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From the Staff ...

Major Kemp A. Shoun
Executive Services Bureau



Change is a part of life whether we want to admit it or not. I have often found myself resisting change, or putting off difficult transitions until I absolutely have to deal with them. It is not that simple with work. We often receive assignments and must adapt to them as quickly as possible. The learning curve can be mentally exhausting. Transitions are more difficult when someone with prior experience leaves the agency. The history and experience they take with them can only be regained over time.

In recent months, many have noticed changes in bureau commanders and the bureaus themselves. In January, I transitioned to a newly created bureau called the Executive Services Bureau. The good part of this transition is that the bureau itself has no history, so there are no comparisons to the past. The bureau combines the work of the former chief of staff position with the Budget and Procurement Division and the Governor's Security Division. As usual, the personnel make the job interesting and rewarding.

The success of the Executive Services Bureau will be centered around the colonel's strategy of sound departmental management through building partnerships. We must continue to build working relationships with other state agencies, other law enforcement agencies, our elected officials, community groups, and those within our own agency. Only by working together can we advance the efforts and needs of the Patrol and law enforcement in general.

During the legislative session, I have found that I did a significant amount of "hands-on" work that included personal contacts, legislative reviews, and testimony that could not be delegated to others. One thing I have noticed is this: MSHP employees had arrived at the Capitol long before me. Maybe not physically, but by reputation. When everyone does outstanding work, they build a partnership with the public. That partnership is a key to our success.

Kemp Shoun

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Optimists Name Thoman Officer Of The Year

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

On May 13, 2015, Trooper Bruce E. Thoman accepted the Moberly Optimist's Club "Officer of the Year" award during the organization's annual Respect for Law Enforcement banquet. The event took place at Nelly's Restaurant in Moberly, MO. John Pehle, Department of Social Service's State Technical Assistance Team, served as the guest speaker, and Randolph County Sheriff Mark Nichols presented the award to Tpr. Thoman. Sergeant Nick D. Berry, Troop B, nominated Tpr. Thoman for the award due to his tireless work effort, and for being a person who is eager to assist others. Tpr. Thoman is assigned



Randolph County Sheriff Mark Nichols presents the Moberly Optimist's Club "Officer of the Year" award to Tpr. Bruce Thoman.

to Troop B, Zone 10, Monroe and Randolph counties.

Cover

Members of the color guard prepare to present the colors at the 100th Recruit Class graduation ceremony. (inset) Trooper Travis L. Harmon accepted the Superintendent's Award from Col. J. Bret Johnson.

H4H: Connecting Heroes & The Outdoors

By Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, Troop A

This past April, Corporal Neil R. Atkinson, Troop F, Sergeant Chris M. Gach, Troop A, and I volunteered to help the Hunting for Heroes organization with raising money and awareness while at the 2015 World Turkey Hunting Championship. Our goal was to make everyone aware of law enforcement officers who have been injured in the line of duty. This was the third year for the championship, which is hosted by Wicked Outfitters located in La Cygne, KS.

Hunting for Heroes was formed in 2010, by Mr. Chris Allen and Mr. Chuck Bowles, who are active duty law enforcement officers and avid hunters. Both Chris and Chuck were interested in the idea of creating a law enforcement hunting show for television. When they realized there were no organizations that focused on the needs of law enforcement officers injured in the line of duty and their enjoyment of the outdoors, they decided to form one.

(l to r) Patrol Academy classmates Tpr. Brian Logan and Cpl. Neil Atkinson stand next to the Bucket List promotion vehicle.



In the past five years, Hunting for Heroes, a not-for-profit corporation, has been able to touch many disabled officers' lives, as well as the lives of their families, with weekend-long fishing trips, hunting camps, and other outdoor activities. Hunting for Heroes allows the officers and families to connect with others who have experienced the similar life-altering events.

Even though this started with a Mid-Missouri property owner from

Centerville, MO, providing the place to have these hunts, Chris has been able to expand and reach officers from across the United States. In 2012, he was able to partner with country music singer and songwriter Bobby Pinson. Mr. Pinson has had over 150 songs recorded by country music superstars, seven number one singles, and won the BMI Songwriter of the year award in 2009. He recognized the importance of Hunting for Heroes and wanted to give back. Mr. Pinson has been instrumental in providing both support and fundraising opportunities for the organization because of his contacts and fame.

Wicked Outfitters, owned by Kenny Walker and family, graciously hosted the World Turkey Hunting Championship once again. The total prizes of \$50,000 included a first place prize of \$25,000. Thirty-eight teams from around the United States sought to be named "World Turkey Champions." Volunteers for Hunting for Heroes helped set up banners, prepared gift bags for the contestants, and spend time as regulators for the competition. The company Flextone was the sponsor for this year's championship and provided the contestants with amazing gifts. Cpl. Atkinson was the regulator for "Team Bucket List," which ended up placing second in the competition and winning \$15,000.



Officer Lee Hilty (St. Claire County Sheriff's Department & H4H board member); Officer Brantley Cargill (Alabama), Dean Reagan (guide and affiliated with Flextone Inc.), and Phil Pritchett (H4H vice president) pose after their successful hunt.

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Hunting for Heroes trucks wait at the entrance to welcome heroes, guests, and participants.

— H4H

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This year, Hunting for Heroes chose three officers from around the nation to participate in a turkey hunt while at Wicked Outfitters. The Missouri State Highway Patrol's own Trooper Brian C. Logan, who was injured in the line of duty in 2000, and medically retired in 2012 after multiple surgeries, was chosen to participate in his first ever Kansas turkey hunt. On April 15, 2015, Wicked Outfitter employee Alex Stewart and Brian harvested the second largest bird killed in the contest. Brian, who was also the guest speaker at the 4th Annual Hero Celebration, was grinning from ear to ear. Brian said he has been blessed both spiritually and mentally since becoming involved in Hunting for Heroes.

"They saved me. I did not feel like coming out of the house, but they

reached out to me and made me feel a part of something bigger," said Brian. "I am truly grateful for the opportunity, friendships, and support I have received through the Hunting for Heroes organization."

The other two officers, Brantly Cargill (Alabama) and Mark Bradley (West Virginia) also harvested birds during the contest. Officer Bradley stated, "This is better than any medicine I have taken, better than any doctor I have seen. This is the healing process."

Phil Pritchett, Hunting for Heroes vice president, was excited to see that each "hero" was able to make a memory that will last forever.

In Chris' president's message he said he reached out to dozens of injured cops to seek their input. The most common theme from each of them was, "I miss being a cop." Chris said the officers he talked to did not want more therapy or medication. All they wanted was to experience the sense of brotherhood that was taken from them and to be accepted.

Hunting for Heroes continues to be an integral part and support group in the lives of many officers and their families who feel disconnected from their department, friends, co-workers, and life. There have been several testimonials I have personally listened to through my experience with Hunting for Heroes that expressed

how the program has been life changing. The injured officers also expressed the importance of keeping in touch with them, even though they no longer are working on the road.

There is a way to become involved and be a Cover Team member. This is broken down into three types of memberships: (Command Post – \$50 a month; Entry Team – \$20 a month; or Perimeter Team – \$10 a month). The commitment to the Cover Team will help honor the heroes with "all expenses" paid retreats for them and their families, and ensure the long-term success of Hunting for Heroes and its mission.

Neil, Chris, and I have enjoyed our journey with Hunting for Heroes and will continue to give back to our heroes. If you would like more information on Hunting for Heroes, to nominate an officer for a hunt, or donate to the organization, please visit www.huntingforheroes.org.



Tpr. Brian Logan poses with his harvested turkey.

August

- August 1** ● Tpr. F.F. Guthrie Jr. died in 2011.
- August 12** ● Missouri State Fair begins.
- August 17** ● Cpl. J.A. Sampietro Jr. died in 2005.
- August 24** ● Missouri State Fair detail ends.

Troop H Conducts Landing Zone Training

By Sgt. Jake P. Angle, Troop H

In April and May, LifeNet Helicopter personnel provided landing zone training to Troop H personnel. Throughout the state, air ambulances are dispatched frequently to transport critically injured traffic crash victims. A classroom presentation outlined the dos and don'ts when preparing a landing zone and also the criteria for requesting a response from an air ambulance. LifeNet pilots landed one of their air ambulances in front of Troop H for each training session. Pilots and flight paramedics gave a tour through the helicopter and provided instruction on how to maneuver properly when approaching a helicopter and how to shut down the helicopter in an emergency. Flight paramedics explained the helicopter's capabilities and demonstrated how patients are loaded. LifeNet



LifeNet air ambulance personnel provided valuable training to Troop H members.

personnel encouraged troopers not to hesitate to utilize their services if they are needed.

"This training was very informative and gave us valuable information we can apply at future crash scenes," stated Sgt. Jeff H. Thompson, Troop H.

Interdiction: 'Like A Box Of Chocolates'

By Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, Troop A

Usually, candy and chocolate are given out at Halloween, Valentine's Day, Easter, and on anniversaries.

During a four-day drug interdiction operation conducted in Lafayette and Saline counties, it soon became evident to troopers assigned to the SEIZ (Support Enforcement Interstate Zone) units of Troop A, Troop D, Troop E, and Troop F, and local troopers, that someone back east was ordering chocolate food products infused with THC ... a lot of it.

On one specific day, February 24, 2015, the following seizures were made:

Sergeant Greg D. Primm, Troop A, stopped a vehicle at the 33-mile marker of Interstate 70. A search of the vehicle revealed 1.5 pounds of marijuana and 12 grams of hashish.

Corporal David W. Crank, Troop E, stopped a vehicle on Interstate 70 eastbound at the 43-mile marker and located 524 grams of methamphetamine.

Sergeant Steven B. Johnson, Troop F, stopped a vehicle on I-70 eastbound

at the 46-mile marker. A search of the vehicle revealed 400 pounds of edible marijuana chocolate bars inside boxes in the cargo area of the vehicle.

Trooper Adam J. Gray, Troop A, stopped a vehicle on I-70 eastbound at the 62-mile marker. A search of the vehicle revealed approximately one pound of marijuana.

Corporal Matt E. Morice, Troop F, stopped a vehicle on I-70 eastbound near the 86-mile marker, and a search of the vehicle revealed one pound of marijuana.

"That was a very good day," said Sgt. Primm. "Everyone involved in the operation provided back up and assisted with the searches. It was a team effort and the results were incredible."

During the four-day operation, 20 felony arrests and 23 misdemeanor arrests were made by the troopers. Sergeant R. Brooks McGinnis and Sergeant Casey E. Utterback, both Troop A, were able to recover an infant taken during a parental kidnapping from the state of Washington. Troop A Commu-

nications received information of the possible location of the infant, which led to the traffic stop of the Greyhound bus near Concordia, MO. The infant was unharmed, and the non-custodial father was arrested without incident.

It should be noted there were no traffic crashes investigated on Interstate 70 in Saline or Lafayette counties during the length of the operation.

