheelchair and how the seat cushion looked unusually rigid and thick. With the assistance of Capt. Villanueva he obtained permission from the passenger to look at the seat cushion.

Sgt. Braden unzipped the nylon cover and found it was wrapped in duct tape. He pressed on the cushion and felt something like rolled paper. He removed two layers of tape and punctured the cushion with a knife and found rolls of U.S. currency.



*Sgt. Thomas L. Hall, Sgt. Gary L. Braden, and Sgt. Matthew K. Funderburk pose near the pile of money found during a traffic stop.*

The driver and passenger denied any knowledge of the cash. The currency was seized at the request of DEA. The total amount the passenger was sitting on was \$108,880.

## Troop D Reaches Out!

### *MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D*

Chief Technician Warren D. Reynolds orchestrated a fish fry fund-raiser for Ms. Stephanie Phillips. She has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment. Stephanie is the daughter of Troop D’s pilot, Sergeant Ed Thurman, and the girl’s basketball coach at Kickapoo High School in Springfield.

Captain Randy Beydler, who has since retired, presented a check for \$2,205 to Stephanie and her family.

Stephanie sent a thank you card that said, “Thank you so much for having the fish fry fund-raiser for our family. We appreciate your donations so much. Thanks to all of you. We won’t be stressed out when those bills come rolling in again. Dad has always talked about what a special group of people you are. Keep those prayers coming! God bless you all! Sincerely, Stephanie Phillips.”

Stephanie, we’re glad to help and will be thinking about you.

*Chief Tech. Warren D. Reynolds is busy frying fish, while others watch hungrily.*



# Study Supports Voluntary Reporting Law

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

A comprehensive study by AAA Missouri and AAA Foundation For Traffic Safety concluded a Missouri state law designed to help families, doctors, and law enforcement prevent unsafe motorists from continuing to drive should serve as a model for the nation. Missouri's HB1536 provides a safety net for identifying and evaluating medically at-risk drivers who continue to drive despite safety concerns. Although 44 of 50 states have some form of voluntary reporting to identify drivers at risk for crashes or other safety concerns due to changes in health and function, no law is as comprehensive or detailed as Missouri's.

Missouri's "voluntary reporting" law allows concerned family members, police officers, physicians, license office staff, and others to report potentially at-risk drivers for re-evaluation and possible license revocation if they are found medically unfit to drive. The identity of the person making the report is confidential, and HB1536 includes provisions to protect physicians and other professionals from legal action due to breach of patient confidentiality. Missouri is one of 44 states to allow voluntary reporting. This law enables the Missouri Department of Revenue to remove driving privileges for any driver deemed unfit to drive as soon as possible.

HB1536 became effective January 1, 1999. The research team reviewed case materials for 4,100 individuals, age 50 and older, reported from 2001 through 2005. The study was designed to evaluate the existing law and associated system. The key findings included:

- Missouri's voluntary reporting law is effective in moving those reported as potentially unfit into driving retirement.
- Missouri's reporting law was developed in part to encourage identification and report-

ing of medically at-risk drivers by physicians and other health professionals.

- Reported drivers in this sample were quite old, with an average of 80 years.

The data suggest that dementia is a top public health concern with respect to fitness to drive in older adults.

The majority of older drivers are safe behind the wheel, but as a group they are at higher risk for driving-related problems because they have more health conditions and functional impairments.

The research team is following up with Missouri officials to enhance the medical review process under this law and to develop targeted educational interventions to enhance knowledge and use of this legal mechanism.

The research team made the following major recommendations:

**Increase Education Efforts** – Many are unaware of how to report a medically at-risk driver.

**Amplify License Office Staff Role** – Data suggest that license office staff plays a significant role in proactively identifying at-risk drivers.

**Modify Procedure** – Medical evaluation forms and paperwork

drivers receive after they are reported are being reviewed to incorporate best practices from other states and Canada.

**Pursue Additional Research** –

Many of the drivers reported under HB 1536 dropped out of the process without participating in medical review. More research is needed to discover what happens after official notification is received.

**Promote Mobility Options For Unlicensed Drivers** –

Most drivers choose to retire from driving without being reported. Information and guidance should be provided to drivers to help them remain mobile after they give up their keys.

HB 1536 does not specify age as a criterion for reporting. A 20-year-old with psychosis may be as likely to lose driving privileges as a 90-year-old with macular degeneration (causing near blindness).

This project was part of an ongoing education partnership between the study authors and officials from Missouri Department of Revenue, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Division of Highway Safety, and the Missouri Department of Transportation. The two-year project was initiated in May 2006.

## Special Delivery

Pizzas 4 Patriots is a non-profit organization with the mission of making a positive difference in the lives of our service men and women. This group would like to ship 20,000 pizzas to U.S. troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan for the July 4, 2009 holiday. A \$10 donation will serve two soldiers and provide an AT&T calling card. For more information visit [www.pizzas4patriots.com](http://www.pizzas4patriots.com).

# Spotlight

## Cpl. William W. "Bill" Lowe



**Appointed:** July 15, 1995.

**First Assignment:** Troop C, Zone 9, Franklin County.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:** Corporal – February 2006.

**Current Assignment:** Troop C, Zone 11, Franklin County.

**Family:** Bill is married to Jen, and they have two children: Avery, 4, and Cameron, 7.

**Interests:** Bill is very active in sports. He is an avid golfer, and plays basketball and volleyball. The most important thing to Bill is his wife and children.

Bill was born in St. Joseph, MO, and graduated from Lafayette High School in 1987. He attended college and graduated from Southwest Mis-

souri State University with a degree in psychology. Bill and his family currently live in Union, MO, where they are active in the First Christian Church.

In addition to his current position as assistant zone commander, Bill is busy with the duties of being a field training officer.

## Clerk Typist III K. Cheyenne Stone



**Appointed:** June 6, 2004.

**First Assignment:** Clerk Typist I, Troop D.

**Promotions:** Clerk Typist II–June 5, 2005; Clerk Typist III– June 3, 2007

**Current Assignment:** Clerk Typist III, Troop D.

**Family:** Cheyenne is not married, but is dating and says she has "found a keeper!" Cheyenne's mother is Driver Examiner III Katie Hoover, who is on the south traveling crew. Katie is a 21-year retiree from the United States Navy as a Reservist. She served in Desert Storm in 1991 and also served in Iraq, in 2005. Cheyenne's oldest brother, Shane, is a police officer for the Springfield Police Department. Cheyenne is very thankful for the health of her other brother, Neil, 34, as he was the recipient of a kidney transplant in June 2007. (He is doing very well.)

**Interests:** Cheyenne loves to

travel—she enjoys the beach, the mountains, and everything in between. The more exotic places she has been to are: Mexico, Jamaica, Hawaii, and her furthest trip across the world was to Singapore last April. Cheyenne said that she is just happy she doesn't have to sit in class anymore.

"I'm trying to rediscover some of my hobbies."

She likes cooking, spending time outdoors, going to baseball games, and of course, shoe shopping.

Cheyenne was born in Springfield, MO. She graduated from Fair Grove High School, in 2002, as valedictorian. From there, she attended Ozark Technical Community College, and earned an associate's of arts degree. She then graduated, in May 2006, from Drury University with a bachelor's of science degree in psychology and criminal justice. She continued her education by obtaining her master's of science in counseling from Missouri State University, in December 2008. The next step for her is to become a licensed professional counselor and either work as a school counselor or have a private practice someday.

Cheyenne said, "If I get bored, I can always go back and get my PhD!"

Cheyenne appreciates the Patrol for being so accommodating during her college career and allowing her to finish school. Currently, She works in the Criminal Records Office processing DWI reports. She says she, "couldn't have asked for a better place to work."

## April

April 15

• **Tpr. J.E. Linegar** died in 1985.

April 15

• **Class B Uniform.**

April 20

• **Tpr. R.C. Tatoian** died in 2005.

# MSHP

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

— Mark Twain (1835-1910)



# Spotlight

## Tpr. Antonio “Tony” Sandoval



**Appointed:** January 18, 2004.

**First Assignment:** Troop C, Zone 4,  
South St. Louis County.

**Current Assignment:** Troop D, Zone  
7, Newton/McDonald Counties.

**Family:** Tony is married to Carisa (Setchell), a native of Mannford, OK. They have three children: Sean, 11, Julianna, 3, and Amielia, two months.

**Interests:** Antonio enjoys spending time with his family, and he's an avid fan of baseball, football, and basketball.

Tony was born in New York City, NY, and spent the last three years of high school living in Puerto Rico, where he graduated high school in Yauco, Puerto Rico. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served four years as a security policeman, stationed at McGuire Air Force Base, in New Jersey. That is where he met his wife, Carisa. After his enlistment ended, Carisa convinced Tony to

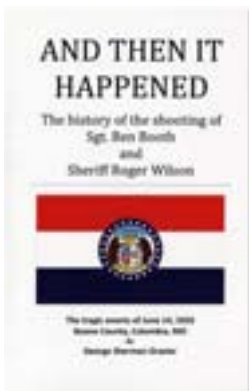
move back to Oklahoma with her. In April 1999, he began employment with the City of Sapulpa Police Department as a police officer.

“During this time, while assisting the local drug task force officers, I met a U.S. drug enforcement agent who suggested I apply with the Missouri State Highway Patrol,” said Tony. “Ever since I was stationed in New Jersey with the Air Force, I had interacted with the New Jersey state troopers, and was always impressed with their professionalism and appearance. In 2003, I made application with the Patrol and was fortunate enough to be offered a position in the 82nd Recruit Class. The rest is history.”

## ON THE SHELF ...

### And Then It Happened

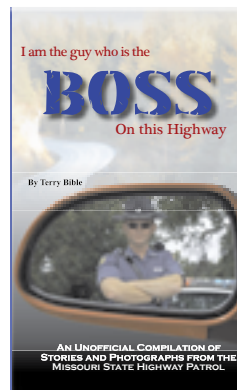
By George Sherman Grazier



*The late George Sherman Grazier, a retired lieutenant of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, published “And Then It Happened, The history of the shooting of Sgt. Ben Booth and Sheriff Roger Wilson” shortly before he died in 2008. That year was the 75th anniversary of this tragic crime. George dedicated his book to “Mrs. Helen Wilson Wulff and Mrs. Owanna Booth Allen, the only direct family survivors of the tragedy of June 14, 1933.” This book is available at the MOSTA commissary and through the Boone County Historical Society.*

### I’m The Guy Who Is The BOSS On This Highway

By Terry Bible



*Trooper Terry A. Bible spent hours sending letters to MSHP retirees and surviving spouses in order to create this “unofficial compilation of stories and photographs from the Missouri State Highway Patrol”. Tpr. Bible dedicated this book to his father, who died in 2005. All of the proceeds of the book are being donated to The MASTERS, a nonprofit group whose sole function is to assist the families of officers who have made the Ultimate Sacrifice. This book is available at the MOSTA commissary.*

# PATROL FAMILY GIVES FROM THE HEART



Through the generosity of everyone involved, the Patrol family raised \$7,500 through a barbecue benefit held at Troop F for Margaret Romph, daughter of Assistant Director Eric S. and Clerk II Sherline L. Romph, Q/MED and Q/TFD, respectively. Margaret sustained serious injuries in a traffic crash on January 2, 2009, and remains hospitalized. The funds were raised through donations, dinner sales, and dessert sales. Pictured l to r are: Director Larry G. Rains, Q/MED; Captain Bradley W. Jones, Q/TFD; Assistant Director Eric S. Romph, Q/MED; Sgt. Timothy R. Tinnin, Troop F; and Lt. Col. Richard L. Coffey, Q/Staff.

