

# PATROL NEWS

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“85 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION”



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# From the Staff ...

Lieutenant Colonel Eric T. Olson, Q/ASO



On June 23, 2017, many of us attended the graduation ceremony for the 104th Recruit Class. It was certainly cause for celebration for 27 new troopers, their families, the staff of the Training Division, and our entire organization. As always, the color guard was sharp, the singing of our national anthem by Sergeant John H. Lueckenhoff and his son, Trooper Bradley J. Lueckenhoff, a member of the 104th Recruit Class, was outstanding. Attorney General Josh Hawley and Colonel Sandra K. Karsten each delivered poignant comments to the audience, and without fail, the Training Division produced another well-orchestrated, seamless graduation ceremony.

Celebrating accomplishments is important and should remain a priority. Equally important, and an opportunity for every employee of the Patrol, is the obligation to identify and assess vulnerabilities of the agency. For many, this is simply examining day-to-day responsibilities and ensuring we are fulfilling those responsibilities to the exact, high standards of our agency. Being attentive to our driving habits and use of electronic devices while at work is just one example. For supervisors and managers, assessing vulnerabilities not only includes self-examination, but a close look at the practices, routines, and policies that guide the work of our zones, units, troops, and divisions. Ensuring our policies align with the needs of the public we serve is an example of how supervisors and managers can make improvements and reduce risk. Ultimately, it is incumbent upon the executive staff to identify areas of improvement and follow through with implementation and positive change. Identifying agency needs and opportunities for improvement from a statewide perspective, and working with external stakeholders to educate and inform them of these needs, is an example of how the executive staff can mitigate vulnerable areas.

I am thankful to be a part of a law enforcement agency that has much to celebrate. Identifying risks, addressing small problems early, and taking preventive measures helps us remain one of the nation's premiere law enforcement agencies ... and ensures we enjoy future celebrations.

*Eric T. Olson*

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## Social Media Snapshot



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May 30 at 12:50pm · 🌐

Patrol boat pulls double duty as a fire boat as Trooper Crafton douses a boat fire at the 12mm of Lake of the Ozarks on Memorial Day. Video Credit: Brad Franklin of Kansas City



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*This boat on the Lake of the Ozarks caught fire on May 29. A citizen shared video from a drone, which was then posted on the Patrol's Facebook page. This photo was taken from that video, and shows Trooper Dustin H. Crafton, Troop F, executing a maneuver to direct water onto the burning boat.*

## Cover

*Sgt. John Lueckenhoff, Troop D, congratulates his son, Tpr. Bradley Lueckenhoff. Major Vince Rice, Q/ASB, and Colonel Sandra Karsten are also pictured.*

*(inset) "You have my deepest respect and I wish you every measure of success as you embark upon this highest calling," Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley told the 104th Recruit Class.*

# Congratulations!

## MO Public Safety Communications Award Winners Named

*Chief Training Oper. Roger D. Martin, Q/CommD*

During the annual Missouri Public Safety Communications Conference (MPSCC) Awards Banquet held March 21, 2017, statewide winners of the Public Safety Communications Awards were announced. The Missouri Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, the Missouri Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association, and the Missouri 911 Director's Association hosted the event.

The winners of the 2017 awards are:

**Director of the Year:** Assistant Director Becky Bacon, Christian County Emergency Services

**Supervisor of the Year:** Assistant Chief Operator Christopher Nicholson, Troop H, St Joseph

**Team of the Year:** Alicia Davis, Amy Barrett, Maygon Matlage, Lisa Lake,

Grace Link, and Valesha Wilson, all of Christian County Emergency Services

**George Major Trainer of the Year:** Cheryl Konarski, Dade County 911

**Information Technologist of the Year:** Kevin Francis, Stoddard County 911

**911 Hero Award:** Neveah Thomas nominated by the Pulaski County 911

Troop H employees weren't surprised Chris received this tremendous honor. They report that Chris is rarely seen sitting idle; he is usually racing around Troop H Headquarters fixing something or working



*A representative from award sponsor Century Link (right) presents the Supervisor of the Year Award to ACO Christopher Nicholson, Troop H.*

on patrol cars. If a task is asked of Chris, not only does he complete it in a timely manner, but it's done right. Chris always has a kind word and is a pleasure to work with. Congratulations!!!

## Patrol Divers Earn Tech Diving Certification

*By Lt. Mike A. Petlansky, Q/WPD*

The four Dive Team members pictured here—(l to r) Corporal Dean A. Bartlett, Troop F, Trooper Rob W. Garrett, Troop D, Sergeant Kurt C. Merseal, Q/WPD, and Trooper Logan B. Monahan, Troop E—recently completed technical diving qualifications. The four newly certified technical divers sacrificed a lot of time away from their families, and spent many hours training and studying to meet the requirements for this advanced certification. This certification could not have been possible without the support of Troops D, E, F, and the divers' zone mates. The required training included intensive textbook study and involved numerous deep dives over the course of three weeks.

Technical diving is a form of scuba diving that involves greater depth and immersion time. The four divers are Padi Tri Mix 65 certified, capable of using and mixing helium, oxygen, and nitrogen tanks to dive at depths of 210 feet for prolonged periods of time. The Highway Patrol's investment in the equipment and training will strengthen the Dive Team's capabilities in providing closure to families directly affected by waterway fatalities. Having the ability to perform technical dives also enhances the assistance the Dive Team provides during criminal investigations.

Congratulations to these four men on their accomplishments. Their continued



*These four divers recently became technical diving qualified.*

dedication and sacrifice as members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Dive Team are a credit to themselves and to the agency.

# Tpr. Robert North Accepts June 2017 DPS Award

By Cpl. Juston R. Wheatley, Troop C

At 5:52 a.m., on Thursday, April 6, 2017, Trooper Robert J. North, Troop C, was dispatched to a motor vehicle crash on southbound U.S. Highway 67, south of Missouri Route V, in Jefferson County, Missouri. While en route to the scene, Tpr. North learned EMS personnel were treating the male driver for a drug overdose, and the driver was becoming combative. Once on scene, Tpr. North contacted the subject, who was restrained to the stretcher in the rear of the ambulance.