Of the above arrests, eight were seizures, resulting in the interdiction of approximately 405 pounds of marijuana/THC infused products, and one and one half pounds of methamphetamine.

Sgt. Primm felt that the reason for the success of the drug interdiction operation was how well everyone worked together. "The operation provided an opportunity to learn and share techniques with each other." When asked about the 400 pounds of edible marijuana chocolate bars infused with THC, Sgt. Primm said, as only he would, "Interdiction is like a box of chocolates; you just never know what you're going to get."

Patrol Competes In 2015 National Honor Guard Competition In Washington, D.C.

By Capt. George E. Ridens, Troop E

On May 14, 2015, seven members from the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop E Honor Guard Team were selected as one of 19 teams throughout the United States to compete during National Police Week. The team included: Sergeant Doug M. McDaniel, Sergeant Chuck R. Colbert Jr., Sergeant Jason N. Crites (now a lieutenant, Troop F), Sergeant Ben C. Jones, Corporal Chris D. Hamlett, Trooper John J. West, and Trooper Conrad L. Purnell. I also attended to assist in documenting this event.

In 2013, two Troop E Honor Guard members, Corporal David W. Crank and Cpl. Hamlett, returned from Washington, D.C., after attending the Motorola Awards. This event coincided with 2013 Police Week, and the two corporals were able to observe the National Honor Guard competition. They began talking about the Honor Guard competition to other Troop E Honor Guard members and thought what an honor it would be if our organization was to place a team in this competition. Since Troop E had an honor guard team, color guard team, rifle squad, flag folding squad, bugler, and a drummer, they thought, "We might stand a chance."

In May 2014, Sgt. McDaniel and Sgt. Colbert were allowed to go to Washington, D.C., during Police Week to attend the 2014 National Honor



Here's something you don't see every day: A Missouri State Highway Patrol vehicle in front of the White House in Washington, D.C.

Guard Competition, which is held on the grounds of the United States Capitol. The competition consisted of three different phases and the judges were members of the Army's "The Old Guard" and the Marine Corps "Silent Drill Team." They learned there were several full-time honor guard teams competing and competition was tough! However, they gained valuable information that would help them prepare for the 2015 competition.

Upon their return, Sgt. McDaniel took action to obtain permission for the Troop E Honor Guard to attend the 2015 National Honor Guard Competition in Washington, D.C. Colonel Ronald K. Repolgle* granted permission as long as revenue restrictions did not become an issue.

In the early morning hours

The Troop E Honor Guard represented the Patrol at the National Law Enforcement Memorial's candlelight vigil.

of May 12, the seven members of the Troop E Honor Guard and I left from the Troop E Service Center in Sikeston, MO, and headed to Washington, D.C. We arrived approximately 14 hours later in Washington, D.C., and checked into a motel in Alexandria, VA.

The morning of May 13, we drove to the Capitol, to observe the competition area and visit a few of the sites around Washington. After observing the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery (for the changing of the guard), we returned and prepared for the evening events. The Troop E Honor Guard and I had the distinct honor of representing the Missouri State Highway Patrol at the 27th Annual Candlelight Vigil held at the National Law Enforcement Memorial. Speakers included Secretary Jeh C. Johnson, Department of Homeland Security, and United States Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch.

The morning of May 14, competition day, Sgt. McDaniel, Tpr. Purnell, and I went to the Capitol to watch some of the competition. We saw the Tennessee Highway Patrol Honor



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— Competition

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Guard, the United States Border Patrol Pipe and Drum Band, the Chicago, IL, Honor Guard, and the Peel Regional Police, Canada, Honor Guard. Afterward we returned to the motel, did a walk-through of the routines, and had a light lunch. That afternoon, we arrived back on the Capitol grounds for the competition. Following several minutes of final preparations, the Troop E Honor Guard moved to the first phase of the competition: Team Inspection Drill.

During the Team Inspection Drill, the team leader was required to present the team for judging at an inspection line. The team leader was inspected for neatness, cleanliness, and military bearing. Another team member was chosen by a second judge and inspected for the same details. The judges would compare notes at the conclusion with the key being an attention to detail.

After a longer period of time, to put equipment away and get other equipment out, the team moved to the third and final phase, the Exhibition Phase. This phase required all the team members to perform in an eight-minute drill ceremony. The ceremony was open to the minds of the team leaders and had no mandatory movements. Judges were watching for the “wow factor,” “capturing the hearts and minds,” as well as precision and timing.

About 30 minutes later, following the completion of all of the performances, an award ceremony was held. Of the 19 teams participating, the Tennessee Highway Patrol won third place, the United States Capitol Police won second, and the United States Border Patrol won first. The Troop E Honor Guard took 10th place.



Members of the Troop E Honor Guard perform a “Queen Ann” salute. This was executed at the same time that Sgt. Chuck R. Colbert knelt at the Patrol’s fallen officer display.

This was the first time the Missouri State Highway Patrol has sent a team to compete in the National Honor Guard Competition, and Troop E was honored to represent our organization and the great state of Missouri.

The Troop E Honor Guard team and I would like to say, “Thank you,” to Sergeant Ray T. Rees, Troop G, for his technical advice and Photographer Benda J. Campbell, Q/PIED, for her assistance in designing the portable “Patrol Wall.”

**now retired.*



Part of the competition included a detailed inspection.

After a short period of time to gather flag stands, flags, and a drum, the team moved to the second phase of the competition, Color Guard Phase, for the posting of colors. All team members were required to participate, but did not have to be involved in the actual posting of the colors. All teams were required to post a minimum of three colors. The judges were watching for precision and timing in this phase.

Troop E’s Sgt. Chuck R. Colbert pays his respects to the Patrol’s fallen troopers during the eight minute drill. Cpl. Chris D. Hamlett (background) has just finished playing “Taps” on the bugle.



New Employees



Denise D. Cantrell
Quality Control Clerk II
Q/CVED



Dawn C. Caton
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop H



Shiloh L. Cochrane
Motor Vehicle Insp. II
Troop C



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Q/ICTD



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Q/DDCC



Gregory L. Franklin
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Troop A



Johnny H. Hughes
Driver Examiner I
Troop C



Allison R. Humphrey
Prob. Comm. Oper.
Troop F



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Motor Vehicle
Inspector I
Troop A

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Harris
Troop D

Levi McClure

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Tpr. Lee C. & Mrs. Kirsten D. Ewigman
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Sofia Helen

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Q/ICTD

Brynn Grace

Tpr. Kyle & Mrs. Alex R. McGivney
Troop B

Jenna Lynn

Tpr. Dustin N. & Mrs. Stephanie J.
Morey
Q/DDCC

LE Torch Run Inspires Officers

By Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, Troop A

On May 20, 2015, officers from the Platte County Sheriff's Department, Platte City Police Department, and Missouri State Highway Patrol participated in the 2015 Law Enforcement Torch Run in Region 2. The group ran the

eight miles in a misting rain, finishing in one hour and 35 minutes. The torch run group consisted of five generations of officers, with the youngest being 23 years old and the oldest 66 years young. While running along the right shoulder of Missouri Highway 152, the officers heard honks of encouragement.



Participants in the Platte County leg of the 2015 LE Torch Run included (l to r): Ret. Tpr. Bruce Kerr, Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, Tpr. Belinda Huff, Platte County Reserve Deputy Mark Adams, Platte City Police Officer Robert Newman, Tpr. Jack Thomas, and Platte City Police Officer Levi Riley. (It should be noted that Platte County Deputy Rene Gomez and Trooper Steve Gates provided traffic assistance and safety for the runners during the run.)

The LE Torch Run is a project which partners law enforcement with Special Olympics. Starting in 1981, as a one-day run in Kansas, the torch run has now expanded to include 46 countries and year-round fundraising programs such as Tip-a-Cop, Cop-on-Top, Polar Bear Plunges, and Over-the-EDGE. Officers throughout the state carry the torch with pride to the annual state summer games each year.

Platte County Sergeant Greg Crader has been the driving force in keeping the Torch Run going and getting officers from the area agencies involved. Many officers, after their initial experience running in the LE Torch Run, continue to support the event. One example is Platte County Reserve Deputy Mark Adams. His daughter made note of his running and was inspired to start running, also. Mark's daughter invited him to run with her in a half marathon in Kansas City this year. This is one example of how the LE Torch Run inspires officers, their families, and Special Olympics athletes.



Spotlight



CJIS Tech. II Elisha M. Carlock



Appointed: July 24, 2005.

Promotions/Reclassifications: Fingerprint Technician II — July 23, 2006; Fingerprint Technician III — July 27, 2008; Criminal History Technician I — January 22, 2012; Criminal

History Technician II — January 19, 2014; CJIS Technician II — February 1, 2014.

Current Assignment: CJIS Technician II, Criminal Justice Information Systems Division. Elisha's duties include CJIS record check processing and quality control.

Family: Elisha has been married to her best friend, James Carlock, for seven years. He works as a first pressman for Direct Impact in Columbia, MO. The Carlock's have three children, Brenten 18, Kalyn 4, and Megan 2. Her son, Brenten, is graduating high school this year, and her daughter Kalyn will be going into kindergarten. Her motto is, "One comes out of school and another goes into school."

Interests: Elisha enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She spends a lot of time with her mom, Diana Klug, who is a retired Patrol employee. Family time to her is very valuable, since we never know

how long our loved ones will be with us. She enjoys raising her family and seeing how they grow up into different individuals. Elisha fills in from time to time on a bowling team when they are in need of a sub. She and James enjoy having date nights with adult time and conversations every once and awhile.

Prior to the Patrol, she was enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving six years in the Security Forces Career field. She was stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, LA, and also completed a four-month overseas tour at Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia. She got to experience the different types of cultures that military personnel work with while they are deployed. After the military, she came back home to be with her family.

She is very family oriented and is very involved with them. She still keeps

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in contact with her military family as well. She and her family are going on vacation this summer so she can show her family what she did before she became a Patrol employee.

Elisha states that she enjoys her job, because you never know what type of customer you are going to help at the window. There are numerous phone calls, too. She helps people by making sure that their criminal history is accurate, because individuals rely on it being correct for when they apply for jobs. She is a real go-getter and strives to ensure the customer receives accurate information and that she projects a positive image of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Special Asst. Becky S. Taube



Appointed: June 1, 1988.

First Assignment: Stenographer I, Aircraft Division, General Headquarters.

Promotions/Reclassifications: Steno II — August 1, 1990 (Aircraft Division); Steno III — August 1, 1992 (Aircraft Division); Secretary — August 1, 1994 (Public Information & Education Division); Clerk IV — June 1, 2003 (Construction and Maintenance Division); Special Assistant — June 29, 2003 (Information and Communications Technology Division).

Current Assignment: Special Assistant, Information and Communications Technology Division, General Headquarters.