## '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 felony arrest during the period of December 20, 2009 to February 20, 2009. (Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)

### **Troop A**

Tpr. S.R. Bechtel, 1 arrest  
Cpl. A.J. Bell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.E. Brooks, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 1 arrest  
Sgt. B.S. Hagerty, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Lange, 2 arrests  
Cpl. R.B. McGinnis, 3 arrests  
Tpr. M.D. Miranda, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.E. Utterback, 1 arrest

### **Troop B**

Tpr. T.J. Adams, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.H. Bartels, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.M. Duppong, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.J. Haley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.E. Siegfried, 1 arrest

### **Troop C**

Cpl. N.C. Benson, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 1 arrest  
Cpl. L.J. Keathley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.H. Michajliczenko, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Reed, 1 arrest

Tpr. P.G. Sarakas, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.W. Servais, 1 arrest

### **Troop D**

Sgt. G.L. Braden, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Carnagey, 2 arrests\*  
CVO Sprv. I L.J. Stafford, 2 assists\*  
Sgt. M.K. Funderburk, 2 arrests  
Cpl. T.L. Hall, 7 arrests  
Tpr. J.E. Henderson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.W. Long, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.C. Marlin, 4 arrests  
Tpr. K.C. Morris, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.W. Riley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.J. Rutledge, 5 arrests

### **Troop E**

Tpr. D.W. Crank, 5 arrests  
Tpr. C.D. Hamlett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.C. Jones, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.M. Jones, 2 arrests  
Sgt. J.T. Laramore, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.D. Lynch, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.M. McDaniel, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.N. Miller, 3 arrests

Tpr. R.D. Owens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.S. Stewart, 6 arrests  
Cpl. E.R. Webb, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.N. Williams, 1 arrest

### **Troop F**

Tpr. S.B. Johnson, 1 arrest

### **Troop G**

Tpr. S.N. Foster, 2 arrests  
Cpl. C.A. Hogue, 4 arrests  
Tpr. D.B. Pounds, 2 arrests

### **Troop H**

Sgt. L.M. Allen, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.M. Cross, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.S. Rice, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.B. Root, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.J. Webb, 2 arrests  
Cpl. Travis L. Williams, 1 arrest

### **Q/DDCC**

Sgt. J.L. Musche, 2 arrests



# Troopers, Teachers Train Together

*Sgt. Douglas B. McPike, Troop F*

Over the last two years, I have had the opportunity to be a part of a committee that has been examining safety issues in our schools, and how we can make our children safer. Together the Mexico School District, the Mexico Department of Public Safety, the Audrain County Sheriff's Office, 9-1-1 Communications, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and other public safety officials, have been meeting regularly to discuss policy, procedure, and protocol as it relates to the safety of our children, and to develop strategies when dealing with potentially violent school events. The meetings have proven to be beneficial, and have helped different agencies realize what tasks and demands will be placed on them in difficult and highly stressful situations.

One topic that has repeatedly been brought up at the meetings is the need for joint training among different law enforcement agencies in the community, and with schoolteachers and administrators. On February 6, 2009, as a result of those meetings, teachers and administrators from the Mexico School District, officers from the Mexico Department of Public Safety, deputies from the Audrain County Sheriff's Office, troopers from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and other public safety individuals had the opportunity to be part of a day-long training exercise held in the Mexico High School. Strategos International hosted the meeting, in cooperation with Homeland Security, and it focused on school violence, and what action different individuals should take when faced with a violent school act.

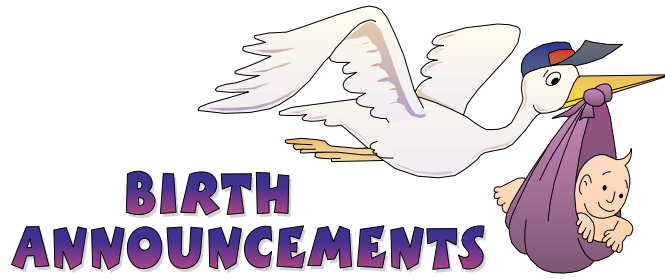
As a member of the law enforcement community for nearly 24 years, I have attended many training exercises, and have been a part of numerous

“active shooter” trainings; however, I have never quite experienced training like this. Strategos International provided experienced instructors who made it their goal to not only train law enforcement professionals, but also school administrators and teachers, providing guidance and options when faced with extraordinary situations.

The first four-hour block of instruction took place in the classroom where attendees learned about the history of school violence, the demographics of past offenders, and what to look for in individuals who may be

planning to carry out a violent act. The last four hours were devoted to practical, role-playing exercises for officers, as well as teachers. Teachers were required to think about potential situations that could occur in their respective schools, and try to prepare for those situations. Additional training is being planned in the coming months to further prepare law enforcement officers and educators in dealing with acts of violence in our schools.

We must all do whatever we can to protect what is most precious—our children.



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Troop I

*Amelia L.*

Tpr. Antonio and Mrs. Carisa R.  
Sandoval  
Troop D

*Grant Bryan*

Tpr. Curtis B. and Mrs. Darla R. Wilt  
Troop F

*Sylis Cael*

Cpl. Gregory A. and Mrs. Melissa F.  
DuBois  
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*Chance Daily*

Tpr. Justin D. and Mrs. Kelley R.  
Watson  
Troop E

*Quinton R.*

Tpr. Clinton R. and Mrs. J. Pennell  
Mistler  
Troop C

*Madison Alana*

Tpr. Danny A. and Mrs. Maria A.  
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# Promotions and Reclassifications



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Q/CRID



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Comm. Tech. II  
Q/CommD



Thaddeus W. Huff  
Comm. Tech. II  
Q/CommD



Samuel G. Rayfield  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop I



Paula L. Amos  
CIT Sprv.  
Q/ISD



Alexander Belt  
Criminalist II  
Q/CLD



Daniel L. Davis  
Fingerprint Tech. III  
Q/CRID



Gary D. Davis  
Criminalist III  
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Janet L. Davis  
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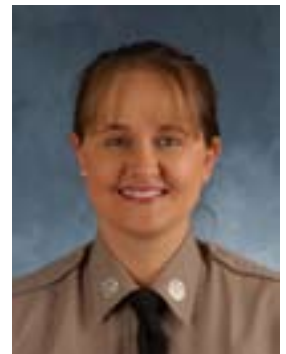
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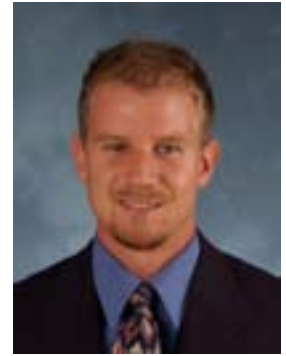
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Troop H



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Troop E

## 2008 Criminal Interdictor Named

The Field Operations Bureau selected Sergeant Matthew K. Funderburk, Troop D, as the 2008 Criminal Interdictor of the Year for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Sgt. Funderburk was recognized for his excellence and consistency in removing drugs from Missouri's roadways. In 2008, Sgt. Funderburk initiated interdiction seizures, which included 3,272 pounds of marijuana, \$218,080 cash, 1/4 pound of psychedelic mushrooms, one weapon, and the arrest of 10 people. His willingness to assist commercial vehicle officers has resulted in significant seizures on Interstate 44 in Troop D. In addition, he works full-time in marijuana eradication. Congratulations, Sgt. Funderburk!

*Sgt. Matthew K. Funderburk*



# U.S. Capitol's Tree Stops In Lee's Summit

**By Troop A**

Troop A officers had the privilege of providing security for the U.S. Capitol's Christmas tree when it made an overnight stop in Lee's Summit on November 14, 2008. The tree was coming from Montana's Bitterroot National Forest, destined for the United States Capitol in Washington, DC.

The United States Forest Service escorted the tree across the country as it was transported by tractor-trailer. Numerous stops were made throughout the country allowing people the opportunity to sign a banner accompanying the tree.

Sergeant Dale O. Jinkens and Corporal Jon D. Hulse provided security overnight for the tree in Lee's Summit, and assisted the escort crew out of the Kansas City area.



*Well-wishers signed the banner attached to a tractor-trailer carrying the U.S. Capitol's Christmas tree.*



*Cpl. Jon Hulse and his family added their name to the banner.*

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## Local Company Representative Provides Training

**By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D**

Mr. Rick Barnett, product and technical trainer for Springfield Brake Company, in Springfield, MO, provided an overview of a school bus air brake system to include diagrams of the basic operation of the primary and secondary component parts. He stressed safety measures required when checking the air brake canisters as they are pressurized.

Those in attendance were Chief Tom Hollis, Supervisors Gary Stockton and Eric Gibson, and Inspectors Mark Belt, John Blue, Steve Groves, Charles McMillan, Lloyd Richards, and Nancy West.

MVI thanks Springfield Brake Company for providing the gratis training.



*Mr. Rick Barnett instructs Troop D's motor vehicle inspection employees.*



# Inspectors Arrive Just In Time

*MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D*

Motor Vehicle Inspectors III Steven A. Groves and Lloyd G. Richards were on their way to a meeting in Carthage, MO, when they came upon a white Ford F150, which was upside down in a ditch. They didn't see anyone around, but they decided they needed to check the vehicle ... just in case.

Inspector Groves stepped out of the patrol car, and to his surprise, heard a voice coming from the pickup. Inspector Richards crawled under the overturned vehicle ~ the bed of the vehicle was above him, and he opened the slide window on the truck to see a man hanging upside down. The man was suspended by his seat belt. Inspector Richards asked the man if he was OK, and said they would get him out.

Inspector Richards asked Inspector Groves if he had a knife. He did ... He'd just gotten a new knife several days earlier.

They learned the man's name was Cecil Cofield, and he was from Lamar, MO. Cecil is six feet two inches tall and weighs around 220 pounds. In March, he turned 80 years old. Cecil sold his farm and is living in town. He had a truck full of tools. He was on his way to the farm to meet up with his brother when the slickness of the ice covered road put him in the ditch upside down.

The smell of fuel was all around them, and the temperature was around 10 degrees. Worse, Cecil had been hanging upside down for at least an hour. All of this dramatically emphasized the need to extricate the man as soon as possible.

Inspector Richards first attempted to push the release on the seat belt ~ to no avail. Mr. Cofield's weight was too great. The only option was to cut the belt. The knife Inspector Groves had was really sharp, but it still took a lot of work to cut the belt.

It was very frustrating to see this man just hanging there ... unable to do anything for himself. Mr. Cofield

said at least six or seven vehicles had passed by without stopping. He said he thought he was going to die. His thoughts had gone back to a time when he had worked for a construction company in San Antonio, Texas. A snowstorm had blanketed the area. Mr. Cofield was driving to work when he came upon a vehicle that was mostly covered with snow. Inside the vehicle he found a woman and two children who had froze to death.

He felt the pressure of all the blood running to his head and it was so cold. He just hung there, helpless, hoping somebody would stop and re-

lease him from the inevitable fate that awaited him if he were to be left alone.

Finally, the belt gave way and released Mr. Cofield into the waiting arms of Inspector Richards. Inspectors Groves and Richards pulled him from the wreckage. Mr. Cofield could not walk for several minutes. He said he didn't want an ambulance, but did ask if they could take him to his home.

