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OVER NINETY YEARS OF SERVICE AND PROTECTION



from the STAFF



Colonel Michael A. Turner
Superintendent

On my first day as Superintendent of this agency, I shared a new vision and laid out four new key priorities along with mission focused objectives. Those priorities included Service and Protection, Employee Safety and Wellness, Recruiting and Retention, and Communications.

We remain committed to these priorities, serving the public, and will continue providing the resources and support you need to accomplish our mission. Over the last several months you have witnessed a shift in the agency. We are prioritizing action over perfection and are getting things accomplished in a much more focused and efficient way. There have been many changes to policy, operations, and the way we look at things and make decisions.

In order to accomplish our Mission, we need our employees to be at their best. In the recent "November Message" I sent to employees, we announced the creation of our new Wellness Unit, effective December 1, 2025. This unit will oversee many of the initiatives we are already doing, and will support the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being of our employees.

Given the unique, high-stress, and often traumatic nature of the work we perform, this move is essential for enhancing performance, increasing job satisfaction, and improving overall health outcomes for the agency and its personnel. It represents an investment from the agency in you, our greatest strength.

On behalf of the Patrol staff, thank you for your continued service and support. We will continue to move at "Business Speed," face challenges head-on, and will seek input from you and learn from our mistakes.

— Colonel Michael A. Turner

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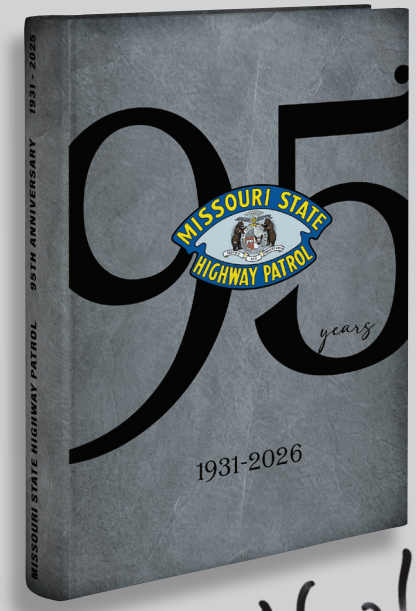
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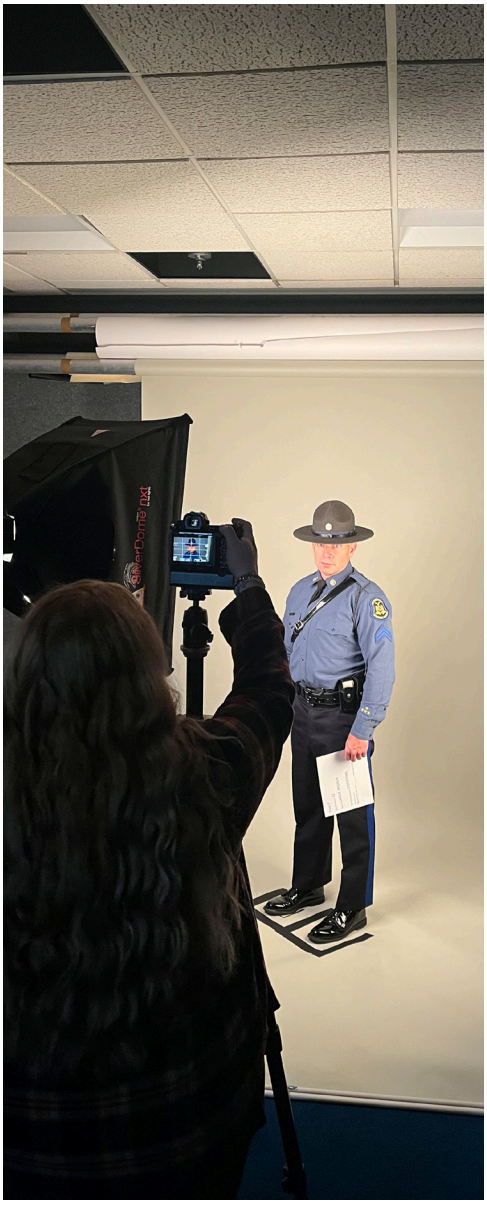
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YEARBOOK

WHAT AN UNDERTAKING!

Total Pictures Taken: 15,567
Total Miles Traveled: Over 2,000
Total Energy Drinks Consumed: (an embarassing amount)
Total Forgotten Appointments: 60+
Total completed portrait requests: Too many to count (They aren't ready).
How Many Times Someone Said "The camera can't see my collar brass number anyway": 35
Best Assisting Troop: Troop B (Macon)



Remembering

SGT. CARL D. "DEWAYNE" GRAHAM

20 Years Later

By Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED)

In November 2004, Sergeant Carl D. "Dewayne" Graham began to investigate a single fatality traffic crash where the driver fled the scene. A potential suspect was identified and became aware of Dewayne's dogged efforts. On March 20, 2005, after Dewayne got home from his shift, the suspect shot Dewayne while he was opening the rear door of his patrol car. He died instantly.

An investigation immediately began and the suspect from the crash was arrested. Through collaborated efforts of the Patrol, Missouri Attorney General's Office, and assisting agencies, a jury found the suspect guilty of first-degree murder, and Judge David Evans sentenced him to death in 2009. Kevin Zoellner, Assistant Attorney General, who led the prosecution, said, "The hard work of the troopers paid off." Since then, a long 20 years have weighed on Dewayne's family and fellow troopers. On October 14, 2025, the chapter finally came to a close.

Over 30 active and retired troopers, plus additional witnesses, attended the execution of Dewayne's killer in Bonne Terre, MO, on Tuesday, October 14. State witnesses to the execution were escorted by a Department of Corrections (DOC) officer to the State Witness room on site. Dewayne's family and other witnesses spent their time waiting by sharing stories of Dewayne and his dad, Carl. Carl passed before he was able to see his son receive justice. The other attendees were shown into a room with a DOC liaison. Only a phone and radio were available to attendees to know of the proceedings happening at the execution.

Many emotions ran through those who attended the execution, relief, sadness, and melancholy. Without resignation, this would not bring Dewayne back. It was not a time of happiness, but a moment of remembrance. Silence fell over the groups as the execution was carried out. Only the noise from DOC officer's radio could be heard. The killer was pronounced dead at 1813 hours on Tuesday, October 14. Ret. Cpl. Craig N. Ponder, a friend of Dewayne stated, "The execution of the person who killed Dewayne, is a culmination of 20 years of continual work by so many people. It does not erase the pain that is still felt, but it marks the end of a long, painful chapter."