Family: Becky is married to Darrell Taube, senior procurement and inventory manager assigned to the Budget and Procurement Division, and they have three daughters: Tabatha, Candice, and Kaitlin, and six grandchildren: Payton, Jaelynn, Colten, Liam, Kalon, and Kinsley. Becky and Darrell live in Lohman, MO.

Interests: In her spare time, Becky enjoys gardening, mushroom hunting, fishing, do-it-yourself crafts, needlepoint, and spending quality time with family. Becky is a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Russellville, MO.

Criminalist III J. Bob Burgio



Appointed: September 26, 2004.

First Assignment: Criminalist I, Drug Chemistry Section, Crime Laboratory Division, General Headquarters.

Promotions: Criminalist II — September 24, 2006; Criminalist III — September 21, 2008.

Current Assignment: Criminalist III, Drug Chemistry Section, Crime Laboratory Division, General Headquarters.

Family: Bob and his wife, Meredith, have been married six years. They

have a 2 1/2-year-old daughter, Eleanor.

Interests: Bob lists his interests as Jesus, being active in his church (The Crossing in Columbia, MO), spending time with my family, Magic: The Gathering (a collectible card game), Batman movies, and videogames (when he has time).

"I have a degree in forensic chemistry, so working in a crime laboratory is kind of like my 'dream job' so to speak," said Bob. "I am intrigued by drug analysis and the science involved in our examinations. I would not want to work in any other section in the Crime Laboratory Division."

Quality Control Clerk II Connie M. Iman



Appointed: September 16, 2008.

First Assignment/Current Assignment: Quality Control Clerk II, Patrol Records Division, General Headquarters.

Family: Connie is the mother of three children, Marinda (18), Morgan (16), and Matthew (11).

Interests: Connie is active attending the various sports, 4-H functions, and shows of her three children. When she's not running with her children, she enjoys spending time outdoors on their farm.

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Connie is a native of Smithton, MO, where she graduated from high school. Connie joined the Patrol in 2008 in the Arrest Records Section of the Patrol Records Division. She currently processes commercial motor vehicle crash reports investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, along with other various duties. Connie enjoys the challenges of her job, working with the officers, and her Patrol family.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES				
Year To Date Aug. 31, 2015	Same Period Last Year Year To Date	Number Of Increase Or Decrease	2013 Traffic Fatalities	2014 Traffic Fatalities
536	479	+67	757	766

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

Promotions



Scott A. Shippers
Captain
Troop A



Roger D. Whittler
Captain
Q/CRD



Clark N. Stratton
Lieutenant
Troop A



Jim A. Beckett
Sergeant
Troop D



Brian D. Foster
Sergeant
Troop G



Mark D. Green
Sergeant
Troop D



Tom L. Hall
Sergeant
Troop D



Mark L. Freeman
Corporal
Troop G



Doug C. Kissinger
Corporal
Troop A



Rob A. Sanders
Corporal
Troop F

Promotions



Brody R. Sanson
Corporal
Troop A



Charles P. Verdone
Corporal
Troop C



John D. Hamilton
Chief Operator
Troop D



James M. Parks
Chief Operator
Troop F



Jeremy L. MacDonnell
Asst. Chief Oper.
Troop D



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CITS I
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CVE Insp. Sprv. I
Troop C



Jeffrey J. Ellis
MVI II
Troop H



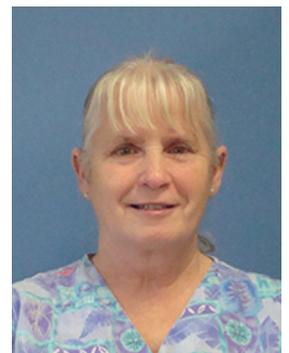
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Promotions



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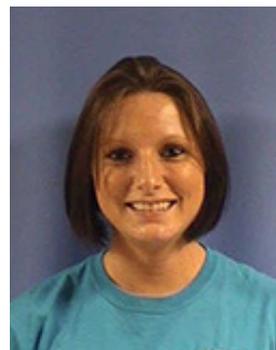
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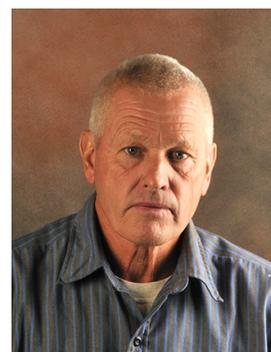
Amanda N. Rowden
DE II
Troop F



James F. Stone
CVO Sprv. II
Troop A



Donna F. Stovall
Buyer II
Q/BPD



John W. Twehous
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II
Troop F

Student Visits Troop D

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D

Audrey McMasters, a second year Missouri State University student, spent a day at Troop D recently. Here, Motor Vehicle Inspector III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D, is providing Audrey with a review of the VIN/salvage program. Audrey is majoring in criminal justice and hopes to find employment in law enforcement upon graduation. Audrey and her mother, Bev, spent the day at Troop D and were able to visit several of the divisions within the troop. Of course, they saved the best for last—MVI.



Gaming At-A-Glance

Troopers Nab Criminals At Casinos

By Lt. Ed Aylward, Q/GD

Every day, troopers are serving and protecting the citizens and visitors of this state through keeping watch over patrons and employees at 13 casinos. Every day, these same troopers provide excellent police work as they enforce Missouri gaming regulations. Take a look at a few excellent examples of the work being performed in the Gaming Division.

- Congratulations to Sergeant Matt R. Schmidt and Corporal Sam V. Buchheit, Lumiere Place Casino, for their assistance in identifying a carjacking suspect. (Noted in the June 23, 2015, edition of the *St. Louis Intelligence Bulletin*.)
- On June 23, 2015, Sergeant Phil Hoffman of River City Casino, arrested a man for possession of approximately 120 grams of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance (Promethazine). Sgt. Hoffman also seized \$9,650 and a Colt .380-caliber pistol. The suspect was contacted after he exchanged \$2,000 in \$20 bills for \$100 bills then immediately attempted to exchange \$3,000 in \$20 bills for \$100 bills. A computer check revealed the man had four outstanding warrants. Sgt. Hoffman learned that the man's brother was in the parking lot sitting in his car. When Sgt. Hoffman approached the vehicle, a man exited. At that time, Sgt. Hoffman smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a bag with approximately 120 grams of marijuana, rolling papers, and an additional \$2,000. A loaded Colt .380-caliber pistol was located near the bag of marijuana. A computer check re-



Lady Luck Casino in Caruthersville Mo, is pictured.

- vealed the second man had four warrants for his arrest.
 - Trooper Louis B. Lairmore, Isle of Capri-KC, arrested a subject for possession of a controlled substance — intent to distribute and multiple arrest warrants. Tpr. Lairmore was conducting a drug distribution investigation that occurred in the IOC-KC north parking lot. During the investigation, Tpr. Lairmore became aware the suspect had three active warrants for his arrest. Surveillance notified Tpr. Lairmore the suspect was on the gaming floor. The suspect gave consent to search his vehicle, and Tpr. Lairmore located two black boxes in its trunk. The boxes contained 41 grams of crystal methamphetamine, two hydrocodone pills, hundreds of small clear plastic baggies, a glass smoking pipe, a digital scale, \$600, and a notebook containing client information.
 - A Kansas City man was sentenced to 16 years, seven months
- for robbing a bank and attempting to rob the IOC-KC during a crime spree in 2013. Sergeant Brian W. Vernon made the arrest while he was the unit supervisor at IOC-KC.
 - Trooper Dennis W. McCormick, Lady Luck – Caruthersville, completed an investigation involving cheating. Three dealers deliberately exposed or “flashed” cards to specific patrons who would then utilize the advanced knowledge of the outcome to enhance their odds of winning at a gambling game, which resulted in the significant loss of casino assets. The dealers' licenses were revoked and criminal charges are pending. This investigation was truly a team effort by the Lady Luck enforcement team.

'You Are The Bill Of Rights' 100th Recruit Class Graduates

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

Every recruit class graduation is noteworthy. Every recruit class graduation marks an impressive achievement for those new troopers. Every recruit class graduation is a time of celebration. And yet, the 100th Recruit Class graduation on June 26, 2015, seemed to be a little more ... *historic*.

Maybe it was the number 100. Maybe it was that a number of retirees attended, including five retired colonels. There is definitely something historic about having six Missouri State Highway Patrol colonels in the same room.

With a terse command from Sergeant Mark A. Wilson, Q/TND, the class entered the Helias High School Rackers Field House. Their pride was evident in their posture and cadence. The celebration had begun.

Reverend Kevin Rowden, Wheeler Church of Christ, provided both the invocation and later, the benediction. The day's color guard included Sergeant Erik L. Hurst, Troop A, Sergeant Ron D. Kyle, Troop F, Corporal Coby G. Holzschuh, Troop F, and Corporal Russ W. Shaul, Troop A. The members from Troop A wore the 1931 uniforms; from Troop F, the uniforms of today.

Their movements were precise, measured, and synchronized, showing the respect due the symbols of our state and nation. A quartet (Sergeant Andy A. Henry, Troop F, Corporal John H. Lueckenhoff, Troop D, Trooper Steve J. Force, Troop D, and Pastor Terry Beasley, Cameron, MO) then paid tribute to our nation with the "Star Spangled Banner."

Governor Jay Nixon was present to address the class. "The past six months have challenged your character, intellect, and perseverance. My congratulations to each of you for passing each of the tests presented ... Our fellow Missourians and I want to thank you for choosing one of the noblest professions there is: That of a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper. Thank you for choos-



Col. J. Bret Johnson, superintendent of the Patrol, addressed those present.

ing to protect the six million people of our great state."

Retired Colonel Ron Replogle provided the keynote address to the new troopers. He stressed the importance of servant leadership and understanding who they serve. "You've been hired by the best, you've been trained by the best, and you're in the best profession. I encourage you to go out and give the citizens of this state your best."

"You are the Bill of Rights," said Department of Public Safety Director Lane Roberts. "You matter. Unlike any other uniform, the police officer uniform stands for individual rights and freedom. You give meaning to all that makes this land free. Congratulations. You have successfully completed what is arguably the most rigorous academy in the nation. The Missouri State Highway Patrol's history is one of honor, courage, and nobility. You are its future. I trust it is in capable hands."

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Trooper Christina A. Sumner accepts her diploma from Col. J. Bret Johnson.

A quartet sang the national anthem at the graduation.



— Graduates

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The Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell, Missouri Supreme Court, administered the Oath of Office to the 32 new troopers. Dean Gil Kennon, vice president of college affairs for Mineral Area College, conferred associate degrees to 10 members of the class.

The new troopers were then commissioned, each one walking proudly across the stage to shake hands with Colonel J. Bret Johnson, retired Colonel Replogle, and Director Roberts. Afterward, the audience gave the class a standing ovation with cheers and whistles.