Inspectors Richards and Groves contacted Troop D radio and informed them of the situation. They then continued on their way to Carthage.

I contacted Mr. Cofield by telephone to see how he was faring. He said, "I'm just staying inside today, taking it easy."

*(Writer's note: When the Springfield City Utilities heard the story of the rescue, they supplied all Troop D motor vehicle inspectors with serrated pocketknives. Thanks, C.U.!)*



*Inspectors Steven Groves and Lloyd Richards are pictured with their "rescue" knife.*

## Keep In Touch!

If you are a Patrol retiree, and would like to keep in touch, send an e-mail request to Designated Principal Assistant Bonnie J. Kampeter, Q/Staff. Bonnie will add your e-mail to the distribution and send you a note each day to share MSHP news with you! Sorry, this offer is NOT open to current employees, vested employees, outside agencies, or friends. Only retirees can sign up for this service. Bonnie's e-mail address is [bonnie.kampeter@mshp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:bonnie.kampeter@mshp.dps.mo.gov).

# C.O.P.S. Celebrates Anniversary, Schedules 2009 Retreats

On May 14, 1984, Concerns of Police Survivors was born! That day 110 law enforcement survivors voted unanimously to organize C.O.P.S. as a separate entity, so the organization could welcome the surviving families of fallen law enforcement officers without interference from the politics that exists within and between law enforcement organizations. Today, C.O.P.S. represents 15,000 surviving families nationwide, has 48 chapters nationwide, an affiliate in the United Kingdom, and a budget of \$3.2 million. To mark this anniversary, on May 14, 2009, a 25th anniversary gala celebration is planned at the Grand Hyatt Washington at Washington Center, 1000 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. Visit C.O.P.S. online at [www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org) for information about the gala and anniversary gifts for sale.

National Police Week 2009 is scheduled for May 12 to May 16. Questions about the activities scheduled for surviving family members and co-workers may be sent to [cops@nationalcops.org](mailto:cops@nationalcops.org). Specific questions about the Candlelight Vigil should be directed to [vigil@nleomf.com](mailto:vigil@nleomf.com).

Questions regarding the memorial service should be sent to [npomsaux@aol.com](mailto:npomsaux@aol.com).

A change in the C.O.P.S. mission statement adds "affected co-workers", thus allowing them to become voting members within all local/regional/state C.O.P.S. chapters.

Mark your calendar for the following hand-on programs:

- C.O.P.S. Kids Summer Camp will be July 27 to August 2, 2009, at the Salvation Army Lake Camp in East Troy, WI.
- Outward Bound will be July 26 to August 2, 2009 (place to be determined).
- Fiances/Significant Others Retreat will be August 28-31, 2009, at the YMCA Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO.
- Siblings Retreat will be held September 11-14, 2009, at the YMCA Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO.
- The Spouses' Retreat will be held September 18-21, 2009, at the YMCA Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO.

- The In-Laws Retreat will be October 16-19, 2009, at the YMCA Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO.
- The Parents Retreat will be held October 30-November 2, 2009, at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center, Little Rock, AR.

Once again, GLOCK, Inc. has contributed \$50,000 to C.O.P.S. The funds are to be used for various activities during 2009. GLOCK, Inc. is one of the six major sponsors of the 2009 Traumas of Law Enforcement trainings and will help with expenses of the 2009 Spouses' Retreat.

Mr. Sergei Antipov of Russian Ferro-Alloys in Mishawaka, IN, donated \$90,000 to C.O.P.S. Kids Summer Camp. He has been a strong supporter of IN C.O.P.S. and Cops Cycling For C.O.P.S.

Check out C.O.P.S. on Facebook! Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search in the Facebook toolbar for Concerns Of Police Survivors. Click on the "pages" tab at the top, and the official C.O.P.S. page will appear.

*(Reprinted from C.O.P.S. newsletter, winter 2009, with permission.)*

## Operation A.R.R.E.S.T.: Drivers Wearing Pajamas

*By Sgt. Julie A. Scerine, Troop C*

In 2008, Troop C developed an enforcement project entitled "Operation A.R.R.E.S.T." This program is an **A**lcohol **R**elated **R**esponse **E**nforcement **S**trike **T**eam comprised of six officers. The goal of Operation A.R.R.E.S.T. is to increase the motoring public's awareness of the potential hazards of operating a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated condition, to maximize enforcement efforts in deterring impaired driving, to remove intoxicated drivers from Missouri roadways, and to reduce fatalities and injuries through vigorous enforcement of Missouri traffic laws. Throughout 2008, the Operation A.R.R.E.S.T. members conducted six enforcement details, which resulted in 245 arrests, 50 of which were for DWI.

Recently, Troop C's Operation A.R.R.E.S.T. made another statement through their zero tolerance enforcement efforts in Perry County. On January 24, 2009, the aggressive Operation A.R.R.E.S.T. focused their DWI enforcement efforts in the Perry County area. During the operation, 50 vehicles were stopped for various violations. A total of 26 arrests were made, four of which were for DWI, the remainder for other various violations. Additionally, 44 warnings were issued during the detail.

Through these enforcement details, removing impaired drivers from the roadway is an easy number to see. However, the number of deterred impaired drivers is one that often goes

unnoticed. During this detail, which was published in the local newspaper prior to the event, citizens approached the officers and advised they received text messages about the detail, and chose not to drink and drive as a result of the enforcement. Corporal W. Brad Sevier stated that on more than a few occasions vehicles were stopped with designated drivers wearing pajamas, because they had been called out of bed to pick up their intoxicated friends or family. In Cpl Sevier's 12 years assigned to Perry County, he stated he has never seen an impact of this magnitude on deterring intoxicated driving. Thank you for your dedication to make our roadways safer, Operation A.R.R.E.S.T. Keep up the good work! Your efforts are making an impact on society in more ways than one.



# Troop B Employees Take The Plunge!

**By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B**

On Saturday, February 14, 2009, three Troop B employees participated in the 4th annual "Polar Bear Plunge" event conducted at Thousand Hills State Park, in Kirksville, MO, to benefit Missouri Special Olympics. This year's event was a huge success with over 140 "plungers" from northeast Missouri who volunteered to jump into the frigid waters of Forrest Lake. Each participant was required to raise a minimum of \$50 to take the "plunge". Although the event was held on a bright sunny day, the temperature did not surpass 32 degrees. Most participants said the water was very cold, but well worth their efforts.

Many participants chose to adorn themselves with costumes, which in it-



*Troop B's plungers joined over 140 people at Forrest Lake in Kirksville, MO.*

self was fun and entertained the huge crowd of spectators. This year's event raised over \$22,000 for special Missouri athletes. Troop B employees who took part in the plunge were: Motor

Vehicle Inspector III Larry R. Kuhn, Trooper Trent J. Haley, and Trooper Eric R. Brown.

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# Snoopy & Friends Secure Golden Plunger!

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

The Crime Laboratory Division put together another winning Polar Bear Plunge team! This year, the group chose to arrive as the Peanuts characters. The team raised \$2,500 and won the Golden Plunger award for best costume in the law enforcement category. This is the second year in a row the Crime Lab employees (along with a spouse and fiancé) snagged this honor. (Do you remember Santa, his reindeer, and the elves from last year?)

They not only showed creativity, but were truly brave. This year, despite seven inches of snow, the Peanuts gang was part of the Polar Bear Plunge at Lake of the Ozarks. An incredible 494 polar bears dived into icy water for the coldest Plunge to date. Special Olympics Missouri is a year-round program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with mental disabilities. More than 15,000 athletes participate in 19 Olympic-type sports throughout the state. To date, the 2008 Polar Bear Plunge has raised \$150,028!!



*(front row, l to r) Criminalist III Jason W. Crafton (Snoopy), Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Aaron M. Mengwasser (Charlie Brown), Lab. Evid. Tech. II Rachel L. Mengwasser (Frieda); (back row, l to r) Criminalist II Matthew J. Fox (Pigpen), Lab. Evid. Tech. I Kelly A. Backes (Peppermint Patti), Criminalist Sprv. Adam C. Benne (Linus), Criminalist III Abby J. Graham (Lucy), Criminalist I Kelli E. Lebar (Sally), Mr. Landon Schuldies (Snoopy as Ace Pilot), Mr. Matt Sparks (Woodstock), and (not available for picture) Criminalist II Alex A. Belt (Schroeder) and Criminalist II Shawn M. Bailes (Spike).*

# Group Hopes to Replace LE Memorial

## SALT Serves Cape Girardeau County

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

A special memorial sits in Cape Girardeau County Park North, near the intersection of Highway 61 and Interstate 55 in Cape Girardeau, MO. Dedicated to police officers who die in the line of duty, the memorial includes the names of seven fallen heroes of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, along with heroes from seven other departments. The individuals listed on the memorial died from 1875 to 2005, while serving and protecting the citizens of Missouri.

But, this could change if a group named SALT has its way. Seniors And Lawmen Together (SALT) hopes to replace the current memorial with one that is more powerful in essence and, sadly, larger to accommodate the many names that have been added over the past few years and, sorrowfully, others yet to come. The current memorial includes a brass plate. With metal becoming increasingly expensive, subject to theft, and hard to match (color) over time, a new granite memorial seems like the right decision. In addition, a granite memorial would blend with the WWII memorials located near by.

The proposed granite memorial would allow modification on the front and the back using a router. The design also includes a lioness watching her cubs, similar to the National Police Memorial in Washington, D.C. Additional granite stones could be placed in a circle around the new memorial if necessary.

The memorial includes officers who were born and raised in the counties within Troop E and Perry County, regardless of where they were killed in the line of duty. Troopers Charles P. Corbin, John N. Greim, and James M. Froemsdorf; Corporal J.A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr.; and Sergeants David C. May,

(from l to r) Cpl. Jeffrey L. McCullough (obscured from view), Cpl. Mark A. Winder, and Tpr. M. Todd Turlington wait to place roses in memory of fallen troopers.



*The Sikeston Department of Public Safety Honor Guard stands near the Law Enforcement Memorial in Cape Girardeau County Park North.*

Robert A. Guilliams, and C. Dwayne Graham Jr. are remembered on this memorial.

A few years back, a group of like-minded people decided to meet at the law enforcement memorial. "We literally formed a circle around the memorial, battled the weather and road noise from U.S. Highway 61, listened to the chaplain say a few words, and officers placed a rose in a vase for each of the fallen officers," said Mr. Paul L. Nenner, a member of SALT.

Later, SALT members decided to be more actively involved in the memorial service. The group hoped to raise awareness of the sacrifices made by law enforcement officers and let the families know that the officers have not been forgotten. So, each May during National Police Memorial Week, members of SALT host a memorial ceremony. This event began as a handful of people, but has grown into a standing room only crowd of 250. A local civic group provides lunch after the ceremony.

The public is invited to the Cape Girardeau County SALT Police Memorial Ceremony at 10 a.m. on May 15, 2009. The service is held in the Department of Conservation New Auditorium, Cape County Park North, which adjoins the memorial. Lunch for law enforcement members and families of the deceased officers will be held in the Huckstep Memorial Pavilion in Cape County Park North, immediately following the service. SALT will publish a memorial book with a story about the person named on the South-

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## — Memorial

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east Missouri Peace Officers Memorial in time for the 2010 ceremony.

SALT hopes to have the new memorial in place by the 2010 ceremony. Of course, the new memorial brings new concerns: How will they pay for it? SALT hopes to raise the \$12,000 to \$15,000 needed through tax deductible donations. Contributions may be sent to: SALT Police Memorial, Attn: Assistant Chief Roger Fields, Cape Girardeau Police Department, 40 South Sprigg St., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. (SALT is a nonprofit organization under the auspices of the Cape Girardeau Police Department.)