After the execution was completed, the Patrol held a press conference. Captain Scott B. White (Q/PIED) spoke on behalf of the Graham family. "We will continue to focus on honoring Dewayne's memory and living in a way that would make him proud. That's what he deserves and that is how we will continue to carry on as his family." Assistant Attorney General Zoellner commented, "The Graham family is made up of wonderful people that I never should have met . . . ."



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Dewayne was a dedicated trooper who truly loved the work he did. Before he graduated from the Academy, he told Ret. Cpl. Ponder that his ideal job in the Highway Patrol would be zone sergeant in Van Buren, MO. He achieved that goal of becoming a zone sergeant for Troop G in Van Buren.

Dewayne wrote a statement when joining the Patrol, that all troopers complete in case of an untimely death, that he wanted to be remembered for doing a job he loved for the people he loved. Colonel Michael A. Turner reflected on Dewayne and the ultimate sacrifice that all troopers may face. "The loss of Dewayne is a profound reminder of the dangers every trooper and law enforcement officer accepts when they put on this uniform. It's also a terrible reminder of the sacrifices that too many families are forced to bear."

In the March/April 2005 edition of the Patrol News, Ret. Cpl. Ponder wrote, "One of the first things I remember about Dewayne was the smile he kept on his face — he always had that." Dewayne was always there to make someone smile, whether it was through a kind act or by being a jokester. Dewayne is remembered for his kindness toward strangers and fellow troopers, his sense of humor, and his love for his family. He was a proud father of his son, Hayden. Dewayne would spend every moment he had off with Hayden, especially when the time was spent outdoors. Dewayne was always there to lend a helping hand, both in and out of uniform, and left an impression on everyone that he met.

Dewayne's memory continues to be honored and remembered today. Bridges on Missouri Highway 60 crossing the Current River located within the city limits of Van Buren, were dedicated as the "Sgt. Dewayne Graham Jr. Memorial Bridges." In Dexter, MO, a portion of U.S. Highway 60 in Stoddard County between Route ZZ and MO 25 is named the "Sergeant Carl Dewayne Graham Jr. Memorial Highway." These memorials have continued to serve as a reminder to drivers of a hero who gave his life to protect the citizens of Missouri. Dewayne's sacrifice has left a lasting impact on all Patrol members —both new and old.

Dewayne was one of four troopers who lost their lives in 2005 and was the 24th member of the Patrol to make the ultimate sacrifice. The Patrol extends their heartfelt appreciation to the Graham family for their courage, dignity and steady strength over these many difficult years. Dewayne is remembered every day for his ultimate sacrifice. The legacy he created endures in the Graham family, the Patrol family, and the lives he touched in service to the people of Missouri.

MSHP TAKES ON THE ZOU

By Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED)



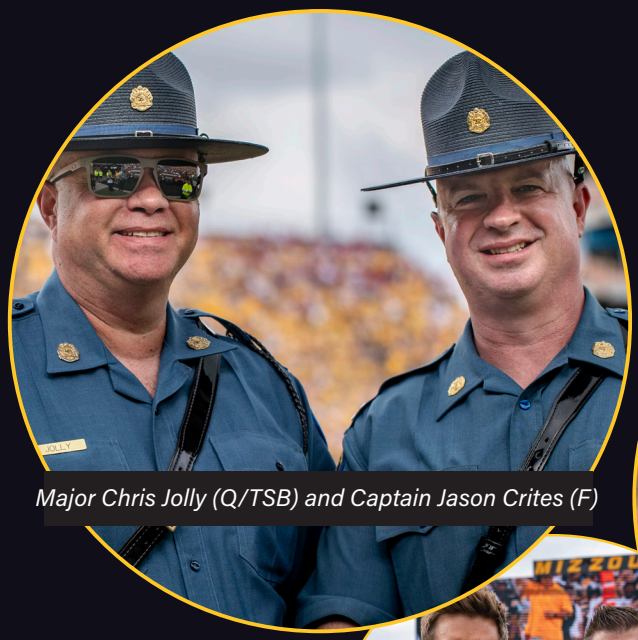
Each year, hundreds of Mizzou fans put on their black and gold to cheer on the tigers at Faurot Field. And each year troopers put on their uniforms to serve those fans visiting Columbia, MO. Those who work the Mizzou football detail must all work together like a well-oiled machine to make those days a success.

Memorial Stadium boasts 61,620 seating, but with the ongoing construction on the north end zone, 4,299 seats were unavailable. Despite the construction, hundreds of fans packed the stadium for football season. Even with those large crowds, troopers provide excellent service to the people of Missouri and those visiting to cheer on Mizzou.

Troopers serve in every capacity possible at Mizzou footballs games. Traffic control, Honor Guard, personal detail, team escorts, and many more important roles are filled almost every weekend of the season. This year, 72 troopers (not including SWAT or Bomb Squad) worked on gamedays, clocking in over 5,000 hours of service. The games against Kansas and Alabama called for 18 additional officers and 10 additional officers, respectively. For the first time in Mizzou Football history, there were eight home football games for the season. With that many games—and multiple high-profile ones—thorough preparation becomes the backbone of a successful workday.

Preparation for Mizzou's football season begins months in advance. Sergeant Shawn A. Brazas (F) serves as the Officer in Charge (OIC) for gamedays and helps overlook those preparations. Many months are filled with meetings, personnel selection, and other logistics. Sgt. Brazas said, "Ensuring the work prior to gameday is done, and done well, is what really makes the detail a success". The Patrol works with many other agencies to make these days a success. Collaboration between MU Athletics, MU Emergency Management,

"Ensuring the work prior to gameday is done, and done well, is what really makes the detail a success." — Sgt. Shawn A. Brazas



Major Chris Jolly (Q/TSB) and Captain Jason Crites (F)



Capt. Michael Petlansky (Q/WPD)



Colonel Michael Turner and John Abbott



Tpr. David Holliday (F) and Tpr. Daniel Norton (C)



Jordan Rodgers and Tim Tebow

Columbia Police Department, Boone County Sheriff's Office, FBI, National Weather Service, and the MU Police Department makes gamedays run smoothly. "On gamedays, troopers know what to do. It's still police work, just in a different setting; one much different than a traffic stop or a crash", said Sgt. Brazas. Like any good team, each member has their own separate responsibilities, but together they work as one to create a fun and successful gameday environment.

"The Zou" lived up to its nickname this season. Memorial Stadium construction, traffic congestion, sold out crowds, road construction throughout the area, and limited seating for fans proved to make a sometimes-hectic environment. Sgt. Brazas said, "Every gameday is the biggest single event happening in the entire state, and each game is a great public relations opportunity for the Patrol".