Tpr. North's initiative in investigating further led to the discovery that the subject was in possession of a brown bag containing two wholesale prescription pill bottles and approximately 20 small individual bags, containing a variety of 400 prescription pills. Also, located in the brown bag were two rubber containers—one containing heroin and the other containing methamphetamine. A search of the vehicle revealed a used syringe and a small glass vial of an unknown type of green liquid located in the cup holder of the center console. A Ruger Mark II handgun with two loaded, 10-round magazines was behind the front passenger's seat.

Once the subject was transported to Mercy Hospital Jefferson for medical treatment, Tpr. North continued his investigation. Because of the large amount and variety of narcotics, and the severity of the case, he requested assistance from the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control. They later responded to the subject's residence, where a consensual search was granted by the subject's wife. A search of the residence revealed over 100 wholesale prescription pill bottles containing 13,358 pills, numerous syringes, smoking pipes, and a bag of marijuana. Tpr. North assisted in determining that the wholesale prescription pill bottles were linked to a recent pharmacy burglary in De Soto, MO. While searching the residence, several components of automated teller machines (ATM) were located. They were later linked to several



(l to r) Colonel Sandra Karsten, Mrs. Ashtyn North, Tpr. Robert North, Troop C, and DPS Director Drew Juden pause for a photo after the DPS Employee of the Month Award presentation.

recent automated teller machine thefts in the surrounding area.

Tpr. North's vigilance and dedication to his responsibilities as a trooper resulted in multiple police agencies clearing several burglary and other criminal cases. The investigation also resolved several cases in the state of Illinois. The two subjects identified in this investigation later confessed to multiple crimes and were arrested. Tpr. North's actions also removed the potential for possible future drug overdoses by anyone who could have received these illegally obtained narcotics. This is an absolute example of a trooper "looking beyond a stop."

"Tpr. North is a very smart, aggressive, and mature officer," said Sergeant Joseph D. Oughton, Troop C. "He takes pride in making a very high number of drug arrests and constantly looks beyond the reason for the stop."

"Tpr. North does outstanding work each and every day," said Lt. Eddie A. Blaylock, Troop C. "As his former zone sergeant and current lieutenant, I couldn't be more proud of his work ethic and accomplishment."

The Department of Public Safety director named Tpr. North the June

2017 DPS Employee of the Month to commend him for his actions. During a ceremony on June 22, at Troop C Headquarters, DPS Director Charles A. (Drew) Juden presented the award to Tpr. North. Col. Sandra K. Karsten, Q/SO, and Major Greg K. Smith, Q/FOB, along with acting Troop C Captain Norman A. Murphy and Troop C staff were present to congratulate Tpr. North on his achievement.

"This is just one example of the great work Tpr. North does every day," said Colonel Karsten. "Tpr. North's grandfather was also a trooper, and I know he would be very proud of him for the work he does."

"Without a great zone and their assistance, along with DDCC, none of this would have happened," said Tpr. North. "Everyone in the zone picked up the slack, and we worked like a finely-tuned machine. The teamwork we had that day would rival any zone across the state. I am very honored to be recognized for this accomplishment, but in no way can I take all the glory. My former zone mates and supervisors should receive just as much credit!"

# Missouri Floods: The Rest Of The Story ...

## ***Troopers Share Personal Accounts Of Service***

Last issue, the *Patrol News* reported on the agency's response to the flooding this past spring. This issue, we tell you the rest of the story by sharing with you first-hand accounts of rescues and incidents to which our marine enforcement troopers responded. Each contact was important and held considerable risk. The *Patrol News* salutes these officers for their skills, courage, and determination during this past spring's serious flooding event.

## ***Specialized Equipment, Training Makes Rescue A Success***

*By Cpl. Chuck A. Bowles, Troop C*

I think one of the ones that sticks out to me was a family of three adults. This was on the Perry County/Cape Girardeau County line. Cpl. Jason M. Hurt, Troop C, Tpr. Jonathan M. Conrad, Troop B, and Tpr. Philip B. Grubaugh, Troop B, and myself launched an inflatable boat. Cpl. Hurt

and I responded by boat, while Tprs. Conrad and Grubaugh responded in an ARGO (an amphibious and all-terrain vehicle). An area had become an island and the fire department did not have the specialized equipment to handle such a rescue. The water was very swift and was already inside the home, which was on stilts. The fire department was just about to launch a small fishing boat as we arrived. If they would have, death would've been almost certain. Cpl. Hurt and I successfully removed three adults, a dog, and a cat from the home. With our specialized equipment and great training, the rescue was a success. Without it, lives most likely would have been lost.

## ***Sanders, Sellers Rescue Man From Cabin***

*By Cpl. John M. Sellers, Troop F*

Corporal Rob A. Sanders, Troop F, and I were tasked with water rescue operations during the April-May 2017 flooding. The first day we successfully rescued seven people and a dog from homes that were surrounded by strong currents of the flood waters.

After reporting to duty on the second day, we were dispatched to the Northfork River near Blue Ribbon Landing in Ozark County. Someone called in after hearing a person yelling for help.

The pleas for help were coming from a cabin that had been swept down river. The cabin became pinned against a row of trees by the rushing water about a half mile down from its original location. Cpl. Sanders and I had to launch the rescue boat upstream from the half-submerged cabin. Traveling downstream in rushing flood waters isn't ideal due to debris and lack of control when going with the strong current. This was our only option due to the Blair Bridge on Missouri Highway KK being taken out by the flood waters. It was now a large navigation hazard and entrapment concern stretching across the river. The bridge was in view a half mile downstream from the pinned cabin.

After locating the cabin and getting the boat turned around, we had to walk the boat backward in order to have more control in the current. We were unable to get within 50 yards of the cabin. There were trees, submerged equipment, foundations, and who knows what else in the water. We could see the cabin: It was submerged to the second floor and still mostly intact. We needed to make it out into the main part of the river to get closer to it. We shot through an opening in the tree line no bigger than the rescue boat.