The Cape Girardeau County SALT group was founded in 1995, to address persistent home invasions targeting senior citizens, primarily those that live alone. Training, education, and community outreach to the senior citizens of the community was the primary focus of SALT addressing these concerns.

“While the immediate need has been addressed, all the county law enforcement agencies wanted to continue the program,” Nennering said. “SALT now provides opportunities each year for law enforcement officers to interact with seniors in informal social gatherings that serve to encourage seniors to contact area law enforcement officers when needed.”

The group provides three programs every year and a fourth as needed: Police Memorial Service; Senior Celebration; Senior Tour of Lights, and Law Enforcement Recognition (this is done when cases of public significance deserve kudos). The Senior Celebration is an educational day for seniors, giving them the latest tips to avoid being victims, on health topic, and driving and living independent as long as they can. Officers join them for lunch and door prizes. The Tour of Lights is a gathering of around 200 seniors for a bus tour of local residences decorated for Christmas, and is followed by refreshments and door prizes. The Law Enforcement Recognition day honors

officers for notable cases that have impact on the community.

Nennering explained the members of SALT are reflective of the community. “Our group includes the head of the local Red Cross chapter, a newspaper columnist, businessmen and women, retired business people, retired military, retired local and federal law enforcement officers, and active members of the Cape Girardeau Police Department, Jackson Police Department, and the Cape Girardeau County Sheriff’s Office. We enjoy the support of many civic organizations from the area.”

Although named for seniors, members range in age from 30 to well into their 80s. All are welcome to join. SALT meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Cape Girardeau Police Department training room. For more information, contact Mr. Paul Nennering, 573-339-1820 or e-mail him at [PaulLNennering@aol.com](mailto:PaulLNennering@aol.com); or you may call Assistant Chief Roger Fields at 573-335-6621 x 1002 or by e-mail [rfields@cityofcapegirardeau.org](mailto:rfields@cityofcapegirardeau.org).

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# *Citizen Recognized For Catching Burglar*

*By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B*

On Wednesday, February 4, 2009, Lieutenant Nelson D. Elfrink, Troop B, presented Ralls County resident Mr. Larry Schutjer with a Missouri State Highway Patrol Honorary Trooper Certificate. Mr. Schutjer was recognized for his involvement in assisting troopers with the apprehension of a burglary suspect.

On October 7, 2008, at approximately 10:45 a.m., Mr. Schutjer arrived at his residence in rural Ralls County, and observed an unfamiliar vehicle parked in his driveway. He became suspicious and looked into the pickup, where he observed a rifle lying on the seat of the vehicle. As he walked toward the rear of his residence, Mr. Schutjer observed a 17-year-old male subject holding a pistol as he attempted to leave the residence. Mr. Schutjer immediately confronted the subject, disarmed him, and called for police as-



*Lt. Nelson D. Elfrink (left) and Trooper Mark W. Hicks (right) presented an Honorary Trooper Award to Mr. Larry Schutjer.*

sistance. While waiting for law enforcement to arrive, Mr. Schutjer was able to secure a second pistol that had fallen from the burglar’s clothing.

Corporal Andrew L. Bryan, Trooper Dominick J. Walker, Trooper J. Patrick Johnson, and Trooper Mark W. Hicks responded to the residence where they took the burglary suspect into custody. It was determined that

both pistols in possession of the burglar belonged to Mr. Schutjer. As a result of a follow-up investigation, it is believed the burglar is a suspect in several other burglaries in the Ralls County and Hannibal, MO, area.

Each day, troopers risk their lives while in contact with potentially dangerous criminals. Mr. Schutjer’s actions went above and beyond a citizen’s involvement in solving a crime and capturing a criminal. It is only fitting that he would receive the distinguished honor of being an honorary trooper of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.



# FARS Unit Recognizes St. Louis Officer

By Sgt. Julie A. Scerine, Troop C

On Monday, December 29, 2008, representatives from the Missouri State Highway Patrol recognized St. Louis Metropolitan Police Officer Charles Shine for his participation in and relationship with the analysts in the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) Unit. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Officer Shine prior to his retirement from Mr. D. Russ Dunwiddie, assistant director of the Traffic Division; Traffic Safety Analyst III Sheila R. Ponder and Traffic Safety Analyst III Sandi K. Cole, Q/TFD; and Captain Ronald S. Johnson, commanding officer, Troop C. Officer Shine's assistance has been instrumental in the collection of the additional information needed for the accurate accountability in the FARS reporting system.

The accuracy of the reporting system is dependant upon all agencies' willingness to provide complete and accurate reports regarding crashes investigated by their agency. Officer Shine has gone above and beyond in providing necessary information pertaining to fatality crashes and further information, such as, blood/urine re-



(l to r) Assistant Director D. Russ Dunwiddie, Q/TFD, Traffic Safety Analyst III Shelia R. Ponder, Q/TFD; Police Officer Charlie Shine, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; Traffic Safety Analyst III Sandi K. Cole, Q/TFD; Captain Ronald S. Johnson, Troop C; are pictured.

sults in reference to drivers involved. He has influenced other officers within his agency to address and report accurately the necessary information to the analysts of FARS. Officer Shine's professional and friendly relationship has made the accurate reporting of traffic crash information more accessible and has created a more expeditious and ac-

curate reporting system between the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the Patrol's FARS Unit. Officer Shine is to be commended for his assistance and the relationship he created between the two agencies, which will continue to assist in the accuracy of the reporting system in the future.

## PATROL, MS&T PARTNERSHIP SPINNING

By Sgt. Dan J. Crain, Troop I

There is much in the news these days about renewable energy sources and the necessity to continue their development. The Missouri University of Science and Technology (MS&T) in Rolla, MO, saw the opportunity to do just that ... and do it in such a way that could also save the state of Missouri money. It was decided that Troop I Headquarters was an ideal location to both test and showcase their innovative energy experiments. The presence of a 330-foot radio tower has always served as a beacon for motorists as they traveled past a Patrol troop headquarters. But, solar panels and a wind

turbine spinning high in the sky certainly adds to the visual attraction.

MS&T Geological Engineering Professor Curt Elmore served as the project manager and oversaw the construction process during the summer 2008. According to Dr. Elmore, the site was picked because it was situated at a good location for wind and would be highly visible to the public as they traveled along Interstate 44.

Initially, the output of the wind turbine and solar panels were measured merely to determine production. But, later in the fall, changes were made, allowing Troop I to benefit from the energy being produced. Although not enough to fully power Troop I, it will



The windmill attached to Troop I's radio tower is a project of the Missouri University of Science & Technology.

serve as an important supplement and show the public the state's desire to create a cleaner environment while saving tax dollars.

# Chili Luncheon Supports Special Olympics

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

A chili cook-off raised \$682 for Missouri Special Olympics! Judges for the event included Captain Sandra K. Karsten, Q/HRD; Assistant Director J. Bill Watkins, Q/MVI; Lab. Evid. Tech. I Judy R. Morrison, Q/CLD; UCR Trn./Qual. Assurance Aud. Kevin R. Neeley, Q/CRID; Tech. Support Mgr. Ruth A. Niblack, Q/ISD; and retired Captain Christian T. Ricks. Thank you judges, for your time and palate! (A couple of the entries appeared to make a few of the judges sweat.)

There were a total of 12 entries in the two categories for the judges to taste. The winners are as follows:

**Spicy** – Clerk Typist III Vickie A. Kleffner, Q/TND, earned first place and Comm. Oper. II Chris L. Parr, Troop F, took second place.

**Mild** – Special Assistant Jenny L. Becker, Q/FOB, earned first place, and Capt. Londell Jamerson, Q/CVE, took second place

*The winning entries were created by (l to r) Clerk Typist III Vickie A. Kleffner, Q/TND, first place-spicy; Comm. Oper. II Chris L. Parr, Troop F, second place-spicy; Special Assistant Jenny L. Becker, Q/FOB, first place-mild; and Capt. Londell Jamerson, Q/CVE, second place-mild.*

1st place winners were rewarded with \$20 each; 2nd place winners were rewarded with \$10 each.

A big thank you to everyone who made chili, judged chili, donated desserts to the bake sale, and everyone who patronized the chili dinner at General Headquarters or the DDCC office. Everyone give high fives to all of the division representatives, who put this event together and who sell t-shirts throughout the year. Special Olympians truly benefit from your efforts!



*Judges concentrate on the task of choosing the winning entries.*



*Patrol employees came to lunch to support Missouri Special Olympics.*





# Retiree Remembers 68' Mercury Monterey

By Sgt. Paul J. Reinsch, Troop F

A lifelong interest in cars may have been the spark that led to a career in law enforcement for retired Sgt. T.M. "Mike" Almond. In 1967, he decided to do a ride along with his brother-in-law, Sgt. D.C. "Charles" Hubbard (deceased). He remembers being on U.S. Highway 66, near St. Claire, MO, when Sgt. Hubbard decided to initiate a traffic stop. Sgt. Hubbard was driving a 1967 Mercury Monterey with a "428" engine.

"When he stepped on the gas, I've never seen speed climb that fast on a round speedometer," said Sgt. Almond. "The speedometer topped at 160 miles per hour. I don't know how fast we ended up going, but, every time the motor shifted, the tires squealed."

Sgt. Almond will always have fond memories of his Highway Patrol career. His first patrol car was a 1969 Mercury Monterey. He says the Mercurys were always his favorites because of the "428" and "429" engines. The only car that rivaled the Mercurys was his 1994 Chevrolet Caprice, because of its tremendous acceleration and the way it handled on the road. Another patrol car about which he has good memories is the 1980 Plymouth with a "360" engine. He said this was a really good patrol vehicle. If he had a least favorite vehicle, it would have been the 1979 Buick.

"This was a nice car for grandma and grandpa," said Sgt. Almond. "It had a top speed of 103 mph. It was



*Patrol cars from yesteryear and today are shown.*

*Retired Sgt. T. Mike Almond restored this Mercury to what it might have been. He even found the right radio equipment!*

useless for working the road." He was appreciative of the patrol car fleet that supplied him with vehicles during his career. "The patrol fleet is the best in the nation. I always took care of my equipment and never abused an automobile."

Sgt. Almond was known for having the cleanest patrol car around. The troopers assigned to his zone were the same way. Monthly checks of zone vehicles insured the cars were being cared for properly.

Sgt. Almond began his career with the Patrol on June 1, 1969. He graduated from the Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy on September 5, 1969,

and his first assignment was in Dunklin County. After five years in Malden, he transferred to Dexter, where he spent the last 20 years of his career.

In 2004, Sgt. Almond was in Kennett, MO, at an auction and "just ran across" a 1968 Mercury Monterey with a "428" engine. It was very similar to the car his brother-in-law was driving during his ride along in 1967. It was also known as "the fastest patrol car that we've ever had." He decided to purchase the car and restore it as close to his first patrol car that was a 1969 Mercury Monterey.

Sgt. Almond spent more hours than he could keep track of working on the automobile. He enjoyed locating authentic parts such as the radio equipment, red lights, and the original style spotlight. He credits Section Chief Shannon McGowan (Q/CommD), retired Sgt. Gary Dearman, and retired Sgt. Ron Jones for assisting in locating parts for the restoration. He also appreciates former Colonel Roger Stottlemire for granting approval of magnetic Patrol emblem stickers that are used on the vehicle for display purposes.