Due to construction at Faurot Field, the absence of the north end zone and the grass hill, which provides overflow seating for students and an area for general admission fans, created a more crowded and restricting environment in the stands. The north end zone entrance allowed spectators to move east and west in the stadium, but with the current construction, spectators were made to enter through the south concourse. This also caused difficulties with overcrowding. Luckily, troopers were able to help flush out the large crowds and create a safer game day. Now fans must enter the gate that is on the same side as their seating, as recommended by the Patrol.

Before fans enter Memorial Stadium, visitors can see Sgt. Justin S. Dunn (B) and other troopers directing traffic. Sgt. Dunn serves as the OIC for Post Six. Post Six is located at the intersection of College Ave. and Stadium Blvd. His main duties include traffic control for that area and then observing the student section inside the stadium once the game has started. Both traffic and the student section have become more congested due to the recent accomplishments of the Mizzou football team. "Missouri is higher ranked in the SEC, and more fans are supporting them, as well as the University of Missouri has had some major additions to their stadium, allowing more fans to attend than in the past...", said Sgt. Dunn. Even with these larger crowds, the Patrol is committed to continuing to make Faurot a safe environment.

Directly down from the student section, you can find Trooper Alonzo M. Collins (C). Tpr. Collins has been working the Mizzou football detail for six years. This year Tpr. Collins provides security for the visiting team. His responsibilities include escorting the team from their hotel to the stadium, providing security to the offensive and defensive coaches in their press box, and escorting the coaches on and off the field. Throughout his six years of being on the football detail team, Tpr. Collins has built many connections and made lasting memories, "I have met many wonderful people during the games. I've ran into people in different countries on vacation that have noticed me from the Mizzou Football

"Each game is a great public relations opportunity for the Patrol."
— Sgt. Brazas



Sgt. Jacob Vislay (F) and Tpr. Grant Ayres (Q/TND)





Sgt. Alex Michajliczenko (C)

games". It is safe to say that the Patrol makes a last impression on those they serve.

On the opposite sideline, you can find Lieutenant Chris S. Daniels (F). Lt. Daniels serves as the homefield OIC at the "Zou" and as Mizzou Head Coach Eli Drinkiwitz's personal detail at home games. Lt. Daniels attends briefings before the games, runs on and off the field with Drinkiwitz, alongside MUPD, and attends all press activities involving Drinkiwitz before, during, and after the game. When Mizzou travels during the season, Lt. Casey E. Utterback (F) travels with the team and Coach Drinkiwitz. Travel weekends are filled with coordinating security, conducting searches, and escorting the coaches and team to and from games.

Despite the long weekends, troopers enjoy serving the people of Missouri and watching the Mizzou Tigers. "This detail has become dear to me. It takes up a large portion of my year, but I genuinely look forward to the start of each season," said Sgt. Brazas. "It certainly puts the Patrol's professionalism and capabilities on full display each game. While I supervise a zone already, the Football Detail offers the opportunity to manage a project while working closely with MU Athletics".

Through the current season, troopers have made 31 arrests and 97 ejections, and numerous warnings have been given. Just like Mizzou, the Missouri Highway Patrol puts in countless hours of preparation and training to have a successful game day. Because of the Patrol's hard work and dedication, Faurot Field is a safe and fun environment for all spectators, even the occasional Kansas Jayhawk fan.



Tpr. Matthew Guinnip (F)





Lt. Morgan Patterson (F)



(l to r): Tpr. Matthew Guinnip (F), Cpl. Eric Penrod (F), Tpr. Justice Simpson (F), Tpr. Brittney Romano (F)

THE PATROL'S NEWEST DIVISION: CYBERSECURITY & TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

By Director Steven C. White (Q/CTD)

On October 1, 2025, the Cybersecurity and Technology Division (CTD) was officially created. This new division was separated from the current Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS). As its name suggests, CTD will focus on cybersecurity and all aspects of technology. The mission of CTD is to be more agile and proactive as the Patrol and partner agencies face increasing technological threats and the rapid development of new technologies.

From a historical perspective, the technology staff have been reorganized several times over the past 15 years. These mergers and separations have reflected the evolving state of technology. In 2011, the Information Systems Division (ISD) merged with the Communications Division to form the Information & Communications Technology Division (ICTD), addressing the growing need for faster and better connectivity for the Patrol, MOSWIN, and MULES agencies. During this time, cybersecurity emerged as a priority for many organizations, including the Patrol. Cybersecurity expanded from a few employees to new sections providing audit and technical resources for the Patrol and other state agencies.

In 2016, the technology component of ICTD was separated and merged with the CJIS. This reorganization aimed to bring MULES back to in-house development and enhance the Patrol's cybersecurity posture. The new division's application section adopted new development processes such as agile programming and transitioned MULES technology from a client-based to a web-based application.

In 2025, the Application and Cybersecurity, and Infrastructure sections of CJIS were separated to create the new division. The goals of this new entity are reflected in the division's name. The Patrol houses vast amounts of data and connects to nearly 1,000 partner agencies across the country. Safeguarding this data and infrastructure is one of its top priorities. With the rapid development of technology used by law enforcement, from artificial intelligence to mobile technology to the 21st-century patrol car, it is important for the new division to stay focused on staying abreast of and adopting new technology. These priorities will help the Patrol remain a leader in Missouri and set an example for other law enforcement agencies nationwide.

Currently, the division is working to provide better visibility on projects and to develop deeper relationships with all troops and divisions in the agency. As part of this effort, CTD is enhancing their Intranet site to feature top projects, completed projects, and other statistics for agency staff. The site will soon include more detailed information with frequent updates.

The creation of CTD marks a significant step forward in the Patrol's commitment to leveraging technology to enhance public safety. By concentrating efforts on cybersecurity and technological innovation, CTD aims to fortify defenses against cyber threats and ensure the integrity and availability of critical data systems. This focus is especially crucial as cyber-attacks become more sophisticated and prevalent, posing a substantial risk to public safety operations.

As the division progresses, it will continue to evaluate and incorporate emerging technologies to support its mission. Innovations such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, and advanced data analytics hold the potential to revolutionize law enforcement practices, providing new tools for crime prevention, investigation, and resource allocation. CTD has taken an in-house approach to ensure data is protected and to use the tools already in place at the Patrol.