Now in the main part of the river, we pulled up near the cabin. We were still only able to get within 20 feet of it. We tied the boat to a tree and I got into the water. I swam to the second floor roof and climbed up. I located the subject, still in the cabin and unharmed, but ready to get out. He made it clear the cabin was breaking apart and the

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*Heavy rains brought floodwaters in several troops. This aerial view shows the Doniphan, MO, area.*



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roof was separating. He had spent all night in the flooded mangled cabin not knowing if anyone was coming to help. I put a personal floatation device on him and then explained the steps we had to take just to get him into the rescue boat.

We climbed back across, avoiding jagged edges and exposed nails on the slippery metal roof. We entered the water and I towed him to the boat. Cpl. Sanders and I had to work together to get the subject into the boat. The water was very cold and the subject was exhausted from his ordeal. After getting him into the rescue boat and shooting back through the narrow opening in the tree line, we navigated the hazards in the water to make it back to the launch site. We treated the subject for a very minor injury, and got him a blanket and bottled water before letting his friends give him a ride to meet up with his wife. Cpl. Sanders and I then secured our equipment and advised dispatch we were back in service.

## ***Have You Seen My Truck?***

***By Cpl. Shayne K. Talburt, Troop E***

On April 30, 2017, Corporal Jonathan T. Wilson and I were dispatched to Southern Comfort Cabins in Doniphan, MO, for a water rescue on the Current River. A married couple were trapped in their cabin after the Current River rose rapidly during the early morning hours.

Cpl. Wilson and I launched a boat and made our way through the flooded timber to the couple. They were standing on the deck of their cabin when we arrived. The couple was relieved to see



*The Current River flooded this neighborhood in the Doniphan, MO, area.*



*The swift-moving floodwaters had little regard for homes, trees, signs, or roads like this one in the Troop E area.*

us as the water was rising quickly and eventually got into their cabin.

As we were making our way out of the flooded timber, the man asked if we had seen his truck. We told him we had not seen the truck. He stated he had parked it “right about here.” As we were on plane and exiting the timber onto the road, the lower unit of our outboard motor bumped something under the water.

Cpl. Wilson calmly said, “Sir, I think we found your truck.”

Even though the man and woman were experiencing a traumatic incident with the devastation of their home and belongings, they began laughing. This really seemed to lighten the mood. The man and woman thanked us over and over again for evacuating them. They were so appreciative for the Patrol and the job troopers do.



*Tpr. Grant A. Ayres, Troop F, responds to a call for assistance while assigned to the flooding detail in Troop E.*



*Marine enforcement troopers from other troops assisted in the areas hardest hit by the flooding. Here, Sgt. Kurt C. Merseal, Q/WPD, and Cpl. Bryan S. Silverthorn, Troop I, are working in the Troop E area.*

## ***Troopers, Agents Evaluate, Execute Extraction***

***By Tpr. Jason W. Philpot, Troop G***

At approximately 11:35 p.m. on April 29, 2017, Trooper John R. Roberts and myself, who are both assigned to Troop G, responded to a call on James Lane east of Missouri Highway PP, in Ozark County. It was reported that two female subjects and one male subject were trapped on the roof of their two-story house. The water was reportedly up to their knees as they stood on the peak of the roof. The North Fork of the White River was extremely swift and well out of its banks. We arrived on scene approximately 20 minutes after the initial call, and prepared to launch a Saturn inflatable rescue boat in some calmer water near

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James Bridge. Ozark County reserve deputy and Tecumseh volunteer firefighter Dan Israel met us on James Lane. Israel stated his wife had been in cell phone contact with the subjects on the roof and that they were in good spirits when they learned of the troopers' arrival. Israel trailered the Patrol's boat a few hundred yards down James Lane in an effort to get closer to the residence and stranded subjects. Tpr. Roberts and I then launched the boat and motored toward the residence to assess the situation.

We navigated the vessel through the wooded area and the rapidly rising swift water within 100 yards of the flooded house. Due to the heavily wooded location of the house and the large debris being carried downstream, we determined the rescue would be too dangerous to attempt alone. Tpr. Roberts and I requested the assistance of another swift water rescue team and began to formulate a plan to rescue the three subjects.

Trooper Cole P. Chatman, Troop G, and Missouri Department of Conservation Agents Gerald Smith and Mark Henry arrived on scene to assist at approximately 12:45 a.m. Agent Smith launched the Missouri Department of Conservation's inflatable swift water rescue boat and met with Tpr. Roberts and me. All officers on scene surveyed the area, assessed the swift water, and discussed plans to rescue the stranded homeowners. The house was surrounded by standing timber and the only way to access the residence was to ferry down a long driveway lined with timber on either side. After much consideration and determining the residents were not standing in the water as previously reported, it was determined that the rescue attempt would place the stranded residents in greater danger with the current conditions. It was decided the group would wait until daylight to reassess the situation. Deputy Israel stayed in contact with the three subjects on the roof via text messaging throughout the night. They remained in high spirits and were all medically sound. The

law enforcement officers remained on scene and constantly monitored the river level and conditions.

At approximately 3 a.m., the rain slowed and the flood waters finally began to recede slightly. At daylight, all officers involved reassessed the situation. Although there were still large trees and debris being carried downstream and numerous power lines just under the water's surface, the water had receded enough that the officers felt a rescue would be possible. Tpr. Roberts and Conservation Agent Smith navigated the Patrol's inflatable rescue boat through the timber and rescued one female subject off the roof. After placing the female in a personal floatation device and transporting her safely to shore, Tpr. Roberts and Agent Smith again ferried the inflatable boat back to the house and rescued the remaining female and male subjects off the roof. The male and female were secured in personal floatation devices and transported to shore. The residents were in good health and declined medical treatment at the scene.