*A bit younger, but still a proud member of the Patrol, Tpr. Almond is shown in one of his assigned patrol vehicles.*

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Sgt. Almond appreciates these cars so much because, “they just have a lot of character that current cars don’t have.” He enjoys talking to former Patrol members when they see the car, because it always brings up stories about their cars or adventures while they worked. He often thinks about retired Sgt. Don Smith, retired Sgt. Bud Mills, and retired Major Don Shelton, who worked the Interstate 55 “Cape Zone” in the Mercury cars. Major Shelton once said, “Muffler violations have gone way down since we started driving these cars. Our cars are louder than the public’s.”

On July 10, 2008, Sgt. Almond took his fully restored Mercury to Smith Classic Car Auction in Dexter. He was hoping to “just get his money back, not counting his labor time”. Floyd W. Hatfield purchased the car for \$10,500. He owns America’s Classic and Vintage Auto in Sedalia, Missouri. Mr. Hatfield was asked why he purchased this car and he said, “The car just stood out. I noticed it as soon as I walked in. I believe it was Mike Almond’s memorabilia that made it so unique.” He intends to display the car at the D.A.R.E. Car Show, the COPS Youth Day, and the “Taken It To The Streets” car events in Sedalia, MO. The car is also available to show at Patrol events and he plans to have it available for display at the 2009 Missouri State Fair. Mr. Hatfield links his interest in police vehicles to his career as the president of Guardsman Security and Investigations in Sedalia.

Sgt. Almond still pays close attention to the Patrol. His son, Cpl. Keith A. Almond is stationed in Troop E, Wayne County. He hasn’t ruled out purchasing and restoring another vehicle. I’m sure this would bring back even more memories.

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“A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.”

—Mark Twain (1835-1910)

## Sgt. Christopher N. Saulet

Congratulations to Sergeant Christopher N. “Chris” Saulet, who retired on December 1, 2008, after more than 25 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Missouri.

Chris grew up in Milwaukee, WI, and Columbia, MO. In 1977, Chris graduated from Hickman High School in Columbia. After high school, Chris enlisted in the United States Navy, and served for five years as an aviation maintenance technician.

On January 3, 1983, Chris was appointed as a member of the Patrol and began recruit training in Jefferson City as a member of the 55th Recruit Class. After graduating from the Academy, Chris was assigned to Troop F, Zone 4, Mexico, MO. On May 24, 1987, Chris transferred to Troop C, Zone 2, St. Louis County. On September 1, 1992, Chris was promoted to the rank of corporal, and assigned to Troop C, Zone 14, Ste. Genevieve County.

On October 1, 1993, Chris transferred to the newly created Riverboat Gaming Unit within the Division of Drug and Crime Control. Chris was one of 19 original members assigned to this unit, and responsible for conducting thorough background investigations on perspective riverboat gambling applicants and their employees. On May 1, 1994, Chris was one of 46 original members assigned to the newly created Gaming Division. On May 27, 1994, Chris was assigned to the President Riverboat Casino as a gaming enforcement officer. On April 1, 1995, Chris was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and designated the officer-in-charge of the President Casino Enforcement Team.

In 1997, Chris transferred from the President Casino to Harrah’s Casino Maryland Heights as the officer-in-charge. In 1998, Chris transferred from the Gaming Division to Troop C, Zone 7, St. Charles County. In 2004, he transferred from Troop



C to the Gaming Division, and was assigned to Ameristar Casino St. Charles until his retirement.

During his career with the Patrol, Chris had the opportunity to serve as a D.A.R.E. officer and evidence officer in Troop C. While serving as a member of the Patrol, Chris served in the United States Naval Reserves and Missouri Air National Guard Reserves.

Chris’ hobbies include traveling, competitive bicycle racing, and building model airplanes and battleships.

During his career with the Patrol, Chris really enjoyed working as a D.A.R.E. officer. Chris also enjoyed his assignments within the Gaming Division, due to the fact it was a new hands-on approach to law enforcement. Chris wants to be remembered as a good guy, who always had your back.

Chris resides in the St. Charles area with his wife, Stephanie. Everyone in the Gaming Division and Troop C Headquarters wishes Chris and Stephanie the very best retirement.

*(Editor’s note: Before the Patrol News had the opportunity to print his retirement article, Sgt. Chris Saulet lost his battle with cancer. Chris died on Thursday, January 29, 2009, at the age of 50. Chris is survived by his wife, Stephanie; brothers: Mark (and his wife, Toni), Patrick (and his wife, Theresa), and Michael (and his wife, Trelitha); many nieces and nephews; and the DuFour, Clark, and Schoonover families. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Lance Armstrong Foundation. Ride on!)*

# Lost But Found

## Retiree's Hobby Yields Treasure

By Ms. Rebecca Haines, Carthage Press

"We all lived happily ever after."

This was the end to a sad tale of a 1975 Carthage graduate who lost her class ring that same year.

Larry Cooper, a retired Missouri State Highway Patrol sergeant, found the ring while enjoying his hobby of metal detecting. He said it was buried in a yard three inches down on West Central Street in Carthage, MO. Cooper is a member of the 417 Relic Hunters based out of Springfield, MO, and returning the ring was a mission, not an option.

"That's the thing to do," he said. "It's a part of the code: If you can return something you find, you do."

The find sent Cooper on a search, and he started with the Carthage High School. Unwilling to wait long for the name, Cooper went to the Carthage Public Library, but ran into another barrier. The recent construction on the library has the yearbooks buried in storage. However, he didn't let that hinder his mission.

Cooper's luck turned when he asked Marilyn Baugh, a deputy county clerk at the Jasper County Courthouse, for help. It just so happened that Mary Kyte, who graduated around that time, was in the office. Baugh asked Kyte to look up the initials on the ring—TAR—in her yearbook. The next day, Kyte answered with the name Terrie Ann Ralston.

Baugh wondered if there was a relation between this Ralston and the Vonna Ralston who works in the assessor's office in the courthouse, and it

turned out that Vonna was, in fact, Terrie's mother!

Now, 32 years later, her name is Terrie Bevington. She lives in Purcell and works at Schreiber Foods in Carthage. Through Vonna, Baugh received Terrie's contact information and gave it to Cooper. Finally, the day came when Cooper returned the ring to Bevington.

"She was just thrilled to death," Cooper said.



*Ret. Sgt. Larry Cooper returned a treasure he found with his metal detector to its owner, Mrs. Terrie Bevington.*

The story goes Bevington had the ring for only a month or two. The ring was too big, and it fell off while she was visiting a friend on Central Street. That's exactly where Cooper found it—between the sidewalk and the road.

"I was shocked," Bevington said. "I said 'you gotta be kidding me', and it looked so good. Larry's wife cleaned it up for me, and I was just amazed someone made the effort to find me. I was very surprised. It's been quite the discussion topic at work."

Metal detecting will continue to be a hobby for Cooper. He said he has found countless coins, but the class ring was the first thing of real sentimental value he has found.

"It's a nice hobby, just like fishing or hunting, that [my son and I] can do together," he said. "You never know when that [buzzer] is going to go off. It's kind of intriguing."

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## HOW OTHERS SEE US ...

### *To Whom It May Concern:*

I'm not sure where \*55 is answered, so I'm going to ask PIED to direct this to the right person.

Just before 8 p.m., the Wednesday after Thanksgiving, I was southbound on Highway H in Lawrence County nearing the end of a trip home from Springfield, IL, when I felt my car begin to pull to the right. You guessed it: a front, passenger-side, flat tire. You and I both know that in the overall scheme of calls handled by the Highway Patrol, this was a minor problem.

There I was in the dark, along a road with no shoulder to speak of. I used my cell phone to call \*55. The first call had a bad connection, but the telecommunicator operated on the assumption that I might be able to hear him even though he couldn't hear me well, and directed me to call 9-1-1. When that call didn't go through, I tried \*55 again and was rewarded with a better connection. The telecommunicator [Jeanette M. Chadwick, Troop D] quickly called a tow truck for me, which solved my problem.

I realize that the telecommunicators probably regard this as just about as close to a "routine" call as there is. But, when I was stuck alongside Highway H, hearing the helpful voice at the other end of \*55 meant the world to me. This is the second time I've needed help from a Highway Patrol telecommunicator. Again, I was treated as if my call was the only call the telecommunicator was going to have to field until my problem was solved.

Please see that both of these individuals receive a well-deserved thank you from me.

*Sincerely,  
Gail DeGeorge  
Cassville, MO*

# Retirement

## Sgt. Nelson L. Wallis



Sergeant Nelson L. Wallis retired on January 1, 2009, after 26 years of dedicated service.

Nelson joined the Patrol on January 1, 1983, as a member of the 55th Recruit Class. Upon graduating from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City, MO, he was assigned to Troop E, Zone 5, and worked New Madrid and Pemiscot counties. On February 1, 1991, he was promoted to corporal and became the assistant zone commander for Zone 5. On June 1, 1993, he was promoted to sergeant and was designated zone commander for Troop E, Zone 1, Butler and Ripley counties.

Sergeant Wallis and his wife, Karen, have two grown children and four grandsons.

Troop E wishes Sgt. Wallis and his family a long, healthy retirement!

## Sgt. Russell R. Kennison II



The Gaming Division announces the retirement of Sergeant Russell R. Kennison II after 28 years of dedicated service. Sgt. Kennison began his career with the Patrol on January 5, 1981, as a member of the 54th Recruit Class.

Sgt. Kennison is a native of Jefferson City, MO, and graduated from Jefferson City High School. He earned a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice administration from Central Missouri State University in 1979. He served as a police officer for the city of Council Bluffs, IA, prior to his appointment to the Patrol. As a member of the Patrol, he served in Troop B and the Gaming Division—his entire career was in enforcement operations. Making a difference was his favorite reward.

He was assigned to Troop B, Zone 6 and Zone 11, serving Randolph and Monroe counties. He was stationed in Paris for 16 years and later in Moberly.

He was promoted to corporal in 1993, and to sergeant in 1997. In 2004, he transferred to the Gaming Division and served at casinos in Kansas City and Boonville. He held the position of assistant officer-in-charge at the Isle of Capri-Boonville at the time of his retirement. During his career, he was a field training officer, radar instructor, and Type II breath analyzer permit holder. He enjoyed his career and was known to be friendly, firm, and compassionate. Sgt. Kennison was the type of officer you wanted there at tough times.

Sgt. Kennison, along with Lt. Norm Kaden and Trooper Tom Byland, organized the original Patrol softball tournaments. The event has grown and is enjoyed annually by many patrol employees and their families. "Those were Troop B's *glory years*," he said. "But, the best thing was the camaraderie among those who traveled and participated."

Sgt. Kennison's notable assignments included the David Tate, Michael Jackson, and David Brown manhunts, the Saint Louis papal visit, and several state fair details.

Sgt. Kennison is married to Susie (Baumstark) from Hermann, MO. They have three children: Brian Kennison, Amy Kennison, both of Warrensburg, and Gina Littrell (and husband, Joshua), of Lee's Summit. For several years, Sgt. Kennison coached youth softball, baseball, and basketball, and he is an avid supporter of Moberly Spartan/Lady Spartan athletics. He is a member of St. Pius X parish, Knights of Columbus, and serves on the parish council and rectory building committees.

Sgt. Kennison would like to say thank you to all Patrol employees for their support and assistance through the years. Most of all, he would like to extend his gratitude to the extremely professional men and women of the Gaming Division and the Missouri Gaming Commission for a fabulous last five years.