The establishment of CTD represents a proactive and forward-thinking approach to modern law enforcement challenges. By prioritizing cybersecurity, fostering collaboration, and embracing innovation, CTD is poised to play a pivotal role in safeguarding the Patrol's technological landscape and enhancing its overall effectiveness.

Klausner Awarded For Leadership

By Captain Michael A. Halford (Q/MIAC)

Assistant Director Lucinda R. (Cindy) Klausner's (Q/MIAC) leadership is grounded in a steadfast commitment to ensuring our partners receive the support they deserve. She leads with purpose, and her dedication impacts each of us here at the Missouri Information Analysis Center. With deep expertise and an unrelenting focus on safety and collaboration, Cindy is not just a key contributor—she is a cornerstone of our team's success and is indispensable.

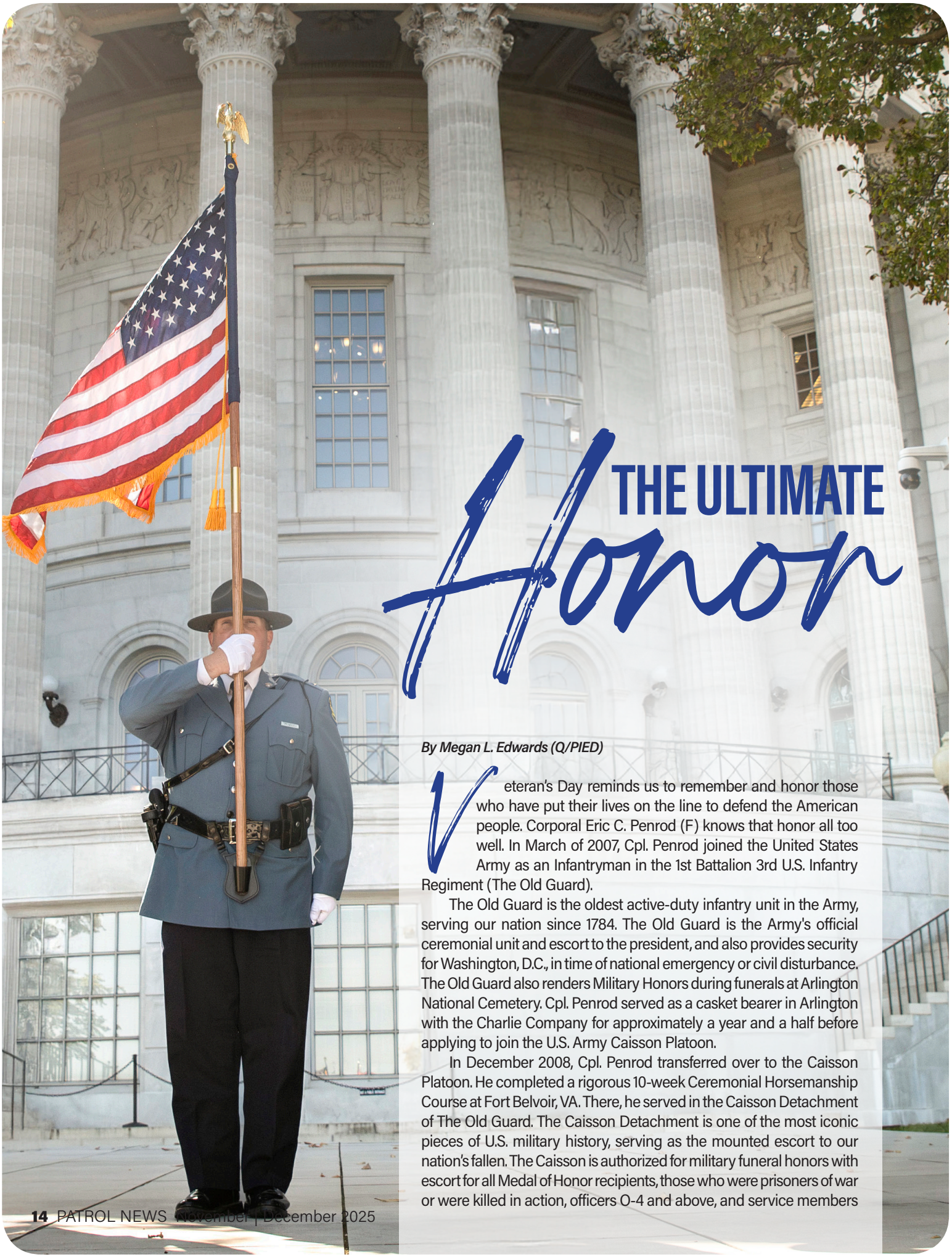
Cindy is a driving force behind Missouri's school violence hotline, Courage2Report. Since its designation as a MIAC initiative in 2019, she has remained deeply engaged and committed to ensuring Missouri communities receive meaningful support. While the system's core mission is to help schools and law enforcement respond quickly to potential violence, Cindy has continually pushed for more, recognizing that safety is just one piece of the puzzle. She advocates for expanded collaboration, including partnerships with mental health professionals, to develop comprehensive, team-based strategies that truly support Missouri's children. An example of Cindy's leadership with Courage2Report, she helped lead a team in identifying a software which could receive tips, store them in a centralized database, and complete a series of simultaneous notifications to notify school administrators, directors of security, as well as law enforcement. This has never been a more vital capability than it is today. At the conclusion of 2024, the Courage2Report program handled more than 2,100 tips ranging from issues with school policies to threats of mass shooting or homicide.

Cindy has been a respected leader in the intelligence community for years. She is held in the highest regard, personally and professionally, by her peers, subordinates, and superiors. She is regularly turned to for guidance and shares her expertise without reservation. Cindy has never turned down a four-hour drive or lengthy phone call to provide support to partners throughout the State of Missouri.

For these reasons, and many others, Cindy Klausner is most deserving of recognition for her work in the field of Fusion Center Leadership.



Captain Michael A. Halford (Q/MIAC), Cindy Klausner, Major Paul D. Kerperin (Q/CIB)



THE ULTIMATE Honor

By Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED)

Veteran's Day reminds us to remember and honor those who have put their lives on the line to defend the American people. Corporal Eric C. Penrod (F) knows that honor all too well. In March of 2007, Cpl. Penrod joined the United States Army as an Infantryman in the 1st Battalion 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard).

The Old Guard is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving our nation since 1784. The Old Guard is the Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the president, and also provides security for Washington, D.C., in time of national emergency or civil disturbance. The Old Guard also renders Military Honors during funerals at Arlington National Cemetery. Cpl. Penrod served as a casket bearer in Arlington with the Charlie Company for approximately a year and a half before applying to join the U.S. Army Caisson Platoon.