## '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 23, 2017 to June 20, 2017. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column. Rank and assignment reflect those at printing.)*

### Troop A

Tpr. A.M. Beckwith, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.C. Belardo, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Cunningham, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 2 arrests  
Tpr. Q.L. DiNovi, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.O. Green, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Hall, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.J. Hanrahan, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.W. Huff, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.J. Kline, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.D. Mathes, 2 arrests  
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 7 arrests  
Cpl. C.D. Moeller, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.W. Montgomery, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Parrott, 1 arrest

Tpr. N.A. Perez, 5 arrests  
Sgt. G.D. Primm, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 3 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Siercks, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.C. Smith, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.J. Villanueva, 2 arrests  
Tpr. N.D. Wallace, 3 arrests  
Cpl. R.J. Wilhoit, 2 arrests

### Troop B

Cpl. T.J. Adams, 2 arrests  
Sgt. R.H. Bartels, 1 arrest  
Sgt. N.D. Berry, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.M. Conrad, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.D. Crutchfield, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.D. Davidson, 2 arrests  
Cpl. J.S. Dunn, 1 arrest

Cpl. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.J. Fish, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.C. Fuller, 3 arrests  
Tpr. T.J. Haley, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.R. Kottwitz, 7 arrests  
Tpr. M.J. Lewis, 2 arrests  
Sgt. J.M. Mattingly, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Primm, 1 arrest  
Sgt. T.R. Rohn, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.A. Rowe, 2 arrests  
Cpl. D.E. Siegfried, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.D. Tappendorf, 2 arrests

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## Troop C

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Tpr. K.E. Alcorn, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.G. Autenrieth, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.L. Crutcher Jr., 1 arrest  
Tpr. B. Giesler, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.S. Graue, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.D. Gullet, 3 arrests  
Tpr. P.T. Harms, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.C. Highley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.L. Hutchings, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.W. Kaiser, 1 arrest  
Cpl. L.J. Keathley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.C. Long, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.J. Mayer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.A. Metteer Jr., 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.J. North, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.L. Peters, 6 arrests  
Tpr. S.T. Roettger, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.D. Scruggs, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.P. Waaso, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Walker Jr., 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.M. Warren, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.S. Warren, 1 arrest

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## Troop D

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Tpr. B.W. Adamson, 3 arrests  
Tpr. T. Baker, 3 arrests  
Tpr. T.A. Barrett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.J. Beck, 4 arrests  
Tpr. D.B. Blankenship, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.W. Choate, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.L. Cleeton, 3 arrests  
Tpr. K.R. Copeland, 2 arrests  
Sgt. S.W. Crouch, 2 arrests  
Tpr. Z.C. Dudley, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.K. Frazier, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Givens, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.A. Goodson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.A. Hadlock, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.A. Hall, 2 arrests  
Sgt. T.L. Hall, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.L. Harmon, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.M. James, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 7 arrests  
Tpr. K.L. Knight, 2 arrests  
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.C. Mason, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.B. May, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.W. Meyer, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.P. McClure, 1 arrest  
Sgt. S.R. Monk, 2 arrests  
Tpr. E.L. Mueller, 1 arrest

Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.R. Rorie Jr., 2 arrests  
Cpl. C.A. Stallcup, 7 arrests  
Tpr. L.A. Wilson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.J. Wood, 1 arrest

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## Troop E

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Tpr. E.L. Bennett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.K. Brooks, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.A. Cook, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.L. Huggins, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.E. Leach, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J. S. Palmer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 1 arrest  
Cpl. S.K. Talburt, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Tucker, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.J. West, 4 arrests  
Tpr. G.T. Ulm, 2 arrests

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## Troop F

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Tpr. M.P. Acord, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.A. Bax, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.A. Beaulieu, 2 arrests  
Tpr. Z.A. Czerniewski, 4 arrests  
Tpr. D.J. Dalton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.W. DeCramer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.R. Dowd, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.R. Enderle, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.C. Fick, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 3 arrests  
Cpl. C.G. Holzschuh, 1 arrest  
Sgt. S.B. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.G. Kettenbach, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.W. Lawman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.H. Mistler, 5 arrests  
Sgt. M.E. Morice, 3 arrests  
Tpr. C.E. Newbold, 4 arrests  
Cpl. M.B. Patterson, 3 arrests  
Tpr. E.C. Penrod, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.R. Plumley Jr., 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.L. Rice, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.M. Richerson, 3 arrests  
Tpr. R.A. Rizo, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 3 arrests  
Tpr. D.T. Shikles, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.A. Sumner, 1 arrest  
Sgt. R.S. Thompson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.A. Veasman, 5 arrests

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## Troop G

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Tpr. M. Barron, 2 arrests  
Cpl. E.A. Cooper, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.S. Cunningham, 3 arrests  
Sgt. S.N. Foster, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.L. Goodwin, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.M. Heimsoth, 4 arrests

Tpr. C.A. Kimes, 1 arrest  
Sgt. G.J. Loring, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.J. Mendez, 7 arrests  
Tpr. M.A. Philpott, 1 arrest  
Sgt. D.B. Pounds, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.O. Prater, 4 arrests  
Tpr. B.C. Rowden, 8 arrests  
Cpl. E.M. Vanwinkle, 3 arrests  
Cpl. R.D. Vaughan, 1 arrest

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## Troop H

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Sgt. L.M. Allen, 5 arrests  
Tpr. R. Carter, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K.J. Cool, 2 arrests  
Tpr. V.R.E. McBride, 4 arrests  
Cpl. A.J. McAtee, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.R. Hecker, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.J. Miller, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Muck, 1 arrest  
Sgt. L.M. Newman, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.P. Quilty, 3 arrests  
Tpr. V.F. Selsor, 1 arrest

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## Troop I

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Tpr. S.M. Blackston, 2 arrests  
Cpl. C.R. Capps, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.W. Clement, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 2 arrests  
Tpr. E.T. Hobbs, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.L. Keathley, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.T. Peart, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.S. Sloan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.C. Southwood, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.W. Tierney, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 1 arrest

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## Q/FOB

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Tpr. D.A. Yingling, 1 arrest

## A Milestone

The Crime Laboratory Division accepted case # 500,000 on May 1, 2017, at the Carthage Lab. There have now been over a half million cases submitted to the MSHP Laboratory since its inception in 1936. Where it's taken about 80 years to reach that milestone, at the current pace, the lab should reach 1 million in just another 20 years.