The Gaming Division wishes Sgt. Kennison and his family a long and healthy retirement.

## Retiree News

Congratulations to retired Captain Paul Parmenter! He has been named director of the State Emergency Management Agency. Capt. Parmenter retired from the Patrol after 29 years of dedicated service. Since retirement, he has worked as an investigator for the Audrain County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and in top security posts at the Rockwood School District and DePaul Health Center. Congratulations, sir!



# Retirement

## Comm. Oper. II Thomas L. "Tom" Wilson



After 28 years of dedicated service to the state of Missouri, Communications Operator II Thomas "Tom" Wilson retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol on February 1, 2009.

Tom was born in St. Louis, MO, and graduated from Fox High School in 1975. He married his wife, Nancy, on November 3, 1979. He worked for Arnold Police Department for two and a half years before coming to work for the Patrol. On January 15, 1981, Tom was assigned to the Troop C Service Center in what was then Flat River (now Park Hills). He worked in communications there for 16 1/2 years. When communications was discontinued at the service center, Tom transferred to Troop C Headquarters. He worked there for three years before transferring to Troop E Headquarters in May 2000.

Tom was working the 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift at the satellite when Trooper James Froemsdorf was killed on March 2, 1985. He handled all the radio traffic that night. He also spent two weeks at the trial, when he expected to spend three days. Tom was also in attendance at the execution of the murderer on July 11, 2001.

When asked what Tom would do on his first day of retirement he replied, "Whatever I want." Tom will undoubtedly have more time for his

hobbies of hunting, fishing, and four wheeling on his Bollinger County farm. He also enjoys NASCAR, baseball, collecting, and working on old Homelite chainsaws.

We wish him a long and happy retirement!

## DE Sprv. Robert E. "Bob" Schellman



On April 1, 2009, Driver Examiner Supervisor Robert E. "Bob" Schellman retired after 34 years of dedicated service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Bob started his career with the Patrol on September 1, 1974, at

the Rock Hill DE Station. In 1988, Bob was promoted to supervisor and was transferred to the North Kingshighway station (which is no longer located on North Kingshighway). Bob worked at the South Kingshighway station and Arnold station, and finished his career at the new Pevely station in Jefferson County.

Bob was born in St. Louis, MO, and graduated from Bishop Dubourgh High School in 1971. Bob married Denise (Witeka) on May 15, 1976, and together they have two grown children: Brian and Jason. Bob wanted to be sure to mention his two grandchildren: Hannah and Isabella!! Bob is very proud of his family. His son, Brian, is a St. Louis County police officer, and Jason is employed by Grey Eagle Distribution as a sales manager.

Bob has several things he enjoys doing besides spending time with his family. He enjoys golfing and swimming, and he says he intends to do a lot more of both after he retires.

"This has been a great career. I worked with the best crew in the state and I am going to miss them dearly," Bob said.

Troop C employees thank Bob for his dedicated service and wish him the best in his retirement. Good luck, Bob!

## *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*



**Randall W. Nielsen**  
Corporal, Q/GD

Retired April 1, 2009

*Almost 33 years of dedicated service.*

# Show Me The Money!

*By Troop E*

Trooper Benjamin C. Jones observed a green tractor/trailer with a left rear trailer light hanging down traveling on southbound Interstate 55 at the 38-mile marker in New Madrid County. Tpr. Jones initiated the traffic stop and approached the driver. He asked for all the driver's paperwork and ALL his receipts (thank you CVO Sprv. I.J. David Brooks and CVO II Ricky J. Talbert). Tpr. Jones called Corporal Douglas M. McDaniel to the scene to assist.

The driver was very calm and spoke clearly. He was traveling from Chicago, IL, back to Brownsville, Texas, with a small load of steel on board. While inspecting all the receipts, Tpr. Jones noticed a receipt for a two-night stay for \$167 at the "Best Western" hotel in Hammond, IN. When questioned, the driver said that he stayed two days there and his truck was at the "Flying J" in Gary, IN. When asked why he wasn't sleeping in his sleeper, the driver stated, "It was too cold." Cpl. McDaniel started asking questions about his trip up to Gary, IN. That's when the driver got nervous. The driver got a small white ring around his lips and started saying, "What?" a lot of times. The driver tried to produce a bill of lading for the trip up, but after several minutes in his tractor, said he faxed it back to his company.

Realizing several inconsistencies with the trucking industry, Tpr. Jones asked for permission to search, which was granted. The search of the tractor revealed nothing. Cpl. McDaniel knew of a natural void on flat bed trailers that was popular when concealing drugs or money (thank you, Brownsville, Texas, DEA). While standing on the ground between the tractor and trailer, Cpl. McDaniel observed, through a small hole, several tan bundles.

Cpl. McDaniel asked the driver if it was money and the driver said, "Yes." Tpr. Jones asked the driver what kind of money and he replied,

"Dope money." The tractor/trailer was driven to the Troop E Service Center located in Sikeston, MO. Once there, Tpr. Jones and Cpl. McDaniel accessed the natural void by remov-

ing the center wooden board on the flat bed. There was no tooling present. Cpl. McDaniel removed 49 tan, green, gray, and black bundles from the void. Eventually, the bundles were opened and counted revealing a total of \$1,523,280 had been hidden in the void.

The driver is currently working with the DEA. This is a great example of information sharing. Great job!



*Tpr. Benjamin C. Jones and Cpl. Douglas M. McDaniel, Troop E CVETs, "show us the money" located during a traffic stop.*

## Retirees: Whole Lot Of Eatin' Goin' On!

This spring retirees will gather again at Central United Church of Christ, 118 W. Ashley St., Jefferson City, at noon on May 14, for our annual spring gathering of the retirees. We will have barbecued pork steak, slaw, potato salad, baked beans, etc. John Lewis and Don Schmitz will handle the barbecue. All Patrol retirees are invited and urged to come join us and enjoy the time together. The cost for this meal will be \$7 per person. Forward your reservations and checks to Larry Long (x-243) at 12479 County Road 4039, Holts Summit, Missouri 65043. Reservations should be in by May 12. No speeches, not a troop meeting ... just a fine meal and gabbing with the old folks!

This summer, retirees will gather from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on August 21, 2009, at Lee's Summit United Methodist Church, which is located at Second and Douglas Streets. Retirees, members, spouses, surviving spouses, and guests are asked to reserve their place by August 10, 2009. The cost for the meal is \$10. We hope to have 100 attend! To make reservations, contact Ruby Williams, 120 SE Ridgeview Court, Lee's Summit, MO 64063, or call her at 816-524-7626 or 816-806-8566; Fount Foushee at 816-331-1994; Robert & Dottie Stockdell at 816-525-2385; or Betty Kerrick at 816-650-5906.

# New Employees



Dennis W. Bauer  
Bldg. & Grnds.  
Maint. I  
Troop C



Michele L. Cochran  
Housekeeper III  
Troop E



Kevin L. Creed  
CIT I  
Q/ISD



Celeste D. Forbers  
Criminalist I  
Q/CLD



William Holloway  
CIT III  
Q/ISD



Justen E. Meyer  
Auto. Tech. III  
Troop C



Eric V. Muenks  
CIT Spec. II  
Q/ISD



Caroline R. Thompson  
Fingerprint Tech. I  
Q/CRID



Bruce D. Tillman  
DE I  
Troop A

## **FOR SALE: 50TH ANNIVERSARY WEAPON SET**

This Patrol 50th anniversary weapon set includes the gun, knife with sheath, and display box. The badge number stamped on the gun is 775. This anniversary set was owned by CVE Insp. Sprv. Donal Arwood, a (deceased) retiree of the Patrol. Those interested should contact Glenda Pittman. The home telephone number is 816-524-2957, and her work number is 816-997-5458. You may call anytime during the day.

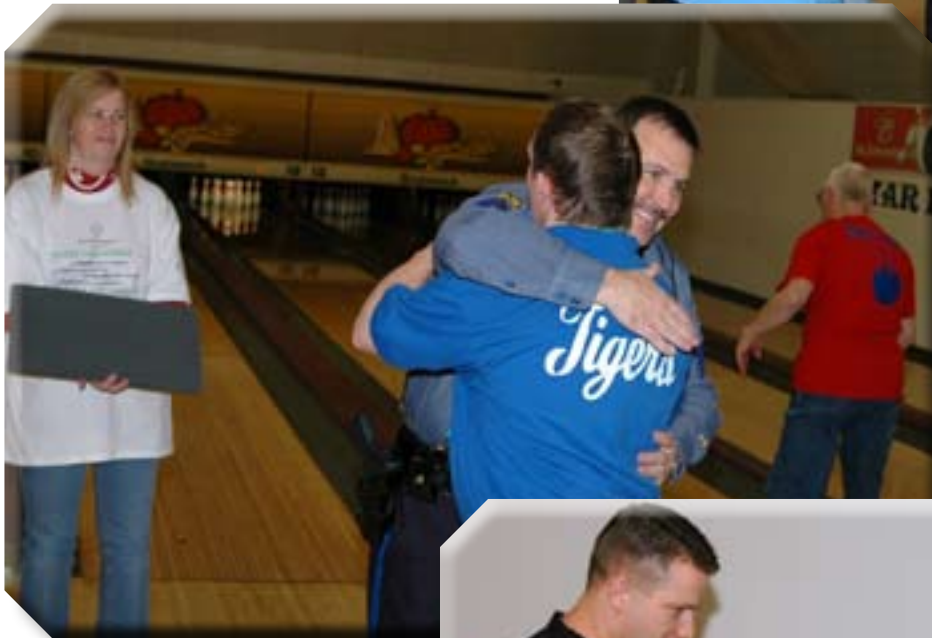


# Special Olympics Holds Indoor Championships

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

The photos on this page were taken during the Missouri Special Olympics State Indoor Championships. The athletes competed in three events while in the Joplin/Carthage area: bowling, volleyball, and flag football. Three venues hosted bowling—two in Joplin and one in Carthage. Star Lanes is the bowling alley shown in these pictures, taken November 22, 2008. The Indoor Championships were held November 21 through November 23.

*Sgt. Michael W. Watson, Troop D, prepares to award a medal to a bowling champion.*



*A Special Olympian celebrates by giving Sgt. Michael R. Bryan, Troop D, a hug.*

*Sgt. Jeffrey B. Johnson, Troop D, congratulates a Special Olympian during the Missouri Special Olympics State Indoor Championships.*



# Deaths

## Mark D. Reynolds



On Jan. 9, 2009, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and family members said farewell to Sergeant Mark David Reynolds, who died unexpectedly on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. He was 40 years old.

Mark was born Oct. 17, 1968, in St. Louis, MO, to Ruthann and David Reynolds. Mark was raised in Ballwin, MO, where he attended and graduated from Lafayette High School in 1987. Following high school, he continued his education by attending Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO), where he majored in criminal justice and minored in marketing management. He received his bachelor's of science degree and graduated with distinction in 1991.

Following his graduation from SEMO, Mark was employed as a Missouri state park ranger. In January 1992, Mark was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and began training as a member of the 64th Recruit Class. By joining the Patrol, Mark followed the footsteps of his father, who served nearly 30 years as a trooper before retiring as a lieutenant. Upon graduating in June 1992, Mark was assigned to Troop I, Zone 3, where under the guidance of his field training officer, Sergeant Terry Wilkinson, he patrolled Crawford County. On Jan. 1, 1997, Mark was promoted to corporal and designated as the assistant zone commander of Zone

3. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant on Jan. 1, 1999, and designated the zone commander of Zone 1, which patrols both Phelps and Maries counties. Sgt. Reynolds also served as an "accident reconstructionist".