In December 2008, Cpl. Penrod transferred over to the Caisson Platoon. He completed a rigorous 10-week Ceremonial Horsemanship Course at Fort Belvoir, VA. There, he served in the Caisson Detachment of The Old Guard. The Caisson Detachment is one of the most iconic pieces of U.S. military history, serving as the mounted escort to our nation's fallen. The Caisson is authorized for military funeral honors with escort for all Medal of Honor recipients, those who were prisoners of war or were killed in action, officers O-4 and above, and service members

who attained the most senior enlisted and warrant officer ranks. The Caisson is also authorized for all state funerals.

During Cpl. Penrod's time in The Old Guard, he completed approximately 1,100 ceremonies of various kinds. Notable ceremonial details during his time include President of the United States Obama's Presidential Inauguration in 2008, Cpl. Frank W. Buckles' (last living World War I veteran) funeral, and numerous foreign dignitary and leader cordon details. When asked what his favorite memory from serving in Arlington was, he responded, "…. has to be doing physical training as the sun rose at the feet of the Iwo Jima Memorial. Arlington National Cemetery and the surrounding monuments are by far the most serene places I have ever experienced at sunrise. I recommend it!" Cpl. Penrod served in Arlington for six years before his contract with the Army ended.

Toward the end of his contract, Cpl. Penrod started looking for a similar rewarding and fulfilling career. "I was looking for an honorable career that allowed me to make a difference in my community. Law enforcement was an obvious choice for me."

Cpl. Penrod joined the Troop F Honor Guard in 2014. "I joined the Highway Patrol partly by luck. I was typing up a resume at home and searched for law enforcement agencies hiring in Missouri. Wouldn't you know, the Missouri State Highway Patrol popped up. I was immediately interested as I knew how professional the troopers were that I had encountered in my life. I truly felt troopers were the best of the best." Throughout his career, Cpl. Penrod has 18 years of experience in ceremonial details. He was recently offered the opportunity to take on the challenge of Officer in Charge for the Troop F Honor Guard. "I do not, and never will, take it lightly. I believe my passion for the work we do along with the absolutely amazing character and dedication of the team members, only allow for our continued improvement and success."

Cpl. Penrod reflects on his time at the Patrol by saying, "I truly believe my favorite memory hasn't happened yet, and we have done some amazing things." Cpl. Penrod also mentions that presenting the State Flag on horseback alongside the Adjutant General of the Missouri National Guard, Major General Levon Cumpton, at the California, MO Rodeo in 2023 was a very memorable moment for him (He didn't want to sound too mushy).

Cpl. Penrod has served his state and country for all his career. He truly personifies the Patrol's core values of commitment and respect. "I am blessed. God has blessed me more than I deserve. I absolutely love this country and our home, Missouri. Looking back, it is hard to believe I was a part of something so prestigious in Arlington. Though, that perspective translates to the present as well. I feel grateful I can continue being a part of something with so much meaning. Whether we are flipping a switch in the minds of prospective new troopers with our professionalism and precision or rendering Honors for the fallen or retired brothers and sisters, we are doing heavy, yet great things for those we serve."

Cpl. Penrod is just one of many Patrol members who has served in the military. This Veteran's Day, and every day, we honor and thank those who have served to protect this nation and state.

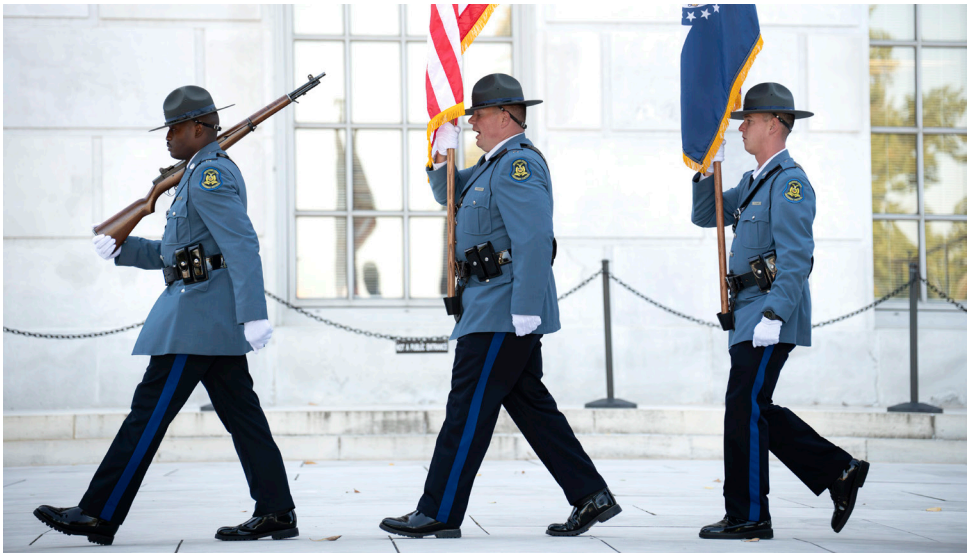














Cpl. Brandon Harris (F)



Tpr. Brittney Romano (F)

TROOP F HONOR GUARD







Tpr. Samuel Ponder (F)



Obituaries



Shay Carlisle

HOWARD (SHAY) A. CARLISLE

Howard "Shay" Carlisle was born on April 29, 1930, in Tarkio, MO. He joined the Army on January 22, 1951, and served his country until he received his honorable discharge on May 20, 1956. In 1973, Shay went on to serve as a Motor Vehicle Weight Inspector for the Missouri State Highway Patrol until his retirement in 1990. He passed away at the age of 95 on September 13, 2025. Shay is survived by his children, Gale McDonald, Greenwood, MO, Brenda (Jim) Havel, Wellsville, KS, David (Susan) Carlisle, St. Joseph, MO, Angie Carlisle, Greenwood, seven grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. To learn more about Shay, please visit the Minter Funeral Home website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Carlisle family.



Lew Hodge

LEWIS (LEW) W. HODGE, SR.

On October 7, 2025, Lewis "Lew" Hodge passed away from a battle with cancer. He was born on August 10, 1937, in Rolla, MO. Lew served in the United States Navy before joining the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He retired as a sergeant after 29 years of dedicated service. He is survived by his sister, Janette Hodge Cox. Survivors also include son, Lewis W. (Willeen) Hodge Jr., Moore, OK, and Angela Hodge Burns of Exeter, MO, and 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. To learn more about Lew, please visit the Null & Son Funeral Home website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Hodge family.