# There Are Heroes Among Us

By The MASTERS Director/Ret. Col. Fred M. Mills

On May 11, 2017, Troop A conducted their monthly sergeant's meeting. This meeting was a little more special because of their recognition of very special guests. Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Barney were guests at the meeting where Mr. Barney accepted a much deserved Honorary Trooper's Certificate from Troop A's Commanding Officer Captain Scott A. Shippers. In addition to this recognition, Troop A The MASTERS' Directors Doug Mitchell and Fred M. Mills presented Mr. Barney with an honorary The MASTERS membership. These same awards will be presented to Mrs. Sandra Straw, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Without the unselfish actions of Mr. Barney and Mrs. Straw, the story I will tell you certainly could have had a very different ending. These two individuals risked their personal safety to assist Trooper Beau M. Ryun, Troop A. This story shows clearly how we are blessed with heroes among us.

At approximately 11:13 a.m., on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, Tpr. Ryun conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 70, near the 47-mile marker in Lafayette

County, Missouri. He approached the vehicle on the passenger side and identified the driver. After detecting the odor of marijuana, Tpr. Ryun asked the driver to step from his vehicle and sit in the patrol car. As the driver walked to Tpr. Ryun's patrol car, the trooper observed the man reaching into his waistline with his left hand. Tpr. Ryun walked to the passenger side of his vehicle and instructed the man to place his hands on the patrol car and then conducted a frisk. Tpr. Ryun located a pair of scissors in the man's waistline. When Tpr. Ryun instructed the subject to place his hands on the patrol car, the man took approximately two steps back. Tpr. Ryun also noticed the subject was tense and believed he was about to fight or flee.

Tpr. Ryun attempted to detain the man and he began resisting arrest. During the altercation, Tpr. Ryun's handcuffs fell to the ground and were out of reach. He was also unable to contact Troop A and advise them of the situation. Tpr. Ryun noticed two subjects had stopped and were walking toward his location as he and the subject were on the ground fighting. The

first pedestrian was later identified as Sandra Straw. The second pedestrian was later identified as Charles Barney. Mrs. Straw was on the phone with 911, reporting the incident and attempting to get more officers to respond to the scene. Mrs. Straw laid on the subject's legs in an attempt to control him and was kicked in the face in the process, suffering a minor injury.

During the altercation, Tpr. Ryun was unable to reach for any of his equipment. Tpr. Ryun instructed Mr. Barney how to use his radio to advise Troop A of the situation. After Mr. Barney completed those tasks, he assisted Tpr. Ryun in trying to arrest the subject, but they were unable to get his hands behind his back. Mr. Barney was able to hold one of man's arms, which allowed Tpr. Ryun to retrieve his OC spray. After utilizing OC spray, Tpr. Ryun was able to secure the subject in handcuffs with the assistance of Mr. Barney, while Mrs. Straw was laying on the man's feet.

Mr. Barney and Mrs. Straw certainly went above and beyond what is expected of a citizen. They both put themselves in a dangerous situation along Interstate 70 because they saw Tpr. Ryun in an altercation with a subject. Their actions and quick thinking helped effect the arrest and reduced the chances of any serious injury to all involved.



(l to r) The MASTERS' Directors Doug Mitchell and Fred Mills presented Mr. Charles Barney an honorary The MASTERS membership as a thank you for assisting Tpr. Beau Ryun, Troop A.

# 70 Golfers Enjoy 46th Annual Patrol Golf Tourney

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

June 5 was a perfect day for golfing. Just ask the 70 players who met at Redfield Golf Course in Eugene, MO, to participate in the Missouri State Highway Patrol's 46th Employees & Retirees Golf Tournament. The tournament followed a two-person, 18-hole scramble format. After golfing, the group enjoyed a buffet lunch of barbecue pork steak and all the fixings courtesy of retired Captain Kim E. Hull of Turnkey Mobile. Over \$500 was raised for the MOSTA Scholarship Fund that day. Retired Major Hugh E. McKay served as this year's tournament coordinator, with assistance from retired Lieutenant Colonel Richard L. Coffey. Lieutenant Richard G. Fredendall provided soft drinks and water to golfers throughout the tournament along with some great putting advice.

"I always look forward to the fellowship with friends who have supported me through my career. I appreciate Major McKay's and Lt. Col. Coffey's dedication and preparation in making the Patrol golf tournament one I always have on my calendar," said Lt. D.J. Hedrick. "I am blessed to be able to play with my dad, who gets to visit with those he worked with. It is nice to see the Patrol family getting together and enjoying each other, retelling old stories and catching up with new ones. Now, if someone could just beat those Cross boys ..."

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 46th tournament and congratulations to the winners!



*Pictured are most of the winners at the Patrol's 46th Annual Employees & Retirees Golf Tournament.*

## Championship Flight:

### Tournament Champions:

- Ret. Lt. Mike W. Cross & Cpl. Jason M. Cross (Troop H) – 64
- 2nd – Sgt. Chris M. Turner (Q/GD) & Cpl. Jeff N. Myers (Q/GD) – 66
- 3rd – Lt. Clark Stratton (Troop A) & Capt. Scott A. Shipers (Troop A) – 66

### A Flight:

- 1st – Ret. Major Hugh E. McKay & Ret. Lt. Col. Richard L. Coffey – 70
- 2nd – Ret. Capt. E. Dwight Hartung & Ret. Sgt. J. Rod Applebury – 71
- 3rd – Ret. Capt. Paul D. Parmenter, & Ret. Sgt. Jon S. Daniel – 72

### B Flight:

- 1st – Ret. Lt. Phil L. Ahern & Lt. Nate C. Ahern (Troop A) – 78
- 2nd – Ret. Capt. Ron L. Walker & Ret. Major Tim P. McGrail – 78
- 3rd – Ret. Sgt. Art Myers & Ret. Cpl. Mike R. Watson – 79

### C Flight:

- 1st – Ret. Lt. Tom J. Halford & Ret. Capt. Larry L. Buschjost – 84
- 2nd – Ret. Chief Oper. Steve D. Gronemeyer & Ret. Chief MVI Al Neifert – 85
- 3rd – Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb (Q/PIED) – Ret. Sgt. Larry D. Long – 85