Col. Johnson then addressed the class, congratulating them and asking them to keep near the challenge coin he presented to each of them a few weeks prior. He quoted Matthew 5:9, then told the class, "As the newest peacekeepers, I say you are the start of the next 84 years." Col. Johnson shared a saying he heard from retired Colonel Fred Mills years ago, "Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become your character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny*. Congratulations. May God bless you in your new career and keep you safe in all you do."

Four of the new troopers accepted awards based on their performance during Academy training: Trooper Levi B. Michener (Physical Training Award), Trooper Christopher S. Giacolone (Firearms Award), Trooper Alexander H. Jackson (Academic Award), and Trooper Travis L. Harmon (Superintendent's Award).

Trooper Ryan L. Hutton served as class commander of the 100th Recruit Class. On behalf of the class, he thanked the Patrol's command staff. He then expressed his appreciation to his classmates for allowing him to serve them as their commander.

Congratulations, 100th Recruit Class!

**Editor's note: The origin of this saying is unknown.*

Listed are the names, hometowns, and first assignments of the 100th Recruit Class:

Benjamin A. Owens	Warrensburg, MO	Troop A	Lafayette County
Robert O. Green	Long Lane, MO	Troop A	Cass County
Joshua D. Conrad	Palmyra, MO	Troop A	Johnson County
Levi B. Michener	Gallatin, MO	Troop B	Monroe/Randolph Counties
Donald P. Borgmeyer	Lancaster, MO	Troop B	Putnam/Sullivan Counties
Eric D. Diaz	New York, NY	Troop C	St. Louis County
Joseph A. Kuczka	Dittmer, MO	Troop C	St. Louis/Jefferson Counties
Aaron T. Borgic	Taylorville, IL	Troop C	Lincoln/Pike Counties
Donald L. Bilyeu	St. Peters, MO	Troop C	St. Charles County
Matthew J. Lamoureux	Arnold, MO	Troop C	Warren County
Derek L. Walker	Cape Girardeau, MO	Troop C	St. Louis/Jefferson Counties
Todd C. Baker	Cassville, MO	Troop D	Cedar/St. Clair Counties
Ryan L. Hutton	Springfield, MO	Troop D	Dade/Lawrence Counties
Travis L. Harmon	Buffalo, MO	Troop D	Cedar/St. Clair Counties
Christina A. Sumner	Marshfield, MO	Troop D	Webster County
David W. Welker	Cape Girardeau, MO	Troop E	Scott/Mississippi/New Madrid Counties
Marcus L. Schlieff	Doniphan, MO	Troop E	Butler/Ripley Counties
Emily M. Westmoreland	Perryville, MO	Troop E	Butler/Ripley Counties
Alexander H. Jackson	Hannibal, MO	Troop F	Camden County
Joshua M. Kenyon	West Plains, MO	Troop G	N. Howell/Shannon Counties
Blake C. Rowden	Meta, MO	Troop G	N. Howell/Shannon Counties
Christian J. Mendez	Chino, CA	Troop G	Douglas/Ozark Counties
Dillon F. Wales	Webb City, MO	Troop G	Douglas/Ozark Counties
Michael A. White	Washington, MO	Troop G	N. Howell/Shannon Counties
Keaton L. Ebersold	King City, MO	Troop H	Atchison/Holt Counties
Coltin H. McGowan	Holts Summit, MO	Troop H	Buchanan/Andrew Counties
Michael J. Miller	King City, MO	Troop H	Harrison/Gentry Counties
Kyle R. Henke	Taos, MO	Troop H	Buchanan/Andrew Counties
Bradley R. Muck	Macon, MO	Troop H	Clinton/Caldwell Counties
Kara R. Dinwiddie	Eldon, MO	Troop H	Buchanan/Andrew Counties
Christopher S. Giacolone	St. James, MO	Troop I	Phelps/Maries Counties
Chase A. Pulley	St. Peters, MO	Troop I	Dent County

Command College Provides Opportunity

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

Captain D. Tony Flannigan, Q/HRD, is seen with his classmates from the 5th Command College. Twenty-two officers graduated on May 29, 2015, in a ceremony held at the Missouri Capitol rotunda. The Missouri Police Chiefs' Charitable Foundation coordinates the college, which is held at Missouri Police Chiefs' Association building in Jefferson City, MO. Police officers from around the state attend the college one week a month over seven months. The program offers a dual credit opportunity with Lincoln University in Jefferson City. Participants have the option to then take five additional courses at Lincoln University after graduating from the Command College in order to earn a master's degree in criminal justice.

"Major Kemp A. Shoun [Q/ESB] attended the 4th Command College, and suggested that I take advantage of

the program," said Capt. Flannigan. "The Command College provided me with an opportunity to see how other agencies operate. The class became a group of close friends. I think this course benefits both the employee and the Patrol. It takes the employee out of their comfort zone, they work with other agencies, and they have the opportunity to further their education and develop relationships to learn from others. The agencies represented were diverse in size, and the agency



Pictured is the 5th Command College.

representatives ranged from detective to chief. I believe that any time an employee can further their education and apply it to their job, it benefits the Patrol. I would recommend this program, especially to those who want to earn their master's degree."

Anniversaries

August

30 years

MVI Sprv. Van E Ludwig, Troop C
Traffic Safety Analyst III Michelle M. Green, Q/PRD

20 years

MVI III Dwight L. Christian, Troop F
Cpl. Jeremie L. Keathley, Troop I

15 years

DE Sprv. Dana J. Mueller, Troop B
Clerk IV Ronda K. Shoush, Troop B

10 years

Clerk Typist III Carole L. Hobbs, Troop C
DE III Pam J. Cox, Troop A
Quality Control Clerk II Terry L. Kampeter, Q/PRD

5 years

Lab. Evid. Tech. II Wilma E. Aleshire, Q/CLD
Info. Security Officer Patrick J. Woods, Q/CJISD
Tpr. Rachel A. Lawrence, Troop C

Criminalist Sprv. Beth A. Walker, Q/CLD

September

30 years

MVI III Jeff E. Barron, Troop C
Sgt. Gary D. Davidson, Q/GD
Capt. Dave E. Earney, Q/CVED
Sgt. Steve L. Grass, Troop G
Sgt. Kevin G. Haywood Sr., Q/AD
Lt. Col. Sandy K. Karsten, Q/ASO
Lt. George F. Knowles, Q/DDCC
Capt. Kyle D. Marquart, Q/CIB
Sgt. Doug B. McPike, Troop F
Lt. Sean B. Moore, Troop E
Sgt. Donnie L. Schmitz II, Q/DDCC
Major Kemp A. Shoun, Q/ESB
Sgt. Wade E. Stuart, Q/DDCC

25 years

Tech. Support Mgr. Mark A. Huhn, Q/ICTD
Criminalist Sprv. Will A. Randle, Q/CLD

15 years

Tpr. Travis L. Brown, Troop G
Tpr. Jason C. Daly, Troop H
Tpr. Parrish M. Lutz, Q/GD
CVE Insp. Sprv. I Jeff A. Meyer, Troop A
CVO Sprv. II Terri J. Noland, Troop H
Cpl. Brad D. Odle, Troop G
CVO Sprv. I Ken L. Shewey Jr., Troop H
Tpr. Mark L. Starmer, Troop H
Criminalist III Jason W. Crafton, Q/CLD
DE Sprv. Tonia L. Daly, Troop H

10 years

Tech. III Michele J. Klebba, Q/CJISD
CITS I Branden S. Coker, Q/ICTD
Asst. Chief Oper. Eric W. Presser, Troop G
Tech II Angela K. Schepers, Q/CJISD

DPS Recognizes Tpr. Haslag's Criminal Investigation Skills

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

"There is very little in the world more offensive to police officers than a dirty cop," said DPS Director Lane Roberts. "It's the worst thing I can think of. The irony is how difficult it is to investigate. You don't want to believe it, and you run into some of our own that don't want to help. But, to spend two years doing it requires someone who is persistent and dedicated. I haven't gotten the opportunity to get to know you [Trooper Darrin R. Haslag, Q/DDCC] well, but clearly you are someone I would like to associate with." Director Roberts' comments occurred during the May 2015 DPS Employee of the Month award ceremony.

Tpr. Haslag was recognized for his work investigating a former Gasconade County deputy sheriff at the request of the Gasconade County sheriff. During the course of the nearly two year investigation, Tpr. Haslag gained the confidence of numerous victims who were sexually assaulted from June 2010 through August 2012. During this time period, evidence was obtained suggesting the suspect used his power as a law enforcement officer to conduct the sexual assaults.

During the course of the investigation, Tpr. Haslag identified a second suspect who arranged and participated in several sexual assaults. Tpr. Haslag worked tirelessly on the investigation in conjunction with the Gasconade County prosecuting attorney, and eventually the Missouri Attorney General's Office. He conducted search warrants, followed leads, and identified victims. During the investigation, approximately 85 potential victims were identified. On January 27, 2015, both suspects were arrested and charged with multiple felonies each. Some of the charges include first degree rape, public servant acceding to corruption, and use of a child in a sexual performance.

Trooper Haslag continued to unilaterally pursue the truth in this investigation, even when confronted with witnesses who distrusted law enforcement due to the nature of the crime. He gained the victim's trust, who then came forward to identify the suspects and what occurred to them. This was no small task. There is no doubt without Tpr. Haslag's determination during this investigation, many of the victims would not have been identified and both

the suspect and accomplice would have continued their criminal activity.

"In a very short period of time, Tpr. Haslag established himself as a criminal investigator; as one of the go-to guys. He is a premiere investigator," said Major Luke Vislay, Q/CIB.

Director Roberts presented a certificate to Tpr. Haslag and showed those present the traveling plaque to which his name has been added. The plaque would hang at General Headquarters for a month.

"These types of investigations," said Director Roberts, "when you have cops out there tarnishing law enforcement's reputation, there is no more important investigation. They need to go to jail. God bless you for what you do."

"My staff and the entire Patrol congratulate you," said Colonel J. Bret Johnson, superintendent of the Patrol. He presented Tpr. Haslag with a Patrol challenge coin saying, "You support our core values each and every day. We are honoring Darrin for this one instance, but he carries all of his duties this way. You make us all look good and we appreciate it."

Eric T. Olson, director of Q/DDCC, said, "I've been in the division for 15 days. I've overheard a lot of conversations in the office and heard about the good things DDCC has been doing. Your name has been a part of that. Congratulations, and I look forward to more of this."

Tpr. Haslag expressed his appreciation for the award and to those who attended the ceremony. He then told those gathered, "I don't think what I did or how I approached this was any different than how any of my unit mates would have approached it. I appreciate and am honored that I received this award. It should go out to my unit mates, because I got a lot of help."

In a later interview, Tpr. Haslag said he hadn't known the accused officer before starting the investigation. "I



Colonel J. Bret Johnson, DPS Director Lane Roberts, Tpr. Darrin Haslag, and Mrs. Angie Haslag are pictured.