Dewayne Gale

DEWAYNE D. GALE

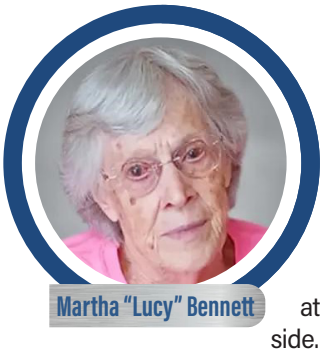
Retired Sergeant Dewayne Doan Gale was born November 27, 1961, in Houston, MO. Dewayne proudly served in the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 28 years before retiring on November 1, 2013. He passed away on October 13, 2025. He is remembered as a determined, hardworking, funny, and slightly stubborn man. Dewayne is survived by his children, Krista (Kevin) Dahl, Dylan (Keely) Gale, and Anna Gale; his sister and stepbrother, five grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. To learn more about Dewayne, please visit the Evans Funeral Home website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Gale family.



Tom Trullinger

THOMAS L. TRULLINGER

Thomas "Tom" Trullinger passed away on October 18, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones. Tom served as a Missouri State Highway Patrolman in Troop H for 28 years. He patrolled in Nodaway and Worth counties and worked undercover in southern MO. Tom later served as corporal and then sergeant in Caldwell and Livingston counties. Before retiring in 2001, he was the sergeant on the riverboat casino detail in St. Joseph. Tom is survived by his wife, Judy, three children, four grandchildren, four siblings, and many cherished nieces, nephews, and friends. To learn more about Tom, please visit the Andrews-Hann Funeral Home LLC website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Trullinger family.



Martha "Lucy" Bennett

MARTHA L. BENNETT

Martha "Lucy" Bennett was born on January 28, 1938, in Lohman, MO. Lucy worked as a housekeeper at General Headquarters for almost 30 years until her retirement in 1994. She passed away at the age of 87 on October 19, 2025, at her home with her family by her side. Lucy is survived by her son, five siblings, two sisters-in-law, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. To learn more about Lucy, please visit the Millard Family Chapels website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Bennett family.



C Lee Thompson

C LEE THOMPSON

Retired Captain C Lee Thompson passed away on October 19, 2025. C served the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 36 years. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Thompson family.

PERSONNEL SPOTLIGHT

GREGORY REHAGEN

The Patrol congratulates Assistant Director Rehagen for recognition given by Police Fleet Expo (PFE) and Police Fleet Professional (PFP) Magazine.



Congratulations

ON YOUR RETIREMENT

For your years of dedicated service, loyalty, and selfless giving, we thank you.





LEONARD S. REED
Trooper
Q/GD
Retired Oct. 1, 2025
33 years, 9 mo. of dedicated service



DAVID R. HERBERG
Driver Examiner
Troop C
Retired Nov. 1, 2025
6 years, 6 mo. of dedicated service



MICHAEL D. JACKSON
Motor Vehicle Inspector Supervisor
Troop A
Retired Nov. 1, 2025
10 years, 5 mo. of dedicated service



DIANE L. HIGGINS
Forensic Scientist
Troop E
Retired Nov. 1, 2025
19 years, 5 mo. of dedicated service

PATROL WELCOMES *New Editor*

By Captain Scott White (Q/PIED)

The Public Information and Education Division (PIED) is pleased to welcome Ms. Megan Edwards to the Patrol. Megan started with our agency on October 1, 2025, as the staff writer and editor. We asked her a few questions to help everyone get to know her, given her role serving current and retired employees.

1. What drew you to a career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and what are you most looking forward to in your new position?

"I have always looked up to the Patrol with utmost respect. From my previous job, I knew I wanted to continue serving the people of Missouri and I knew that the Patrol would be a great experience to learn from the best public servants. Learning that Cheryl Cobb was the staff writer here for almost 30 years reinforced that I would be working with a great team in an amazing environment. I'm looking forward to meeting people and sharing the stories of those who help keep our state safe."

2. Can you share a bit about your background or prior assignments that led you here?

"I graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2023 with a major in Agricultural Education, Leadership and Communications. After graduation, I was a freelance writer before starting my time at the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. I wanted to get back to my writing roots and the Patrol seemed like the perfect place to get back into the groove of writing and learning new things!"

3. What is something we might be surprised to learn about you?

"I grew up on my family farm outside Salisbury, MO and showed Shorthorn cattle and market lambs. I went to the Missouri State Fair every year and sometimes traveled to shows out of state. I'm a huge animal lover and competitor, so it was the best of both worlds."

We're excited to have Megan in the division and look forward to the skill, creativity, and enthusiasm she brings to the Patrol.

If you have ideas for future *Patrol News* stories, highlights, or other content you'd like to see featured, Megan welcomes your suggestions. Your input helps us share the great work happening across the Patrol.

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Megan Edwards



EFFORT MEETS OPPORTUNITY: Sergeant Barrett's Interstate 44 Drug Seizures

By Lieutenant Steven B. Johnson (Q/FOB)

October proved to be a month of significant enforcement success for the Missouri State Highway Patrol along Interstate 44. The "team first" mentality of the Division of Drug and Crime Control (DDCC) combined with sharp observation and effective communications, allowed Sergeant Timothy "Tim" A. Barrett (D) and fellow Troop D troopers to disrupt multiple, large-scale drug trafficking operations.

The series began when Sergeant James "Jamie" L. Musche (Q/DDCC), drawing on his extensive narcotics experience, noticed a vehicle whose occupants reacted suspiciously to law enforcement presence. Sgt. Musche relayed his concerns to Sgt. Barrett, who quickly located the vehicle and observed similar abnormal driving behavior. After initiating a traffic stop for speeding and following too close, Sgt. Barrett gained consent to open the sliding rear door of the vehicle to better observe a passenger feigning sleep. In plain view, he discovered a kilogram of cocaine. A probable cause search eventually revealed 66 kilograms of cocaine inside the vehicle.

Two days later, Sgt. Barrett stopped another vehicle after observing abnormal driving behavior and multiple traffic violations. During the stop, Sgt. Barrett utilized his calm demeanor to establish rapport with the violator, who later admitted to possessing bulk amounts of marijuana. A search of the vehicle revealed 125 pounds of marijuana that would have been trafficked from California to Ohio.

A speeding vehicle was stopped by Sgt. Barrett on October 14. Sgt. Barrett immediately noticed trash bags labeled with marijuana strain names inside the vehicle. While Amendment 3 has reshaped marijuana enforcement in Missouri, Sgt. Barrett's deep knowledge of the law guided his decision-making. Recognizing that the packaging and bulk quantity were inconsistent with legal possession, he conducted a probable cause search, uncovering 293.5 pounds of marijuana. His enforcement demonstrated how troopers must adapt to evolving laws while remaining steadfast in identifying criminal activity.