### Closest to the Pin:

- Retiree – Lt. B. Tim Deshler – Hole #13
- Active – Lt. D.J. Hedrick (Troop H) – Hole #15
- Any Player – Sgt. Jimmy Mays, retired – Hole #11

### Longest Putt Made:

- Retiree – Ret. Sgt. Art Myers – Hole #4
- Active – Trainer/Auditor IV Bruce D. Snider (Q/CJISD) – Hole #18

### Longest Drive in Fairway:

- Retiree – Chief Telecom. Eng. Richard W. King – Hole #11
- Active – Capt. Lester D. Elder (Q/MVI) – Hole #5
- Ladies – Ret. Cook III Pat J. Herigon – Hole #10

# 'The Rule Of Law Depends On You'

## 27 New Troopers Say Oath Of Office

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

The atmosphere in the Academy gymnasium was celebratory with a sense of accomplishment. As the audience waited for the big moment—when their trooper would enter the room—they exhibited a hum of excited conversation which was interrupted every now and then by a laugh or exclamation of greeting. This was the day 27 new troopers would join the ranks of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Members of the 104th Recruit Class arrived on January 2, 2017, as individuals with a goal and a lot of determination. On June 23, 2017, they would graduate with the knowledge, confidence, and skill required to be a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper. Just as important, they had become a team whose members had been steeped in the Patrol's core values.

At the appointed time, graduation began. Major D. Tony Flannigan,



*Members of the 104th Recruit Class arrive for their graduation ceremony.*

Q/TSB, led the dignified procession of command staff, special guests, and troop commanders into the room. Shortly thereafter, with an upbeat cadence and a brisk step, the 104th Recruit Class entered their graduation ceremony. The

Troop F Color Guard presented the colors, adding additional prestige and respect to the event. Sergeant John H. Lueckenhoff, Troop D, and his son, Recruit Bradley J. Lueckenhoff, sang the national anthem. As Sgt. Lueckenhoff's strong voice echoed our national anthem, Rec. Lueckenhoff's harmony

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*Reverend Scott Chastain, Mission Home Baptist Church, Marshfield, MO, and father of new Trooper Matthew J. Chastain, provided the invocation and benediction.*



*When Capt. Jerry C. West, director of the Training Division, spoke to the class, he acknowledged that their accomplishment didn't come easy. "I commend each of you for rising to the challenge as you prepared to become a member of the number one law enforcement agency in the United States. Remember who you serve. Remember your training. In the words of Paul "Bear" Bryant, 'It is not the will to win, but the will to prepare to win that makes the difference.'"*

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enriched both the sound and meaning of the words they sang.

Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley gave the keynote address to the 104th Recruit Class. He told the class that the graduation ceremony would commemorate their commitment and recognize the call for service they answered. "Today, the recruits will take a solemn oath pledging their service and fidelity to the rule of law and all it represents," he said. "Service to the MSHP is not for the faint of heart." He continued by saying that there was no higher calling than ser-

vice to the rule of law. "Rule of law protects our rights and liberties. I believe deeply in our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. But, our Bill of Rights is nothing more than words on a page without the rule of law."

"The rule of law depends on you. Your job is to ensure that fear does not rule the day, to protect the weak and oppressed, and to uphold the law," said Attorney General Hawley. "In the years to come, you will be forced into harm's way to make sure the rule of law is upheld. I speak for every Missourian when I say thank you for your commitment. Your calling includes those with liberties granted

by your protection who will treat you with scorn. We live in a time of intense scrutiny and backlash. But, your calling is to persevere and persist and remain steadfast to faithfully protect all of society and ensure that protection to the least of society. Bravery you will need; but, also compassion, kindness, mercy to rebuild bridges of mutual respect that have fallen in our society. It is a hard calling and a high calling,

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*Trooper Ty B. Smith (center) earned the physical fitness award. Major Vince Rice, Q/ASB, and Col. Sandra Karsten (Q/SO) presented the award.*



*Trooper Evan C. Macomber accepted the Superintendent's Award, which is presented to the person with the most points overall. (l) Major Vince Rice, Q/ASB, and Col. Sandra Karsten, Q/SO, presented the award.*



*Trooper Jesse Procknow earned the academic award. Major Vince Rice, Q/ASB, and Col. Sandra Karsten, Q/SO are also pictured.*



*(l) Major Vince Rice, Q/ASB, and Col. Sandra Karsten, Q/SO, presented the Firearms Award to Trooper Kristopher D. Malay.*

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but with tremendous rewards. Every day you wear the uniform of this state, you'll know what you do matters."

The Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell administer the Oath of Office to the new troopers. Afterward, thunderous applause celebrated this important moment in their careers. Dean Gil Kennon, vice president of College Affairs for Mineral Area College, then conferred an associate of applied science degree to nine of the new troopers. Since 2001, Dean Kennon has attended recruit graduations to perform this service to the class. This class marked the 26th conferring of degrees by Dean Kennon, who is retiring. Colonel Sandra K. Karsten marked the occasion with a certificate of appreciation and public thank you during the graduation ceremony.

After presenting diplomas to each of the new troopers, Col. Karsten addressed the group. She welcomed them to the Patrol family, and encouraged them to approach their career as a lifelong learner. "Never stop learning," Col. Karsten told the new troopers. "Never stop training. Never stop planning for the, 'What if?'" She asked them to remember the words of their instructors regarding performing their duty and doing so as a lady or gentleman. "Thank you, and congratulations to the members of the 104th Recruit Class," said the colonel. "Go forward with honor and integrity. Serve, protect, and above all ... stay safe!"