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— Haslag

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did meet a lot of good officers in Gasconade County throughout the investigation. Props to the sheriff for coming forward with the request. It wasn't easy for him. A victim came forward and he knew they couldn't investigate it. He did the right thing."

During the two years, Tpr. Haslag also worked on other investigations, explaining that criminal investigators juggle four to six cases at once. He said he had several other cases and assisted other investigators during that two-year timeframe. "Anytime I had time, I'd work on the Gasconade County case."

"After talking to the first victim—she was completely believable—it was real. I started talking to more victims. Everyone had a story. Some included criminal behavior and some was very inappropriate behavior," said Tpr. Haslag.

"The case is growing," he said. "We executed a search warrant in August 2014. The search warrant yielded evidence that corroborated the victims' statements. The suspect was arrested on his 51st birthday and now awaits trial."

He said during a long investigation it can be stressful and sometimes frustrating, but that he found personal satisfaction in working the case in order to, "right the wrong to all of those girls." He doesn't take the stress home though, his home life is so busy he doesn't, "have a lot of time to get stressed about work."

"The children understand what he does. It's not stressful for us, we just know he's working hard and trying to figure things out," said Tpr. Haslag's wife, Angie.

"I believe that Darrin's true calling in life is that of a criminal investigator," said Sergeant Jason P. Clark, Q/DDCC. "I am truly blessed to supervise someone like him. Someone who honestly puts the victim's rights and perspective above his own needs and concerns. Rarely does an officer come along who can make an otherwise horrible situation tolerable. Congratulations, Darrin, on a well-deserved award."

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

45 years ago

July 1970 – Tpr. William R. Brandt, who lost his life in the line of duty on June 12, 1970, was on the cover. Also inside was a photo layout about the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division.

35 years ago

August 1980 – This issue featured Troopers Larry White and Larry McGowan (on motorcycles), Trooper Oliver Dixon beside a patrol car, and Sergeant A.J. Stricker by a Patrol aircraft on the cover. The related story was about a new enforcement program known as Operation STEP (Statewide Traffic Enforcement Program) initiated by Colonel Al Lubker.

25 years ago

July 1990 – Colonel C.E. Fisher announced the agency would coordinate the statewide D.A.R.E. program in his Superintendent's Message. The 62nd Recruit Class graduated. After 11 years in existence, the GHQ Annex building was identified with cast bronze letters and a Patrol emblem. Each of the 12-inch letters weighed 12 pounds.

15 years ago

August 2000 – Highlights in this issue included: the National Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Washington, D.C. Women Legislators of Missouri honored Trooper Michele Wahlers, Trooper Deborah S. Miller, Trooper Anna K. Sanders, and Trooper Dawn Eisterhold. The 16th Annual MOSTA Bass Tournament Raised \$10,000.

5 years ago

July/August 2010 – The Ozarks Honor Flight was featured. The Rural Crimes Investigation Unit (created in 2009) reported that since its inception, it had solved 224 out of 506 cases. This resulted in 94 arrests and recovery of property valued at \$1,578,138.20. Photos from the Patrol's 29th Annual Golf Tournament graced the cover. The American Legion Patrol Cadet Academy marked its 40th anniversary. Troopers helped remove a bear wandering in the median of Interstate 44 in Jasper County.

Duty, Honor, Country

“Duty. Honor. Country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be.”

— General Douglas MacArthur (1880-1964),

39 Cadets Experience Life In The Academy

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

A group of young people lived the Academy life May 31 through June 5, 2015, as part of the 46th Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy. The week was filled with experiences mirroring what a Patrol recruit experiences, culminating with a graduation ceremony.

Once all of the cadets and counselors were standing by their seats, Sergeant C. Joey Day, Q/TND, asked if they were ready for graduation. "Sir, yes, Sir," was their response. Class Chaplain Olivia Imhoff provided the invocation and benediction for the graduation exercises.

Lieutenant Colonel Sandy K. Karsten, Q/ASO, addressed the cadets and their families. She applauded the cadets for wanting to spend a week with military veterans and law enforcement officers. Lt. Col. Karsten herself is a cadet program graduate. She told the group that although some parts of the program are different, the important part—a unique experience, instructors who take great pride in training troopers and an Academy kitchen staff that, "puts on a great feed"—remain constant.

"My cadet experience certainly affected my decision to join the MSHP," said Lt. Col. Karsten. "The cadet program gave me a glimpse into the Patrol I didn't have prior to the Cadet Patrol Academy. Make the relationships you've forged here with employees of the Patrol count toward your future. We hope you have observed the Patrol values in action this week."

"I encourage you to use your experience for improving our society: Show

respect for the rights for others. Make wise choices as you continue your education. Make your cadet experience count. Thank you for spending your week with us and the American Legion."

American Legion Commander Dennis Woeltje recognized all legionnaires who helped with the program and Sgt. Joey Day, Q/TND. He said it was a "pleasure to look out at these cadets and see the potential they represent."



Pictured is the 46th Cadet Patrol Academy, which took place May 31 through June 5, 2015.

Director Jill Druski, from the American Division at American Legion Headquarters in Indianapolis, IN, attended the ceremony. "The Missouri Academy is among the very best citizenship and leadership training opportunities. Congratulations on your selection and graduation from this premiere program. We hope you have found a deep appreciation and respect for what most citizens take for granted."

She told the cadets that being an American citizen comes with great

responsibility. "One way to fill this role is through education, both in the classroom and in life. Pay attention to and be involved in the world around you. The Cadet Patrol Academy has provided you with a springboard for this life education," said Director Druski. "The American Legion and Missouri State Highway Patrol join together and celebrate who you are and who you are going to become. Go live life to its fullest."

The cadets elected Evan Aylward, son of Lieutenant Ed Aylward, as their class commander for the week. He spoke on behalf of the class, saying they got to experience the "cool things troopers do." He said they were exposed to careers within the Patrol that most of the cadets didn't know existed.

"All 39 of the cadets sitting before you are ready and willing to go forward to each challenge of the day. Thank you to the American Legion and MSHP for making this possible."

The cadets each accepted a certificate at the ceremony. Congratulations to Cadet Sarah Abbit and

Cadet Tanner Wallace, who accepted firearms awards; and Cadet Lauren Houston and Cadet Manzell Payne, who accepted physical fitness awards. Class Commander Aylward was recognized for the leadership position he held. The American Legion presents two \$500 scholarships to those interested in a military or law enforcement career. This year's recipients were Cadet Racheal Case and Cadet Morgan Parsons.

Congratulations, 46th Cadet Patrol Academy!

'Looking Beyond The Stop'

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

Troop A

Tpr. D.C. Belardo, 3 arrests
Tpr. R.J. Chapman, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.S. Craig, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.J. Crump, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 4 arrests
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 5 arrests
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 5 arrests
Sgt. M.P. Fennewald, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.I. Goolsby, 5 arrests
Tpr. B. Hamerle, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.M. Harrison, 1 arrest
Sgt. E.L. Hurst, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.J. Jenner, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.A. Jones, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 7 arrests
Cpl. D.D. Mathes, 1 arrest
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 5 arrests
Tpr. C.D. Moeller, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.W. Montgomery, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Peters, 4 arrests
Sgt. G.D. Primm, 3 arrests
Cpl. J.K. Riley, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.T. Schwarz, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.T. Thomas, 1 arrest
Cpl. R.J. Wilhoit, 1 arrest
Cpl. R.A. Wood, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.B. Wright, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.G. Yendes, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.J. Yoder, 2 arrests

Troop B

Cpl. T.J. Adams, 1 arrest
Sgt. R.H. Bartels, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.L. Bradley, 1 arrest
Cpl. E.F. Brown, 3 arrests
Cpl. J.D. Davidson, 1 arrest
Cpl. K.E. Easley, 4 arrests
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 6 arrests
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 5 arrests
Tpr. T.K. Hendershott, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.R. Kottwitz, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.D. Primm, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.H. Riley, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.B. Ritter, 1 arrest

Tpr. T.R. Stults, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.W. Walton, 1 arrest

Troop C

Tpr. K.E. Alcorn, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.A. Ashby, 4 arrests
Tpr. O.R. Baker, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.M. Bielawski, 1 arrest
Sgt. T.S. Croft, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.D. Gadberry, 1 arrest
Cpl. C.D. Gullett, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.L. Hutchings, 1 arrest
Cpl. T.R. Jenkins, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.W. Kaiser, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.E. Lacy, 1 arrest
Tpr. P.C. Long, 3 arrests
Tpr. L.S. Lowe, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Mason, 4 arrests
Tpr. M.H. Mistler, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.A. Moore, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.J. North, 4 arrests
Sgt. J.D. Oughton, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.A. Petlansky, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.T. Roettger, 2 arrests
Tpr. K.D. Scruggs, 2 arrests
Sgt. W.B. Sevier, 3 arrests
Cpl. B.M. Seymore, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.J. Shibley, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.D. Smith, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.R. Summers, 2 arrests
Cpl. A.L. Woods, 3 arrests

Troop D

Tpr. D.B. Blankenship, 2 arrests
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 2 arrests
Sgt. J.D. Fugett, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.D. Green, 3 arrests
Cpl. T.A. Hadlock, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.A. Hall, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.D. Helms, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.W. Henley, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 6 arrests
Tpr. R.L. Kelley, 3 arrests
Tpr. K.L. Knight, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.B. May, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.W. Meyer, 5 arrests
Sgt. S.R. Monk, 5 arrests
Cpl. C.T. Moreland, 1 arrest

Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.R. Rorie Jr., 2 arrests
Sgt. S.R. Rowe, 1 arrest
Cpl. K.R. Sanders, 1 arrest
Tpr. A. Sandoval Jr., 1 arrest
Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 6 arrests
Cpl. K.D. Walters, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.B. Ward, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.J. Wood, 2 arrests

Troop E

Tpr. M.R. Ashby, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.K. Brooks, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.A. Cook, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.W. Crank, 3 arrests
Tpr. D.L. DeJournett, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.B. Foster, 3 arrests
Tpr. K.L. Huggins, 4 arrests
Tpr. M.B. Lomedico, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.N. Miller, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 2 arrests
Tpr. E.M. Reynolds, 3 arrests
Tpr. R.T. Schneid, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 4 arrests
Sgt. J.S. Stewart, 4 arrests
Tpr. S.K. Talburt, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.T. Wilson, 3 arrests
Tpr. B.D. Wunderlich, 2 arrests

Troop F

Tpr. M.P. Acord, 2 arrests
Cpl. B.W. Adamson, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.G. Broniec, 1 arrest
Tpr. Z.A. Czerniewski, 3 arrests
Tpr. M.A. Dickens, 3 arrests
Tpr. T.C. Fick, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 9 arrests
Tpr. C.C. Frame, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.T. Halford, 4 arrests
Cpl. D.P. Hutzler, 2 arrests
Sgt. S.B. Johnson, 6 arrests
Tpr. M.G. Kettenbach, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.E. Klempke, 2 arrests
Cpl. B.A. McLaughlin, 2 arrests
Sgt. M.E. Morice, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.B. Mueller, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.M. Richerson, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.L. Rice, 6 arrests