The month's final major seizure highlighted the strength of teamwork and communication. As part of an ongoing DDCC investigation, Sgt. Barrett—joined by Sgt. Bradley L. Crockett (D), Trooper Kennan M. Harrison (Q/DDCC), Sergeant Thomas "TJ" J. Stevens (Q/DDCC), and Sgt. Musche—conducted stops on a target vehicle and its escort. Their coordinated effort resulted in the discovery of 221 pounds of marijuana across both vehicles. This operation showcased the Patrol's ability to work seamlessly across units, combining investigative and front-line resources to achieve mission success.

These seizures illustrate several key principles of Patrol operations:

- Communication: Timely information-sharing between troopers and divisions was critical to identifying suspicious behavior and coordinating enforcement actions.
- Team Atmosphere: Success was achieved not by individuals alone, but through collective effort—each trooper contributing their expertise to the mission.
- All Crimes Mentality: By looking beyond the initial traffic violation, troopers uncovered serious criminal activity. This mindset ensures that every stop has the potential to impact broader public safety.

Sgt. Barrett and DDCC's work along Interstate 44 reflects the Patrol's mission to protect Missouri's citizens through professionalism, vigilance, and teamwork. It takes everyone working together to make an impact on criminal networks. Troopers are encouraged to remain engaged, seek guidance when needed, and continue looking beyond the stop—because every effort contributes to the broader success of our organization and the safety of the communities we serve.


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PATROL HISTORY

By Sgt. E. M. Raub (GHQ)

Five young men planned a lucrative criminal career when they stole a car from a Bloomington, IN, dealer's showroom and headed west. They avoided law officers for several weeks until a Colorado State Patrolman tried to stop them for speeding near Pueblo on December 10, 1947. They forced the patrol car off the road, critically injuring the trooper.

They next caught the attention of the town marshal of Warsaw, MO, when shortly after midnight on December 12th, he spotted them breaking into a store. They fled north on U.S. 65 until a Sedalia officer signaled them to stop, then turned west on U.S. 50 where they outdistanced the Sedalia officer near Dresden.

The phone in Trooper Shelton S. Abney's Warrensburg home rang at 2:30 a.m. He quickly set up a checkpoint east of town, but by 4:00 a.m., had seen no sign of the suspects. Abney asked an attendant at a gas station to call him at home if the car came by. He had just gotten undressed when the phone rang again. The attendant reported the car was headed west on U.S. 50 as they spoke.

Abney speeded west to overtake the outlaws, but as he approached Pittsville without seeing them, he concluded they must have gone north to take U.S. 40 into Kansas City. The trooper turned north on Mo. 131 and met Tpr. Willie Barton on U.S. 40 at Odessa. The surprised suspects drove by moments later, and the chase was on!

The cars raced along just under 100 mph through the cold night. Barton had engine trouble after several miles, and Abney passed him as he called Troop A to get the K.C.P.D. and Jackson County Sheriff's Department to set up roadblocks. The stolen car ran both roadblocks and opened fire on the Kansas City officers, hitting their squad car at least ten times. More officers joined the pursuit, and while the suspects' car was soon riddled with bullet holes, they showed no indication of giving up. Tpr. Abney, realizing the rolling gun battle could not be allowed to continue into the heart of the awakening city, rammed the fugitives' car at 31st and Raytown Road.

All five were taken into custody without further incident. Loot from 12 robberies in five states and two pistols were found in the car. Other handguns had been thrown out during the chase.

The incident made headlines across the Midwest and illustrated the value of two-way radios and the excellent cooperation between law enforcement agencies. Tpr. Abney's heroism was recognized on the Lever Brothers' "CALL THE POLICE" show on a national NBC Radio broadcast, and he was awarded the Plaque of Valor.

Abney became zone sergeant of Cass, Henry and Bates Counties in 1957. He died of natural causes while serving in that capacity in 1965. He was much respected for many accomplishments, but in Patrol history, his name will always be first associated with the chase that ended so decisively in Kansas City.

(Thanks to Tpr. R. R. Kennison for his assistance with reference material.)

(This article was printed originally in the October 1988 issue of the Patrol News. Captain Raub is now retired.)

WITH sympathy

Tpr. Jade M. Doyle (C) - grandmother

Ret. Sgt. Travis W. Hitchcock - mother-in-law

Ret. Sgt. Gary W. Riggs - brother

Ret. Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Carol L. Hunter - sister

DE Barbara A. Holtz (A) - father-in-law

Ret. DE James R. Duvall III - wife

Ret. Sgt. Roy L. Beal - wife

DE Jessica L. Kimble (A) - father

Lt. Andy J. Bell (A) - stepmother

Ret. Sgt. Bill L. Bell - wife

Forensic Scientist Stephanie A. Horine (Q/CLD) - father

Ret. Tpr. James W. Martin - daughter

Ret. Chief CVO Martha A. McCartney - grandmother

Ret. Sgt. Glennis A. Adkisson - mother

Cpl. Jeffrey W. Huff (Q/DDCC) - father

Tpr. Zach L. Ricker (G) - grandmother

Cpl. Chad M. Barclay (I) - father-in-law

Exec. Admin. Supp. Pro. Dee A. Kempker (Q/AB) - mother-in-law

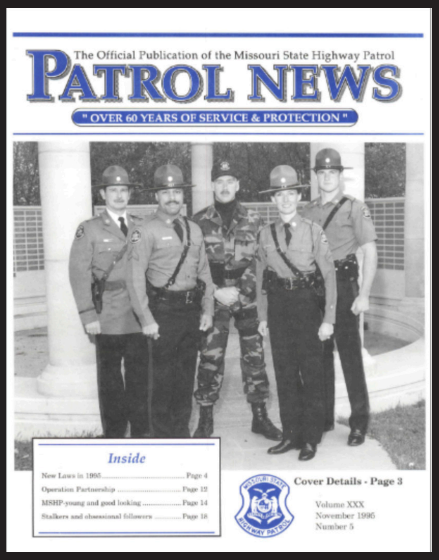


"Thank you to everyone who sent cards and caring thoughts concerning the loss of our grandson, Gagen. Your kind gesture helped ease our burden. Thank you so much."