During his career, Sgt. Reynolds received a "Meritorious Service" award, was nominated for a Lifesaving Award, and was recognized by Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for his diligent efforts to combat drunk drivers. Early in his career, Mark joined several other volunteers in the Crawford County area to start a Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. He also held the position of unit commander for an Explorer Post. Mark also participated in a community forum on school safety and assisted in "Drug Awareness Camp".

Mark's professional demeanor and his dedication to the Patrol were well known. He always strived to enforce the law fairly, and would never hesitate to take a stand on any issue of importance. Mark also knew that appearance played a vital role in developing and maintaining a positive public opinion of the Patrol. There was never a day that Mark reported to duty that his uniform was not perfect, and his cruiser not polished and shining both inside and out.

Mark also enjoyed attending car shows and showing off his 1995 Chevrolet SS Impala. Mark's attention to detail and his desire for perfection resulted in a prize vehicle. Mark not only drove away from car shows with trophies, but his SS Impala also was featured in "GM Hi-Tech" magazine. His hobby was just another example that anything Mark chose to do he did with perfection.

Mark was proud to be a trooper and he took much pride in his SS Impala. But, neither gave him joy that could compare to his family. While assigned to Crawford County, Mark met a young lady from Steelville, April Griffith, who became the love of his life. Mark and April were married on Apr.

27, 1996. Their strong desire to have children resulted in the birth of twins, Lauren and Landon, on Nov. 23, 2006.

Mark is survived by his wife, April; his children, Lauren and Landon; his parents, David and Ruthann; his sister, Traci; and other family members, coworkers, and friends.

An exemplary trooper, Mark was a person who stood up for what he believed to be right, and a man who put family first. Mark's life may have been short by days, but he had already learned how to prioritize life and what should always be put first. Rightfully, he will be remembered for many years to come.

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

*(Editor's note: Those interested may direct memorial contributions to April Reynolds. Funds will be directed toward the Reynolds' children's education.)*

## David B. Hart



David Benton Hart, of Poplar Bluff, was born in Springfield, MO, on Sept. 25, 1942, to Montrose and Hester (Garrett) Hart. He departed this life at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, MO, on Jan. 8, 2009, at the age of 66.

David married Jackie (Roach) Hart on Oct. 13, 1992, in Poplar Bluff, MO. She survives. He is survived also by his mother, Hester Hart, of Marshfield, MO; one daughter, Valerie Brumlow, of Jefferson City, MO;

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one stepdaughter, Michelle Phillips, and her husband, Russell, of Poplar Bluff; one stepson, Wesley Mullins, and his wife, Charlene, of Ellsinore, MO; one brother, John Hart, of Camdenton, MO; six grandchildren: Seth Phillips and his fiancé, Jerra Briney, Samuel Phillips, Megan Mullins, Clay Mullins, Madeline Brumlow, and Sarah Brumlow; three nephews, Doug Hart, Rodney Hart, and Travis Hart, of Marshfield, MO; and one great-nephew, Justin Hart, of Marshfield, MO. Other survivors include a host of additional family and friends.

David was preceded in death by his father, Montrose Hart.

David served in the United States Navy Seabees from 1965 to 1969. During this time, he did two tours of duty in Vietnam. As a Seabee, David was a heavy equipment operator helping to build bases, roadways, and airstrips in Vietnam. After his military service was completed, David worked for the Missouri Highway Department until the time he entered the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy in 1972.

From 1972 to 2002, David was proud to wear the uniform of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. During these 30 years of service, some of David's duties as a member of the Patrol included the bomb squad, security for governors of the state of Missouri, and the marijuana eradication unit. David graduated from the FBI Academy in the 165th Class at Quantico, VA, in 1991. In 2002, as Lieutenant David Hart, he retired from Troop E. David took his job seriously, worked hard at being one of the best, and was well respected by his supervisors and coworkers.

David was an active member of Westwood Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff, MO. He loved his church and enjoyed spending time helping where he could. Among other things, he served on the building committee that helped to purchase the property and began building the new church. He also traveled with the youth group

of the church to Mexico on a mission trip. David was quick to say that he benefited more from that week of ministry than the people they went to help.

David also served on the Star and Stripes Museum Board in Bloomfield, MO.

After retirement, David worked part time for Doyle Farms in Poplar Bluff. He loved working in the outdoors and enjoyed the chance to work on the farm. But, he was always careful to find enough time to spend with his family, to do a little fishing, and stay up with the antique telephones and John Deere tractors he collected.

David left quite an example of giving to others. This was evident by his service to his country, and the choice of his career. He loved his God, his family, and his friends. He will be missed by all, and he has left a place in our hearts that will forever hold the memories of his time with us.

Funeral Services were held Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, at Westwood Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff with Pastors Steve Proctor and Jim Osborn officiating. Ethan Doyle and Sgt. Brad Haggett paid tribute to David; Peggy Roach provided special music. Members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol served as an Honor Guard at the church. Sgt. Reggie M. Walker, Sgt. D. Brad Haggett, Sgt. Rick J. Sanders, Sgt. Joe M. Weaden, Trooper Corey W. Tucker, and Trooper Nathan L. Wheelles served as pallbearers. Burial with full military honors occurred in the Lewis Cemetery at Lodi, MO. Services were under the direction of Morrison-Worley Funeral Chapel, Piedmont, MO.

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

*(Editor's Note: Our thanks to the Morrison-Worley Funeral Chapel for forwarding this article written by the family for publication in the Patrol News.)*

## Billy L. Warren



Billy Loren Warren, 79, of Poplar Bluff, died Sunday morning, Jan. 11, 2009, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Warren was born on Aug. 21, 1929, in Mill Springs, MO. He was a dedicated member of First Christian Church, serving as head greeter and Sunday School Coordinator for over 40 years. Mr. Warren served at Camp Chaffee in the Army during the Korean War (1951-1953). After the war, he worked for 38 years for the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a driver examiner for Troop E, retiring in 1990. Mr. Warren was an avid and excellent golfer. He loved Cardinal baseball and endured Rams football. Mr. Warren was interested in everything, and loved to have coffee every day with all the guys at the Wal-Mart McDonald's.

On May 28, 1951, he married Irene Davis in Piggott, AR. She survives. Other survivors include his daughter, Patti Chowning, of Poplar Bluff; and many nieces and nephews.

The last surviving of 11 children, Mr. Warren was also preceded in death by his parents, John H. and Stella (Dykeman) Warren.

Visitation was held Jan. 13, 2009, at First Christian Church. The funeral service followed immediately thereafter with Dr. Steven Williams officiating.

Mr. Warren died leaving a legacy of good friends, neighbors, and loving family who will miss him dearly.

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Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church, 1601 North Main St., Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

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

*(Editor's note: Our thanks to the Cotrell Funeral Service for sending this article written by the family to the Patrol News for publication.)*

## Larry M. Southern



Larry Max Southern, 66, son of Winford and Paulette (Bayless) Southern, was born June 15, 1942, in Carthage, MO. He died Jan. 18, 2009, at Cox South Hospital, in Springfield, MO.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Randall and Lowell.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie, of Houston, MO; two daughters, Kimberly (and husband, Scott Wilkerson), of Carthage, MO, and Shannon (and husband Leroy) of Houston, MO; one son, Brad (and wife Sunni) of Nixa, MO; three brothers, Wendall Gene (and wife Sharon) of Joplin, MO, Merle (and wife Judy) of Rolla, MO, and George (and wife Barbara) of Greenfield, MO; eight grandchildren, Kelsey, Taylor, Nichole, Kaleigh, Shay-

lee, Jacob, Maddy, and Abby; and several nieces and nephews.

Larry grew up in Carthage, and graduated from Carthage High School in 1960. In 1964, he joined the Carthage Police Department as a police officer. On June 1, 1969, Larry was accepted to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy in Rolla, MO. Upon completion of the Academy, he was assigned as a trooper to Troop G, Texas County. He proudly served the citizens of Houston and surrounding areas before retiring from the Highway Patrol on June 1, 1996.

After retirement, Larry was elected presiding commissioner of Texas County, and served the county for four years. He then served on the board of trustees for the Texas County Memorial Hospital. He was a member of the Ozark Baptist Church in Houston, MO. Larry was also a member of many civic organizations and the first vice president of the Houston Lion's Club.

Larry's most enjoyable and fond moments were following and watching kids play sports. His love of people was evident always and could be echoed by all of the lives he has touched. He lived a life of giving and found his peace in life by attending many sporting events and supporting all athletes.

Larry's love of baseball also presented him with the opportunity to be an assistant coach for the Houston High School baseball team, where he encouraged and enjoyed the fellowship of the kids. His presence at the sporting events was evident by his loud voice and encouraging nature toward the athletes, followed by a few lines like, "Come on, ref, that's a terrible call." Win or lose, you could always find Larry right there beside you telling you what a great job you did.

Larry also traveled many miles with his wife, Debbie, to every school and sporting event he could in order to watch his grandchildren. He enjoyed attending the many sporting events

that his grandchildren were involved in and always made an impression on the communities where they lived. Whether he knew his grandchildren's teammates or not, he considered them his "buddies" and gave them the "royal" treatment.

Larry enjoyed many games and special moments while watching the St. Louis Cardinals. You could sometimes find Larry several states away just to catch a Cardinals game. Some of his special moments as a Cardinals fan included taking his dad to St. Louis to watch and enjoy a game, and taking him to the old timers game.

Larry will always be remembered by his family and friends as his mother's "little angel".

A service was held Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, in the Houston High School gymnasium. Memorials may be made to the Houston Diamond Club.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest sympathy to the Southern family.

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## James A. "Jim" Hudson



James A. "Jim" Hudson died on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, in the Phelps County Regional Medical Center, in Rolla, MO. He was 83. Jim, the son of the late George and Hazel Mae (Rice) Hudson, was born Aug. 7, 1925, in Higbee, MO, where he grew up and attended school.

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During World War II, Jim enlisted in the United States Army Air Force and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge on Aug. 4, 1947. For his service, Jim was awarded the World War II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal-Japan. He attained the rank of corporal.

On June 20, 1954, Jim was united in marriage to Ruth Elizabeth Beals in Moberly, MO. They shared over 54 years of marriage together and were blessed with two children: Michelle and Mike.

After leaving the Air Force, Jim was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and served the state of Missouri for 33 years until his retirement. He earned the rank of sergeant.

In his spare time and after his retirement, Jim enjoyed many different hobbies—some of which included gunsmithing, silversmithing, lapidary, photography, and fishing. Most importantly, he treasured the times that he spent with his family and friends.

Jim will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, of the home; two children: Michelle Arand and her husband, Marc, of Jefferson City, and Mike Hudson, of Rolla; two brothers: Tom Hudson and his wife, Nancy, of Columbia, MO, and Harry Hudson and his wife, Debbie, of Centralia, MO; several nieces and nephews; other relatives; and friends.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by one sister, Georganne McWilliams; and one brother, Phil Hudson.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jim Hudson to the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

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

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## Geraldine Lawson



Geraldine Lawson, 75, of Holts Summit, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, at St. Mary's Health Center in Jefferson City. She was born Dec. 31, 1933, in Michigan. On March 27, 1953, she married Ronald Gene Lawson. He survives at their home.

She retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1996. She volunteered for the Capital Area Red Cross for the last 12 years. She was a member of Union Hill Baptist Church in Holts Summit.

Mrs. Lawson is survived by two sons, Ronald Jr., of Tulsa, OK, and Frederick, of Holts Summit; four daughters, Lorinda (and husband, Milton) Jones, of New Bloomfield, Valerie (and husband, Ben) McKee, Katherine Wagers, and Amanda Stegeman, all of Holts Summit; two sisters, Judy Westlake, of Michigan, and Margaret Quinette, of Florida; one brother, Don Dittmer, of Toledo, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Timothy Lawson.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to Capital Area Chapter of The Red Cross, 431 E. McCarty St., Jefferson City, MO 65101.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest sympathy to the Lawson family.

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## Anniversaries

### April

25 years

Spec. Asst. Cynthia A. Scheidt,  
Q/PSD

20 years

Lab. Evid. Tech. II Sherri D.  
Miller, Q/CLD

15 years

Clerk Typist III Lisa L.  
Kempker, Troop F

5 years

DE III Regenia K. Forst,  
Troop D  
CVO II Darin A. Jones,  
Troop D  
DE III Vicki K. Nelson,  
Troop I

### May

30 years

Spec. Asst. Carla J. Bruemmer,  
Q/BPD

25 years

Quality Control Clerk II Lisa  
L. Papen, Q/CVE  
UCR/NIBRS Analyst Lori A.  
Kirchner, Q/CRID  
Buyer II Darrell J. Taube,  
Q/BPD

20 years

CIT II Jay A. Forbis, Q/ISD  
Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Tammy  
R. Byrd, Q/CRID

15 years

Video Prod. Spec. II Jeffrey K.  
Bassinson, Q/TND

10 years

Asst. Chief Tech. James S.  
Adkins, Q/CommD  
AFIS Entry Oper. III Linda J.  
Schanzmeyer, Q/CRID  
Comm. Oper. II Doreen L.  
Svardal, Troop D  
Sgt. Kirk A. Davis, Q/TND

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"I have a higher and grander standard of principle than George Washington. He could not lie; I can, but I won't."

— Mark Twain (1835-1910)

# ~ Thank You ~

I would like to express thanks and gratitude to all those who expressed their sympathy, thoughts and prayers for me and my family during the grieving process after the loss of my father.

*CVO II Robert L. "Bob" Morgan  
Troop D*



On behalf of my mother-in-law, her 10 children, 23 grandchildren, and 47 great-grandchildren: Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, and cards upon the death of my beloved father-in-law Raymond Pentlin. He was a great man and a huge influence on my life.

*In His Love,  
Asst. Chief Oper. Dawnda J. Pentlin  
Troop A*



I wish to personally thank each of you for your kind expressions of sympathy (cards, calls, and support at the visitation) at the passing of my father. It's nice to work with such caring people.

*Sincerely,  
CDL Exam. Diane R. Toms  
Troop A*



Thank you very much for your support for my family during the death of my wife, Becky Stewart. I am honored to be working alongside such a great group of people. You helped make an unbearable situation bearable. Thank you, again, from all my family.

*Tpr. Jeremy S. Stewart  
Troop E*

P.S. A special thank you to Troop A – Thank you for the Christmas presents for my kids. They loved them.



*To All Highway Patrol Employees,*

Words can't possibly express how much I appreciate each and every one of you for making Mark's day a special one. All the comforting words and prayers have been appreciated so much. I know Mark was smiling down [on us] that day. Thanks again for all that you do—and not just what you did to help me get through this, but your actual job as well. You all work very hard and I appreciate that. It is a great organization and I/we are so proud to be a part of it.

*Sincerely,  
Mrs. April Reynolds*



My wife and I would like to express our gratitude by thanking everyone for their thoughts and condolences during the loss of my mother-in-law, Aline Reeder. We greatly appreciate all the cards, flowers, and donations. We would especially like to thank Captain Duane Robinson and Sergeant Sheldon Lyon for their assistance with traffic control during the funeral procession. It meant a lot to our family.

*Thank you.  
Lieutenant Thomas Meyer and  
family  
Q/RDD*



Thank you, Patrol family, for all your prayers and provisions when my son, Bryan, 25, was involved in the motorcycle accident. I am pleased to report he was released from the hospital to recuperate at home for a couple of weeks, and is expected to make a full recovery. When one is so upset that thinking is hard and the simplest decisions can't be made, it is wonderful to have folks like you that just take care of everything. For that I am thankful!

*Comm. Oper. III Laurie C. Wall  
Troop H*



*Fellow MSHP employees,*

Sherline and I cannot begin to say thank you enough for the overwhelming and unbelievable outpouring of support that you have shown throughout this ordeal. I tell everyone that asks, and even some that don't ask, that if you are looking for a job, the Patrol is where you want to be. Never in my lifetime have I ever held a job where you are treated like family and loved and supported when you really need it. Family is a strong word, but I think if you had to sum up the Patrol in one word, that would be my choice.

We continue to move forward day by day and we really believe now that some day (maybe a few months away) we will get to take Margaret home. I think the Lord is using this situation for us to be able to witness to so many and we are grateful for that.

Thank you again for all your prayers and support and we will keep everyone updated through the Caring Bridge website.

*Assistant Director Eric S. and  
Clerk II Sherline L. Romph,  
Q/MED and Q/TFD, respectively*



My family and I were both humbled and honored to receive your flowers, cards, kind words, and prayers. My grandmother always loved to make an impression. She would have squealed with delight knowing condolences were received from across the state, and that uniformed employees attended her funeral. Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart, for your support and kindness. It is my privilege to work for such an amazing organization.

*DE III Jennifer M. Whiting,  
Troop A*



We would like to thank everyone who called, sent sympathy notes, and attended the funeral or visitation for Wilma Baysinger. Your thoughts and prayers were appreciated.

*Captain Timothy G. Baysinger,  
Q/RDD*



Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II James L.  
 "Jim" Davis, Q/MED  
 Fingerprint Tech. III Daniel L.  
 "Dan" Davis, Q/CRID



We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, and plants received regarding the death of our grandmother. Your thoughts and/or presence at her memorial service were greatly appreciated by our family, which re-emphasizes that we are part of an organization that is actually an extended family that cares.

*Thank you again,*

MVI III Kimberly A. "Kim"  
 Stevenson, Troop C, and family  
 DE III Carmen L. Thomas,  
 Troop C, and family



I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and encouragement during my father's illness and passing. My family was honored some of you were able to attend the memorial service. I feel truly blessed to be a part of this Patrol family. It is an amazing organization. Words cannot express how much I appreciate all the friendships I have made over the years.

*God Bless you and yours!*

Special Assistant Tamie L.  
 Quigley, Q/FOB

# May

- May 8** • Truman's birthday.
- May 17** • Sgt. D.C. May died in 1999.
- May 22** • Tpr. M.L. Newton died in 2003.
- May 25** • Memorial Day.

# Sympathy

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

- Sgt. Michael P. Quilty (H) - grandmother
- CVO II Robert L. "Bob" Morgan (D) - father
- Ret. Chief Oper. Brock Stephens - mother
- Chief Oper. Terry M. Barnett (B) - father
- Ret. Major Edward H. Bliefnick - father-in-law
- Sgt. Jeffrey B. Johnson (D) - grandfather
- Tpr Adam Rice (H) - son
- Tpr. D. Scott Rice (D) - grandson
- Capt. Timothy G. Baysinger (Q/RDD) - mother
- Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II James L. "Jim" Davis, (Q/MED) - sister
- Fingerprint Tech. III Daniel L. Davis (Q/CRID) - aunt
- Ret. Capt. W.L. Hutchings - wife
- Ret. DE Sprv. B. Tom Harrison - father-in-law
- Asst. Chief Oper. Dawnda J. Pentlin (A) - father-in-law
- Tpr. Benjamin N. Comer (A) - grandmother
- Ret. Lt. Ed Moses - mother
- Tpr. Tyler R. Jenkins (Q/GD) - grandmother-in-law
- Comm. Oper. I Russell H. Toler Jr. (C) - father
- Chief Oper. Rocky L. Ponder (Q/CommD) - father-in-law
- Staff Artist III Erin M. Center (Q/PIED) - great uncle
- Ret. Sgt. Larry D. Long - brother-in-law
- Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb (Q/PIED) - uncle
- Ret. CIT III Wilma E. Hauser - sister
- DE III Jennifer M. Whiting (A) - grandmother
- DE II Monique J. Miller (I) - father
- DE III Michael V. Thompson (E) - father-in-law
- MVI III Kimberly A. Stevenson (G) - grandmother
- DE III Carmen L. Thomas (G) - grandmother
- Tpr. Brian J. Geier (F) - grandmother
- Spec. Asst. Tamie L. Quigley (Q/FOB) - father
- Sgt. Allan C. Heseman (Q/RDD) - mother
- Ret. Lt. Dwight E. Heseman - mother
- Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Holly A. Haarmann (Q/CRID) - grandmother
- Lab. Evid. Tech. I Kelly A. Backes (Q/CLD) - grandfather
- CVO Sprv. II Randy G. Cobb (E) - grandmother
- Ret. Major Melvin G. "Gene" Duckworth - mother
- Cpl. Michael A. Halford (F) - mother-in-law
- Comm. Oper. III Kathryn Y. Simpson (H) - sister-in-law
- Photographer Brenda Schmitz (Q/PIED) - grandmother-in-law
- CITS II Linda Amos (Q/ISD) - mother

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I was just thinking ... A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station ...

— Unknown

# 2009 MOSTA Crappie Tournament

Saturday, May 9, 2009

7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Truman State Park Marina, Truman Lake, Warsaw, MO

**Who:** The tournament is open to anyone, as long as at least one person in the boat is employed by or a reserve member of a criminal justice agency. Both anglers must possess a valid 2009 Missouri fishing permit. Retirees are eligible. Professional guides are not.

**What:** The \$70 per boat (two fishermen per boat) entry fee enters you into the biggest crappie contest. A family picnic follows the tournament.

**Where:** Truman State Park Marina is located on Missouri Route UU north from Missouri Highway 7.

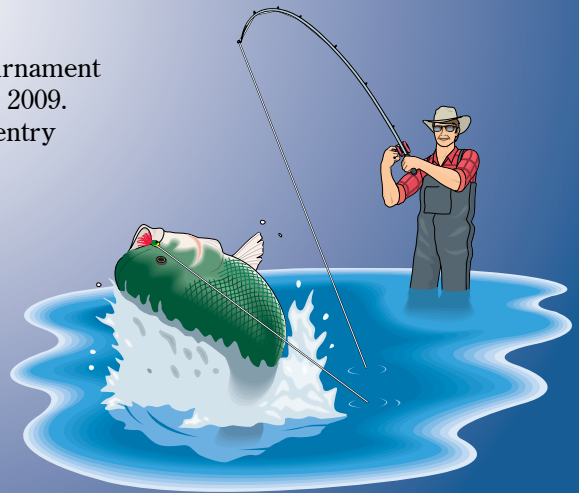
**Deadline:** Entries will be accepted until 7 a.m., May 9, by the tournament director. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than May 5, 2009. Make checks payable to: MOSTA Crappie Tournament. Earliest entry date determines winner in case of a tie.

**Contact:** For a complete list of tournament rules or entry forms, contact the MOSTA business office at 1729 E. Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101, or call the office at 1-800-621-5094. You may also contact the tournament officials:

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