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Sgt. S.D. Rudloff, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.T. Shikles, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.W. Turner, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.J. Washabaugh, 1 arrest
Cpl. G.L. West Jr., 2 arrests
Tpr. C.B. Wilt, 1 arrest

Troop G

Tpr. T.L. Brown, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.J. Crewse, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.S. Cunningham, 1 arrest
Sgt. C.A. Hogue, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Huffman, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.D. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.R. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 4 arrests
Tpr. C.A. Kimes, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.M. Loring, 11 arrests
Sgt. S.L. Nelson, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.W. Philpott, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.A. Philpott, 2 arrests
Sgt. D.B. Pounds, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Roberts, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.T. Ulm, 3 arrests
Tpr. E.M. VanWinkle, 3 arrests
Tpr. R.D. Vaughan, 2 arrests

Troop H

Sgt. L.M. Allen, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.J. Cool, 2 arrests
Lt. D.J. Hedrick, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.R. Hilliard, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.D. Obert, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.E. Peabody, 2 arrests
Sgt. M.P. Quilty, 1 arrest
Tpr. Q.R. McConkey, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.J. Webb, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.A. Wilhoit, 1 arrest

Troop I

Tpr. G.A. Ayres, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.R. Capps, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.W. Clement, 3 arrests
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 7 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Fariole, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.A. Goodson, 2 arrests
Cpl. J.R. McCurdy, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.D. Rapier, 3 arrests
Tpr. R.A. Rizo, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.S. Sloan, 6 arrests

Tpr. N.A. Smith, 6 arrests
Tpr. R.L. Stark, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.A. Tyler, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.W. Tierney, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.M. Van Meter, 1 arrest

Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.G. Zimmerman, 3 arrests

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(DDCC) Tpr. J.R. Johnston, 3 arrests

Trooper Captures Murder Suspect

By Sgt. Gary S. Horton, Troop D

Shortly before noon on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, Trooper Travis L. Coffey, Troop D, received a call from Troop D advising him that the Barry County Sheriff's Department had requested assistance from DDCC reference a possible homicide in Eagle Rock, MO. A neighbor had called the sheriff's department to report that a man came to his house saying, "Mr. Ed is dead and laying on the bed." Radio provided Tpr. Coffey with the suspect's description, that he was possibly armed with an unknown type of weapon, and that the suspect left in a white Chrysler 200 with an American flag on the back window. There was no license plate information.

Tpr. Coffey responded to the area. Upon arriving, Troop D Radio advised Tpr. Coffey that Barry County deputies were on scene and had confirmed a deceased body at the residence. Barry County deputies also established a roadblock at Missouri Routes RA and J. Additional information from dispatch provided the suspect's name and indicated he had a warrant from Greene County for domestic violence and a warrant from Poplar Bluff for vagrancy.

Tpr. Coffey began to search for the vehicle on proximate county roads. Troop D then advised the suspect had crashed the vehicle on Barry County Road 2250 and a man matching the suspect's description had been seen in a nearby wooded area. Without delay, Tpr. Coffey responded to that location.

After locating the abandoned and wrecked Chrysler vehicle, Tpr. Coffey, several Barry County deputies, and I began searching the area. Tpr. Coffey quickly spotted the suspect next to the roadway in the brush, exited his patrol vehicle with his assigned rifle, and ordered the suspect from the concealment. The suspect did as he was told and Tpr. Coffey placed him in handcuffs.

Tpr. Coffey was instrumental in the successful capture of this murder suspect. His situational awareness was exceptional. The suspect was apprehended within one hour and 35 minutes of Tpr. Coffey being requested to assist another agency.

The suspect was charged in Barry County Court with murder, armed criminal action, attempted arson, and DWI. He was held on a \$1 million bond.

Lt. Eric A. Tilford Sr.



On July 1, 2015, Lieutenant Eric A. Tilford Sr., Troop H, retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Eric spent over 31 1/2 dedicated years serving the public. Eric was appointed to the Patrol on January 1, 1984, as a member of the 56th Recruit Class.

Eric, who is originally from Kansas City, MO, graduated from Southeast High School in Kansas City, and attended college at the University of Missouri-Rolla, now known as Missouri University of Science and Technology. Eric applied for the Missouri State Highway Patrol in January 1983. He recalled being told later that more than 5,000 applicants applied for the 56th Recruit Class, which commissioned 21 new troopers in May 1984.

Upon graduating from the Academy, Eric's first assignment was Zone 7, Plattsburg, MO, serving Clinton, DeKalb, and Daviess counties. Eric was promoted to corporal in 1991, sergeant in 1994, and lieutenant in 2006. Eric was assigned to the Gaming Division from 2001 to 2006. It was while Eric was assigned to the Gaming Division that he volunteered in 2005 for the Hurricane Katrina detail.

Eric stated that to this day, this was the most rewarding and humbling detail to which he has ever been assigned. Eric stated he and 49 other

troopers were stationed in Gulfport, MS, and drove to Biloxi, MS, every day to their assignment. During this detail, Missouri troopers assisted the Mississippi Highway Patrol, Gulfport Police Department, and Biloxi Police Department in the performance of their duties.

Eric advised even though he had been involved in numerous close calls throughout his law enforcement career, the most nervous he has ever been was in June 2008 when Northwest Missouri had a tornado outbreak. While responding to a report of possible tornado damage in Rock Port, MO, Eric came in contact with two tornadoes. Fortunately, he was lucky enough to elude both of them. Eric recalled how the tornadoes picked up three tractor trailers and tossed them like they were toy vehicles. By the grace of God, only one truck driver received minor injuries as a result of these tornadoes. Eric stated Mother Nature was definitely in charge that day.

Eric married Jacqueline (Jackie) King in July 1994. They have three children: Eric Jr., Zac, and Laurie. They also have six grandchildren: Avery, Dexter, Tybee, Lincoln, Oakland, and Skyelar. Eric Jr. is a police officer with the Lenexa, KS, Police Department. Eric stated that he and Jackie plan to spend a lot of quality time with their grandchildren now that he's retired. Eric stated he is also going to stay busy by traveling, spending more time in the fitness center, and continuing with the piano lessons that he began taking this past November.

Eric stated he will miss the many good friends and associates he has come to know over the past 31 1/2 years he has been in law enforcement. He also wanted to share a quote from American Poet Maya Angelou which states, *"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never*

forget how you made them feel." Eric said he hopes he has had a positive influence on everyone he has come into contact with throughout his law enforcement career, and that he left them with a good feeling.

Everyone at Troop H and throughout the law enforcement community wish Eric and Jackie, who also recently retired, many wonderful years of a fun-filled and healthy retirement.

Cook Sprv. Michael V. Ferguson



The Law Enforcement Training Academy of the Missouri State Highway Patrol announces the retirement of Cook Supervisor Michael V. Ferguson on December 1, 2014. Michael began his career with the Patrol on January 5, 1976, as a Food Service Helper I. Over the years, he was promoted several times. He was designated as a Food Services Helper II in 1977. In 1981, his title changed to Cook I, and promotions to Cook II and Cook III followed. On November 1, 1991, he was promoted to cook supervisor. He left the agency for a few years, then returned in 2010. He retired December 1, 2014, from the position of cook supervisor.

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There are very few members on the Patrol who were not treated by the cooking abilities of Michael. We have all shared many great meals in which Michael played a large role in the preparation and service. The many banquets for which he cooked have been remarkable. Training Division personnel extend their deepest appreciation for the many hours he worked. We will miss seeing him daily, and we will miss those excellent meals.

Congratulations, Michael, we wish you a wonderful retirement.

Triumph

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

— *Edmund Burke*
(1729-1797)

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Pam J. Leach
Driver Examiner III
Troop C

*Retired July 1, 2015.
26 years of dedicated service.*

Mark A. Wilson
Sergeant
Q/TND

*Retired July 1, 2015.
19 years of dedicated service.*



B. Tim Deshler
Lieutenant
Troop A

*Retired July 1, 2015.
32 years of dedicated service.*



How Others See Us

(via email to the Missouri Department of Public Safety)

“I am a truck driver from Iowa. I make routine trips to Kansas City. Today, while traveling south on Interstate 35 as I approached the 63-mile marker, I noticed a trooper’s car with his emergency lights on, behind a stopped ve-

hicle on the northbound side. As I got closer, I noticed the trooper was on his knees at the passenger side front tire, and he was either loosening or tightening the lug nuts on the tire. An older woman was standing watch over him.

With all the negative cr** out there about law enforcement these days, I think it’s vital to share positive

stories. The truth is that most officers are simply honest, family men doing a hard job, and trying to help people. I wish I could have gotten a plate number, so I could be more specific in recognizing this trooper. Simple acts like this make me have the utmost respect for officers.”

*Mr. Andrew J. Lavrenz
Leon, IA*

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VSP Superintendent Visits DDCC

By Sgt. Shawn M. Griggs, Q/DDCC

Superintendent Craig Gillard, of the Victoria [Australia] State Police visited the Division of Drug and Crime Control on June 23, 2015. Supt. Gillard was on a three week-trip to the United States courtesy of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. The trust provides travel expenses for educational journeys, known as Churchill Fellowships. These fellowships offer Australians the opportunity to travel to the far edges of the globe to conduct research and bring back knowledge, experience, ideas, and innovation for the betterment of their industry.

Supt. Gillard's trip included seven stops in the United States for the purpose of studying emerging and innovative crime prevention practices related to rural crime. One of the seven stops was to visit the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Rural Crimes Investigative Unit within the Division of Drug and Crime Control.

He chose to meet with the RCIU because, "I liked what you had accomplished and the success you had in such a short amount of time. I want to use your unit as a platform, when creating a unit of my agricultural liaison officers." He added that the state of Missouri was similar in size and very similar in population to his state.

During his visit, Supt. Gillard met with Sergeants Troy D. Linneman, Darrin K. Lilleman, and Trooper Darrin R. Haslag, all members of the RCIU, at the Division of Drug and Crime Control's offices. Similar to those in each of the troop headquarters, DDCC's offices include a "Wall of Honor," permanently paying tribute to our troopers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for this agency while serving the citizens of Missouri. Upon entering the training room and seeing the Wall of Honor, Supt. Gillard asked what the men on the wall had done for their picture to be displayed. After it was explained, the superintendent respectfully asked if he could inquire as to how the officers had lost their lives.



(l to r) Tpr. Darrin Haslag, Sgt. Troy Linneman, Victoria State Police Superintendent Craig Gillard, Sgt. Darrin Lilleman, and Captain Eric T. Olson shared their knowledge of rural crime.

I had joined the visit and, along with the three members of the RCIU, began speaking about each trooper on the wall and the circumstances surrounding their sacrifice. Some of the RCIU investigators pointed out if the trooper had been a classmate of theirs. Together, the four members of DDCC went through the entire wall for Supt. Gillard.