Congratulations to the 104th Recruit Class! Their names, hometowns, and first assignments of members of the 104th Recruit Class are listed below:

## *Name/Hometown/First Assignment*

### **Troop A**

Felicia A. Vaughn, Odessa, MO, Jackson County  
Darrin J. Maupin, Las Vegas, NV, Henry County  
Weston T. Smith, Joplin, MO, Johnson County

### **Troop B**

Ty B. Smith, Cantril, IA, Clark & Scotland Counties

### **Troop C**

Joshua S. Baird, Lamar, MO, St. Charles County  
Joseph V. BonDurant, Springfield, MO, N. St. Louis County  
Zakkary D. Chapman, Cedar Hill, MO, S. St. Louis County  
Cole W. Cherry, Crystal City, MO, Jefferson County  
Leif A. Dezner, Moberly, MO, N. St. Louis County  
Blake G. Groves, East Alton, IL, N. St. Louis County  
Joshua L. Hughes, Warrenton, MO, St. Charles County  
Bradley J. Lueckenhoff, Cassville, MO, St. Francois & Washington Counties  
Brant W. Masek, Fulton, MO, Franklin County  
Allen D. Neighbors, Unionville, MO, Pike & Lincoln Counties  
Jesse D. Procknow, St. Louis, MO, S. St. Louis County  
Taylor M. Wheeler, Independence, MO, St. Charles County

### **Troop D**

Evan C. Macomber, Lebanon, MO, Dallas & Hickory Counties

### **Troop E**

Trent S. Beeson, Doniphan, MO, Pemiscot & New Madrid Counties  
Riley D. Johnson, La Plata, MO, Pemiscot & New Madrid Counties  
Devin D. Wagner, Ozark, MO, Pemiscot & New Madrid Counties

### **Troop G**

Matthew J. Chastain, Marshfield, MO, N. Howell County

### **Troop H**

Andrew J. Foss, Odessa, MO, Atchison & Holt Counties  
Anthony J. Kempa, Amazonia, MO, Nodaway & Worth Counties  
Dylan M. Wilburn, Cameron, MO, Gentry & Harrison Counties

### **Troop I**

Kristopher D. Malay, St. Robert, MO, Pulaski County  
Maegan J. Sankovich, Pekin, IL, Pulaski County  
Roy T. Smith, Ewing, MO, Crawford County

*Tpr. Maegan J. SanKovich, Troop I, signs her Oath of Office for trooper, with The Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell serving as witness.*



## Words To Live By

Recently commissioned Trooper Evan T. Macomber, Troop D, filled the class commander role for the 104th Recruit Class. In addition to leading his classmates, he also served as a liaison with the Academy staff when needed. As part of the graduation tradition, Tpr. Macomber addressed the room. On behalf of his classmates, he thanked their families for supporting them through the 25 weeks of difficult training. He also recognized and appreciated the Academy instructors and staff. Then, he spoke directly to his classmates.

"I want to end with a few words of advice taken from instructors or lecture presentations. Most were said in the context of law enforcement, but I believe anyone can see the value in what they offer. I have compiled them into a list of no particular order.

1. You can't be good at what you don't train.
2. Live in the moment and be a master of the present. Constantly evaluate the situation at hand and focus on it.
3. As speed goes up, survival goes down. Don't outride your capabilities.
4. Be so good that they can't ignore you.
5. In life, we either win or we learn. We never lose.
6. We respond to the threat, not the assault.
7. If you want to know how a person died, learn how that person lived.
8. By not being in shape, you're doing your family and yourself an injustice. Your fitness level could be the deciding factor between life or death, and not just your own.
9. The aim in life is not to avoid struggles, but to have the right ones.
10. Don't take unnecessary risks; it's bad business."

## It Takes A Division ...

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

Behind every successful recruit is a Training Division worth of support. All of us know the Academy instructors and leadership put forth extensive time and effort to mold a recruit into a trooper. But, did you realize that behind the scenes exists a team of civilians who are just as important to the transformation? So, hats off and high fives for a job well done to this group of dedicated employees!

Academy kitchen staff provides hundreds of meals, including a special evening meal the night before and breakfast the day of graduation.

MultiMedia staff creates training videos, ensures that all technology is working in classrooms, and documents the recruit class' progress through the Academy via video and photography.

Facilities team ensures the Academy buildings are clean and in good repair throughout the recruit training experience, with additional

set up/tear down duties during graduation week. They also provide van transportation between parking lots, and pick up extra sets of bleachers from local schools on graduation day.

Administrative staff handles continuing education hours, expense reports, receptionist needs, test grading, tracking recruit academic progress, calculating grades, cumulating scores to determine award recipients, order diplomas/make sure they're signed/insert them into covers, create graduation programs, and serve as greeters at graduation.

As you can see, there's a lot going on behind the scenes as recruits concentrate on acquiring the knowledge and skills to become a trooper. Congratulations to the 104th Recruit Class on their successfully completing the Academy ... and congratulations to the fine-tuned network behind the scenes helping them reach their goal.

## PATROL HISTORY TRIVIA

*This piece of history is Trooper C. Maurice Parker's first daily report in 1931. Notice his report is addressed to the colonel. At that time, all daily reports were addressed to the commanding officer of the agency. Much later, Tpr. Parker added the names of the members assigned to Troop B and where they were stationed at the bottom of the report. He served and protected the citizens of Missouri from 1931 (original recruit class) until retiring in 1966, at the rank of major. Major Parker died in 1995.*

*1st day on the road.*

HEADQUARTERS TROOP "B"  
MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Macon, Missouri  
Nov 24 1931.

Subject: Daily Activities  
TO: Commanding Officer, Missouri State Highway Patrol  
Jefferson City, Missouri

Starting Time 9:00 A.M. 11:00 P.M.

Patrolled # 36 to # 15 # 15 to  
Memphis # 15 to # 36 # 36 to  
Macon Junction # 63 # 36.

Arrests - Summons - Accidents - Minor Warnings - Light Correct.

Information

Colonel - Lewis Ellis - Jefferson City  
Captain - S.S. 4 inch. Macomber - St. Louis Badge No. 46  
Sgt. - "Bin" Booth - Troop "B"  
Trooper - Russell - Macon Missouri State Highway Patrol  
Eugene Miller - "  
Edward Robinson - Chillicothe  
W.G. Ramsey - "  
Clyde Risher - Hannibal  
Ray Kille - "  
C.M. Parker - Macon.