— The family of retired Sergeant Steven J. Childers

Looking Back

IN THE PATROL NEWS



30 YEARS AGO

In the November 1995 edition of the *Patrol News*, an article announced the graduation of the first class of commercial vehicle officers. The class graduated on August 18, 1995. The class consisted of 19 CVOs. All 19 were previously commercial vehicle enforcement inspectors for the Patrol. Officers were required to complete a minimum of 240 hours of training.



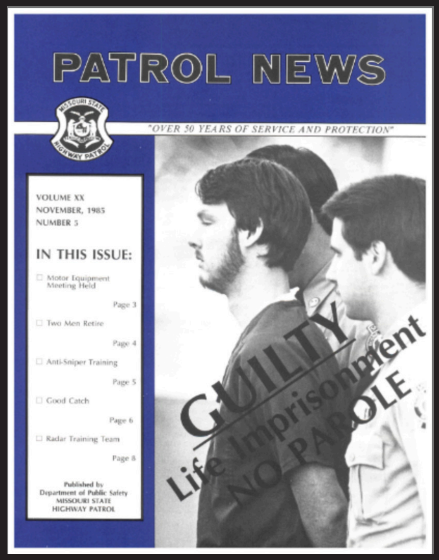
50 YEARS AGO

An article in the December 1975 *Patrol News* mentioned a Nebraska man and his girlfriend being stopped for speeding. They were taken to the Buchannan County Sheriff's Office so the man could post bond. Upon arriving, the officer noticed a "large bulge" coming from the woman's coat. The bulge turned out to be a baby monkey, Tobby, in a diaper. The monkey was allowed to move around the office and even sat on the officer's shoulder while he was writing.



20 YEARS AGO

The November/December 2005 edition of the *Patrol News* featured Trooper Donald K. "Kevin" Floyd on the cover. An article written by Sgt. Martin K. Elmore (G) described Tpr. Floyd's funeral. Articles written by Floyd's family and friends were also featured. Tpr. Floyd was the fourth trooper to make the ultimate sacrifice in 2005.



40 YEARS AGO

The cover of the November 1985 edition of the *Patrol News* featured the killer of Trooper Jimmie E. Linegar (D). Tpr. Linegar and Trooper Allen D. Hines (D) were conducting a traffic check on April 15, 1985, when the suspect shot at the troopers. Tpr. Hines was wounded but survived and was able to be a witness at the trial. The killer was found guilty on November 13, 1985. He was sentenced to a life prison term with no chance of parole.



10 YEARS AGO

The Missouri Automated Criminal History Site (MACHS) Fingerprint Portal team accepted the Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity on October 29, 2015. The new system was created to electronically process fingerprint-based background checks. This allowed a more efficient hiring timeline for jobs dependent on background checks. MACHS was first implemented in January 2015.

Trooper Carson Named October 2025 DPS Sworn Team Member of the Month

By Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED)



Trooper Lyndon T. Carson (F) was named the Missouri Department of Public Safety's Sworn Team Member of the Month for October 2025, in recognition of his leading an investigation of a motor vehicle crashed that killed a pedestrian. His investigation ended in the identification of the driver, who had a standing deportation order through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The Patrol was called in to investigate a crash involving a pedestrian on June 21, 2025. The driver had fled the scene and evidence was scarce. Tpr. Carson searched the area for video cameras and found one that recorded the crash. Troop C's investigative team obtained the registration information for the vehicle, leading Tpr. Carson to interviewing and arresting the driver. Tpr. Carson's efforts took less than 36 hours to lead to an arrest.

Tpr. Carson joined the Patrol in 2022 and led his zone in Troop C in DWI arrests and is seen as an important resource to his fellow troopers. Colonel Michael A. Turner said, "[Trooper Carson's] actions that day gave a voice to that victim who didn't have a voice and provided closure to that family". Tpr. Carson was presented with the Superintendent's Challenge Coin as well as the DPS Director's Challenge Coin. "I'm really appreciative of all the support I've received from the agency and from the state", said Tpr. Carson.

Motor Vehicle Inspector Boatright Named October 2025 Non-Sworn Member of the Month

By Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED)



Motor Vehicle Inspector Cory B. Boatright (D) was recognized by the Missouri Department of Public Safety as the October Non-Sworn Team Member of the Month on October 29 for his leadership and decisiveness shown when rescuing a motorist from a burning vehicle.

On Boatright's drive to work on July 2, 2025, a car tumbled in an embankment and caught on fire. He called 911 and ran across the highway to assist the motorist. The doors were damaged in the crash and could not be opened by Boatright alone. Other motorists stopped to assist and Boatright was able to put out the engine fire while the victim was pulled from the vehicle.

Carterville Police arrived on the scene and Boatright assisted in putting out the reignited fire. He prevented the fire from spreading before the victim was transported to the hospital. "Inspector Boatright displayed professionalism and selflessness to stop and rescue an injured driver from a burning vehicle", said Major Ben C. Jones (Q/SSB). "Inspector Boatright's actions and prior law enforcement experience was instrumental to protecting the public and controlling the situation."

Inspector Boatright's actions personify the Patrol's core values and demonstrates that he lives to serve the people of Missouri. Captain Dale O. Jinkens (D) said, "You [Boatright] represent absolutely the best that Troop D has to offer."



Ret. Capt. Bob Ashurst, the first undercover trooper for the Patrol, visited the museum with wife, Barb, and Ret. Lt. Ed Moses. (l to r): Lt. Eric Brown (Q/PIED), Ret. Capt. Bob Ashurst, Barb Ashurst, and Ret. Lt. Ed Moses

LIVING HISTORY

at the Safety & Education Center

By Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED)

The Colonel Alvin R. Lubker Safety & Education Center had three special visitors on October 9, 2025. Ret. Lt. Edward (Ed) N. Moses along with Ret. Capt. Robert (Bob) E. Ashurst and his wife, Barb Ashurst.

Within the Safety & Education Center is an exhibit showcasing the Patrol's first undercover unit. Ret. Capt. Ashurst was the first undercover trooper for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Undercover troopers were first implemented in 1970 under the Narcotics Unit within the Intelligence and Investigation Section. Ret. Lt. Ed Moses joined the undercover team, consisting of Ashurst and Ret. Sgt. Eddie L. (Lee) Porter, in 1972.

Since then, numerous troopers have served in an undercover role for the Patrol.



MSHP members pause for a photo at the "Honor the Blue with the Boys in Blue" 76th annual law enforcement appreciation luncheon hosted by the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission.

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Capt. Scott White (Q/PIED) greets a young law enforcement enthusiast at the Governor's Mansion Halloween event, "Haunting with the Kehoes."