The superintendent stated his department probably didn't have as many "in the line of duty" deaths as the Missouri State Highway Patrol, but his agency had not been in existence as long, either. Beyond their years of service, the four members of DDCC credited the first week of recruit training for the majority of their knowledge about the fallen troopers. Supt. Gillard stated he was shocked by how many of the troopers had been killed in or involved in motor vehicle crashes. The subject of fatal motor vehicle crashes led into further conversation about traffic enforcement and roadway safety.

Supt. Gillard learned from the investigators Missouri had seen a reduction in fatal motor vehicle crashes over the last decade. The troopers informed the superintendent the state experienced 1,257 fatalities, in 2005, which had decreased to 766 fatalities in 2014, a 40 percent reduction. Supt. Gillard stated, "Your totals are down, then.

That's good. Really good."

The DDCC Officers learned from the superintendent that in 1980, 1,034 people died as a result of motor vehicle crashes in the state of Victoria. Supt. Gillard said after the results of 1980, his government decided they'd had enough, and their police department became "very focused on roadway safety." According to the superintendent, his department's focus and strict punishments for exceeding the speed limit, no seat belt, distracted driving, and some other factors have made a huge impact on their fatality totals. Victoria experienced 223 traffic fatalities in 2014.

Strict Punishments For Traffic Violations In Victoria

- *No seat belt* – \$320 fine, three demerit points.
- *Distracted driving* – \$275 fine, two demerit points.
- *Exceeded Posted Speed Limit* – (10 mph over) \$275 fine, one demerit point. (20+ mph over) \$370 fine, three demerit points, vehicle impounded for 30 days, violator pays for towing and storage of vehicle. (Storage costs approximately \$500.)

(Victoria operates on a 12-point demerit system similar to Missouri's 12-point system.)

Another fact the RCIU troopers

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found very interesting was the amount of vacation the Victoria State Police officers earn each year. Supt. Gillard informed the troopers each of his officers earn nine weeks of vacation yearly. The superintendent added the officers are required to take the full nine weeks of vacation each year.

The rest of Supt. Gillard's visit to DDCC was spent discussing the topics of crime, rural crime, and prevention. Both the RCIU and the superintendent gave presentations on rural crime in their states, and shared information

on trends and enforcement. Surprisingly, both Supt. Gillard and the RCIU cited "farmers reporting crimes" as the main problem facing the prevention and enforcement of rural crime. Farmers and rural residents report incidents or crimes late or not at all.

The RCIU shared and explained how their 1-800 number, email address, and website are used to collect tips and communicate with the public. Sgt. Lilleman stated, "It works better when we communicate with the public and they understand what we need." The superintendent was given examples of the note pads RCIU distributes to the public and copies of posters used to advertise how to contact the

RCIU.

Supt. Gillard spent the next two days with RCIU further researching how the unit conducts business. The superintendent also toured General Headquarters, MIAC, MOSTA, and the Colonel Alvin R. Lubker Safety & Education Center. Before he departed, Supt. Gillard was asked what he thought of Missouri.

"You have beautiful country around here, and wonderful people in Missouri," he stated. "My wife and I both noticed you have a lot of distracted drivers, though."

Troop H: New Weigh Scales Open

By Sgt. Jake P. Angle, Troop H

Troop H replaced two of its commercial motor vehicle scale platforms—Post H4 South on Interstate 29 in Atchison County, MO, and Post H2 South on Interstate 35 in Harrison County, Missouri. These scales are charged with weighing commercial motor vehicles entering Missouri on both Interstate 29 and Interstate 35 within Troop H. The new scale platforms are a state-of-the-art, three platform scale that will have a digital readout made available outside the scale house. This will allow commercial motor vehicle drivers to see their axle weights and gross weight while still sitting on the scale platform inside their vehicles.

The Post H2 scales had their grand opening in November 1989, and the Post H4 scales' grand opening was in September 1990. Both sets of scales have outlived their life expectancy. The new scales are a welcome addition to commercial motor vehicle operations within Troop H. Upon construction and placement of the new scale platforms they were

unable to be used for six weeks in order for the concrete to completely cure and be ready for their heavy workout.

In addition to these two new scale platforms, Troop H is on the short list to receive new scale platforms at Post H4 North on Interstate 29 and Post H2 North



on Interstate 35. The replacement of these platforms will increase greatly the Commercial Motor Vehicle Division's ability to ensure commercial



Workers pour concrete at the approach of the Post H2 weigh station.

A portion of the new scale platform is lowered into place.

motor vehicles traveling within the state are doing so in the safest manner possible. In 2013, Post H2 South weighed 77,345 commercial motor vehicles; Post H4 South weighed 105,447 commercial motor vehicles. With this amount of truck traffic these new scale platforms are going to get a workout.

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Robert W. Duncan



Robert Wendell Duncan, 89, walked through Heaven's gates on May 2, 2015. He was born in Springfield, MO, on March 4, 1926.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 67 years, Lillian A. Duncan; his parents, Howard S. Duncan Sr. and Nancy Duncan; his sisters, Ramona Tindall and Rose Duncan; his brothers, Charles Small, Howard Duncan Jr., Frances Duncan, and Leroy Small; his daughter, Betsy; his son, Robert Norris Duncan Sr., and granddaughter, Yvette Reese.

He is survived by his sisters, Louise Bartee, of Omaha, NE, and Nila Payne, of Ohio; his brother, Larry Small, of Phoenix, AZ; his daughters, Frances Stafford (and her husband, Gary), Charlotte Warren, Deborah Bedell, and Lynette McDonald, all of Springfield, MO; 15 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services took place Saturday, May 9, 2015, in Pitts Chapel United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were under the direction of Gorman-Scharpf Funeral Home.

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

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Lawrence P. Forrest



Lawrence Paul Forrest, 92, of Hannibal, MO, died on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at his home.

A memorial service with full military rites by Emmette J. Shields American Legion Post # 55 occurred on Monday, June 8, 2015, at the James O'Donnell Funeral Home in Hannibal. Rev. Tim Goodman officiated. A private burial took place at a later date at Holy Family Catholic Cemetery.

Mr. Forrest was born on May 27, 1922, in Neligh, NE, to Lawrence Charles Sturbaum and Edna Grace Willoughby. She later married Milton Harold "Jack" Forrest. Mr. Forrest was married to Clementine "Clemia" K. Venneman on September 18, 1948, in Wein, MO. She preceded him in death June 6, 2007.

Survivors include four sons, Lawrence C. Forrest (and his wife, Karen), of Quincy, IL, Stephen K. Forrest (and his wife, Alice), of Bloomington-Normal, IL, Charles Kevin Forrest (and his wife, Cindy), of Knob Noster, MO, and Ernest P. Forrest (and his wife, Teresa), of St. Louis, MO; one sister, Patricia Evans, of Lee's Summit, MO; nine grandchildren, Charles Forrest, Sabrina Howser, Laura Ramnath, Hannah Krauss, Heather Krauss, Alex Forrest, Kayla Forrest, Mason Latta, and Althea Birkett; and four great-grandchildren, Charles Edward Forrest, Alexia Howser, Korra Howser, and Hannah Shonn.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, stepfather, and one sister, Frances Proze.

Mr. Forrest was a United States Air Corps veteran. He served his country during World War II, earning three bronze stars. Mr. Forrest was inducted into the service in December 1942, at Fort Riley, KS, and was discharged on October 15, 1945, at Scott Field, in St. Louis, MO. After his time in the service, he went to work on the systems bridge crew for the Sante Fe Railroad. He later worked as a trooper for the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 32 years, retiring as a corporal in August 1982. Larry loved to hunt and fish, and enjoyed traveling, but the greatest gift he gave to his family was his love for life and his desire for the outdoors. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Catholic School in care of the James O'Donnell Funeral Home. A luncheon for family and friends occurred at the Rustic Oak Restaurant in the Huck Finn Shopping Center immediately following the services.

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

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Robert E. Swackhamer



Robert E. Swackhamer was born the fourth of five children to Tom and

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Mary Swackhamer on a farm four miles southwest of Urich, MO. He went to a one-room schoolhouse and graduated from Urich High School in 1933, where he was one of 12 graduates. After a brief career in farming, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1937, with an initial assignment with the marine detachment aboard the USS Chester.

During his nine years as a marine, he held every rank between private and first lieutenant, first sergeant and master gunner included. On December 7, 1941, he was sergeant of the guard with Company A, 2nd Tank Battalion in Reykjavik, Iceland. After completing Officer Candidate School at Quantico, VA, he was assigned to various USMC units in the San Diego, CA, area. Eventually, he was assigned to Company A 5th Tank Battalion in which he served on Iwo Jima, landing in the third wave. The end of hostilities found him in Hawaii preparing for the invasion of Japan. Following brief service in occupied Japan, he left the Marines in 1946, to join the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

After several years of road duty he was promoted to sergeant at Troop F, Jefferson City. In 1961, he was promoted to lieutenant as the Patrol's lead auto theft investigator. The year 1968 saw him promoted to captain and placed in command of Troop D, Springfield. After 29 years of service, he retired in 1975. In retirement, he served for a time as the interim director of the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch, and later as a bailiff in the Greene County Court System.

He was married on February 27, 1948, to Mildred B. Johnson in Marshall, MO, with the Rev. Dr. T. Cecil Swackhamer officiating. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, T.C. and O. Cletus Swackhamer, and sisters, Naomi Hupp and Mary Ferne McDonald. He is survived by Mildred, his wife of 67 years; sons, Robert L. Swackhamer, of Toms River, NJ, and Thomas E. Swackhamer, of Flower Mound, TX; grandchildren, Brian K. Swackhamer, Elizabeth A. Swackhamer, and Robert W. Swackhamer;

plus numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service took place on May 21, 2015, at Greenlawn Funeral Home East with Rev. Lori Lampert officiating. Burial occurred at Missouri Veterans Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to: Wesley United Methodist Church, St. Paul Campus, 413 E Walnut St., Springfield, MO 65806.

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

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Bennie F. Patchen Jr.



Bennie Franklin Patchen Jr., 84, a resident of Chillicothe, MO, died on Monday, May 25, 2015, at Indian Hills Retirement Village in Chillicothe.

Bennie was born the son of Benjamin Franklin and Margaret Francis (O'Dell) Patchen on July 25, 1930, in Excelsior Springs, MO. He was a 1948 graduate of Excelsior Springs High School. Bennie served in the United States Navy from 1948 until 1950. He was united in marriage to Rose Lee Hamner on August 5, 1950, at the United Methodist Church parsonage in Platte City, MO. She preceded him in death on March 19, 2010.

Bennie began working for the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1958, and retired in 1986 as a lieutenant stationed in St. Joseph, MO. Upon

returning to Chillicothe, Bennie and Rosie spent many years traveling with friends and family all over the United States. After his retirement, he and Rosie bought a cabin in Estes Park, CO, where they vacationed with their family and friends for many years. While in Colorado, Bennie worked as a park ranger for the Rocky Mountain National Park. Much time was spent devoting his free time to instilling and enriching his passion for life to his grandchildren. Bennie often reflected on the wonderful people and memorable experiences of serving his 28 years for the Northwestern Missouri public. He was a member of the Clay Lodge #207, AF & AM Masonic Lodge, Excelsior Springs, Chillicothe Camper Club, and the Chillicothe Shrine Club.

Survivors include one son, Bennie Patchen III (and his wife, Brenda), of Chillicothe; one daughter, Virginia "Jenny" Jo Churchill (and her husband, David), of Chillicothe; three grandchildren, Neelie Churchill, of Jefferson City, MO, Donny Churchill (and his wife, Wendi), of Faucet, MO, and Duke Churchill, of Chillicothe; two great-grandchildren, Margaret Jane Ann Churchill, of Chillicothe, and Vincent Mosby Churchill, of Chillicothe; three step-grandchildren, Luke Branson, Seth Branson, and Charlotte McGrath, of Faucet; two step-grandchildren, Zach Link (and his wife, Rebecca), and Trevor Link of Chillicothe; and two step-great-grandchildren, Kylee and Clayton Link of Chillicothe.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Margaret Francis Watson and Bennie Patchen Sr.; wife, Rose Lee Patchen; and one daughter, Helen Margaret Patchen.

A memorial service took place on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at the United Methodist Church in Chillicothe. A private family burial occurred in the Masonic Cemetery in Excelsior Springs. Memorial contributions may be made to the Forest O. Triplett Animal Shelter c/o Lindley Funeral Home

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P.O. Box 47, Chillicothe, Missouri 64601. Arrangements were under the direction of Lindley Funeral Home Chillicothe.

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

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Dewey E. Millsap



Dewey E. Millsap, 95, of Raymore, MO, died on June 28, 2015. Dewey was born in Alton, MO, served in WWII in the Army Medical Corps, and became a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper in 1946, retiring 30 years later. Dewey was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Willa Lance Millsap, and his daughter, Marilyn "Gail" Phipps.

Survivors include: a daughter, Rebecca "Becky" Edlund; a sister, Norma Crask; two brothers, Richard Millsap and Harry Millsap; a son-in-law, Mike Phipps; two granddaughters, Alicia Witt and Shelley Scrivener; a grandson, Chad Phipps; and four great-grandchildren. Graveside services took place on July 5, 2015, at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Alton, MO. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Langsford Funeral Home, Lee's Summit, MO. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

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Earl W. Yates



Earl William Yates, 83, formerly of Blue Springs, MO, died June 9, 2015, in Surprise, AZ, with his wife and daughter at his side. He had a heart transplant and was expected to live only 10 years, but survived for over 19. He chose donation to science.

Earl was born Nov. 13, 1931, in Maloy, Iowa, to Wilmer and Erlene Yates. He graduated from Grant City, MO, High School in 1949, and attended the Chillicothe Business School. On May 21, 1950, he married Clella Stevens.

He was drafted by the U.S. Army in 1952 and served during the Korean Conflict. In 1957, Earl was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, retiring in 1989. Earl enjoyed trapshooting, hunting, and ballroom dancing. He also showed Tennessee Walking Horses and judged horse shows. He served as president of the Heart of America Tennessee Walking Horse Association for two terms. Earl was a 32nd Degree Mason for 57 years, a former member of the Ararat Shrine, and member of the Moose and Elk clubs.

Earl leaves behind his wife of 65 years, Clella Yates; daughters, Debra Yates Kubiak (and her husband, Tom) and Rhonda Yates Sehorn; grandchild-

dren, Jason, Heather, Shawn, Nikki, Sabrina, and Melodie; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, David Yates; and brother, Sonny Yates. A celebration of life service took place Saturday, August 22, at Meyers Funeral Chapel in Blue Springs.

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

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Edward J. Hickinbotham



Retired Driver Examiner Edward J. Hickinbotham, 87, of Ironton, MO, died on July 15, 2015.

Beloved husband of the late Ruth J. Hickinbotham and Christine Hickinbotham; dearest father of Eddie Hickinbotham (and his wife, Ornetta) and Linda Russell (and her husband, Michael); loving grandfather of Becky Tyler (and her husband, Travis), Matthew Jamieson, and Kimberly Carriger (and her husband, Austin); and great-grandfather of Callie, Abbie, Brooklyn, Rylie, Asher, Adalynn, Xander, and Isaac. He was also our dear uncle, cousin, and friend.

Mr. Hickinbotham retired from the Patrol on August 1, 1985.

Visitation occurred at the Kutis Funeral Home, in Mehlville, MO, on Sunday, July 19, 2015. Services took place Monday, July 20, 2015. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis.

Deaths

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

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Neil R. Poynter



Neil Ray Poynter, 50, of Richland, MO, died Friday, July 24, 2015, in Richland. He was born June 13, 1965, in Lebanon, MO. to Clifford Neil and Virginia Jones Poynter.

On June 10, 1994, he married Darlena Bell.

He was a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop I, having graduated with the 74th Recruit Class. He was a corporal supervising commercial vehicle enforcement.

Neil Ray Poynter was a member of First Christian Church of Richland.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Clifford Poynter; and a nephew, Kelly Poynter.

Survivors include his wife, Darlena; two sons, Devyn and Trey Poynter, both of Richland; two daughters, Tanya Tait (and her husband, Aaron), and Darcy Poynter, all of Richland; one sister, Brenda Huntley (and her husband, Jim), of Lebanon; one granddaughter, Kinsley Tait; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Wayne and Mary Stemmons; several nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews; church family members; and many dear friends.

Funeral services for Neil Ray Poynter took place Friday, July 31, 2015, at Lebanon First Assembly of God Church in Lebanon with Tim Gola officiating. Burial occurred in Mount Rose Memorial Park, under the direction of Shadel's Colonial Chapel of Lebanon.

It's suggested that memorials be made to Neil's children's education fund or Richland First Christian Church Building Fund. Donations can be left or mailed to Shadel's Colonial Chapel.

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

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Thank You

My sister and I would like to thank everyone who gave their support through prayers, condolences, cards, emails, flowers, gifts, and donations after the passing of our father, Bill Woolley. We would also like to thank those who were able to attend his visitation. Your thoughtfulness and kindness was greatly

appreciated during this difficult time for us and our family.

*Comp. Info. Tech. Sprv. I Eve A. Stafford, Q/ICTD
Criminalist III Kathy M. Green, Q/CLD*

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and condolences we received after the loss of my father, Jimmie Jones. Thank you to my Troop I family for attending the visitation and funeral. It was greatly appreciated and will be remembered.

Sgt. Mike W. Jones, Troop I

Sympathy

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

CIT III Kevin T. Thurman (Q/ICTD) - grandmother	Auto. Tech. III Justen E. Meyer (C) - mother	Tpr. Cary F. Porter (B) - grandfather
Sgt. Mike W. Jones (I) - father	Clerk IV Jessica M. Meyer (C) - mother-in-law	Leasing & Contracts Coord. Lisa C. Luecke (Q/BPD) - father-in-law
Criminalist III Jennifer A. Kopec (Q/CLD) - father	Sgt. Steve W. Cunningham (I) - grandmother	Clerk Typist I Courtney E. Luecke (Q/MVI) - grandfather
Tpr. Ron L. Kelley (D) - mother	DE II John D. Berry (D) - brother	Sgt. Charles W. Hoff (Q/WPD) - mother
Ret. Lt. Steve B. Niederkorn - sister	MVI III John S. Albin (A) - father-in-law	Tpr. Mark L. Starmer (H) - grandmother
Traffic Safety Analyst III Karen M. Forbis (Q/PRD) - father	Telecom. Ron D. King (C) - uncle	Cpl. Matt L. Keeney (Q/GD) - grandmother
Tech. Support Unit Sprv. Mike L. Forbis (Q/ICTD) - father-in-law	Cpl. Doug C. Kissinger (A) - grandmother	Cpl. R. Chris West (A) - mother
Technician I Nicole M. Forbis (Q/CJISD) - grandfather	Sgt. Jody T. Laramore (E) - grandfather	Ret. Sgt. Jeff C. Creech - mother-in-law
	Tpr. Jesse S. Halley (F) - grandmother	

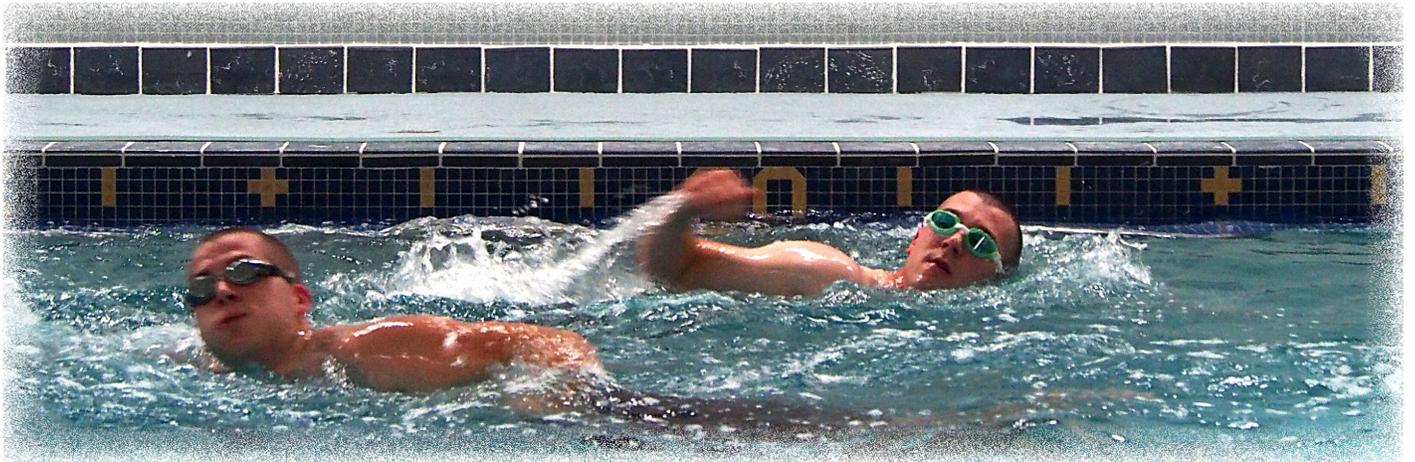
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101st Christens Training Tank



On July 20, 2015, members of the 101st Recruit Class christened the training tank. While in the Academy, recruits are trained in the elementary freestyle (American crawl), breaststroke, side stroke, and elementary backstroke. They also have classroom training on marine laws and boater safety. All recruits graduate with their boater safety certification. In these photos, members of the 101st Recruit Class practice the elementary freestyle (above) and tread water (right).