# Seeds Of Generosity Planted Long Ago

By The MASTERS Director/Ret. Col. Fred M. Mills  
Exec. Dir. Elaine Libla, The MASTERS

This story doesn't begin at the beginning, but it will end there. It was several years ago when The MASTERS' directors decided to establish a dedicated fund to cover the expenses of the educational benefits for the children of troopers who died in the line of duty. The decision was the result of a fiscal analysis based upon the number of children who are eligible for these benefits and when they begin college. The decision was made to establish the fund, and we selected the Community Foundation of the Ozarks as the place where the fund would be held. With the decisions made, we were preparing to put the plan into action.

It was during this time that The MASTERS unexpectedly received a donation of \$5,000 from Mr. Chuck Drury. After some consideration, the decision was made to call Mr. Drury and ask his permission to use his generous donation as the 'seed money' for establishing the Educational Benefit Fund. Mr. Doug Mitchell, The MASTERS President at that time, placed the call to Mr. Drury. His response was gracious and he told The MASTERS to use the funds where they would serve the most good. He then asked Doug to tell him a little more about the educational benefits we provide. Doug said it was a very meaningful and cordial conversation, at which time our fund was established.

The troop directors and our executive director were excited about the new opportunities the funds could provide. Not only would it increase our fiscal stability, but it would allow for the educational benefits to be enhanced in keeping with ongoing cost increases. One of the changes that has been made that in addition to the children, the surviving spouse is also eligible for educational benefits.

Since the fund was established, the personal donations from Mr. Chuck Drury, the Drury Family Charitable Foundation, and Drury Hotels has exceeded an amazing \$212,000. Without



Several directors and Exec. Dir. Elaine Libla represented The MASTERS at a presentation of appreciation to the Drury family. Pictured (l to r, front row) are: Mrs. Jana Keathley, Mrs. Elaine Libla, Mr. Charles "Chuck" Drury, Mrs. Janice Ruopp, and retired Col. James Keathley; (l to r, back row): Mr. Tim Drury, Mr. Tom Drury, Ms. Jacqueline Pollvogt, and Sen. Doug Libla.

question, this support will, and has, made dramatic changes for The MASTERS and the services we provide. Another important change was the educational benefit can now be used for attending a trade school in lieu of a four-year college or university. We understand there are students whose interest and aptitude are in a profession where attending a trade school may be most beneficial for them. We are happy to provide this opportunity.

The story could end here, and easily be the most exciting change since The MASTERS was formed 38 years ago, but this isn't the end.

The blessing continued when we received a letter advising The MASTERS would also receive a donation from the Drury family Charitable Foundation. This donation is for \$250,000 paid at \$50,000 each year for the next five years. This support can be described as not only a blessing, but a bright ray of caring and hope provided by the Drury Family. To show our sincere appreciation to Mr. Drury and his family for their incredibly wonderful support, several of our members attended a meeting at the Drury Corpo-

ration Headquarters on May 17, 2017. Those directors attending were: Senator Doug Libla, Colonel James Keathley (retired), Mrs. Jana Keathley, Mr. Tom Drury (distant relative), and The MASTERS Executive Director Elaine Libla.

An engraved vase with The MASTERS logo and words of deep appreciation was presented to the Drury family to show our gratitude for their commitment to The MASTERS Educational Fund. Mrs. Shirley Drury, mother of these caring individuals, was unable to attend the presentation, but our appreciation was extended to her as well. We would also like to mention that the Drury family members who are Lifetime The MASTERS Members include: Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Drury, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Drury, and Ms. Jacqueline Pollvogt.

The MASTERS directors wrote a personal letter to Mr. Chuck Drury, on behalf of our organization and those we serve, expressing our sincere appreciation for their tremendous generosity and unselfish support. We were interested in trying to learn just a little more about Mr. Drury. Remember when we



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talked about the seeds that were planted long ago? Some excerpts from Mr. Drury's response explained a lot to us:

*"While growing up in Cape Girardeau, I worked at our Holiday Inn as a cook, and Missouri troopers would frequent our restaurant. I remember them well. They were always so smartly dressed and very polite. My cousin John and I always did our best to provide them with the best prepared meal we could. And even though I have met a few along the highways of our state, they have always been professional and courteous and, above all, helpful when needed."*

*"Our family has been very fortunate and I am glad we are able to help The MASTERS organization and our Missouri troopers and their families. Honestly, I would hope these funds go unused."*



*Pictured from l to r are: Mr. Tim Drury, Ms. Jacqueline Pollvogt, Mr. Charles "Chuck" Drury, and Ms. Janice Ruopp. (Mrs. Shirley Drury was not present for the photograph)*

To all the members of the Patrol: I think it goes without saying that you never know what your impact can be on someone, as you go about what may seemingly be routine or simply your day-to-day activities. It's not only the service you provide, but how you treat people in the process that can, and does, make a difference; and, in this case, a lasting impression. Obviously, someone through their kindness

and professionalism, planted seeds that Mr. Chuck Drury has longed remembered, and they have been reinforced throughout the years by your actions and demeanor. On behalf of those families we serve, we thank you as well, and while we too hope the funds will always go unused ... our commitment is as strong as ever.

We will always be there for your family.

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## *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**Mark A. Ashcraft**  
CITS II  
Q/CJISD

*Retired May 1, 2017.  
28 years, 7 months of dedicated service.*

**Nicholas W. Gerhardt**  
Criminalist III  
Q/CLD

*Retired May 1, 2017.  
32 years, 8 months of dedicated service.*



**Gina B. Kroeger**  
DE Sprv.  
Troop C

*Retired June 1, 2017.  
32 years of dedicated service.*



**Shelia R. Ponder**  
Specialist II  
Q/PRD

*Retired June 1, 2017.  
33 years of dedicated service.*



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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**Rick E. Scism**  
Corporal  
Troop A

*Retired June 1, 2017.  
29 years of dedicated service.*



**Howard G. Carter**  
Programmer/  
Analyst Mgr.  
Q/CJISD

*Retired July 1, 2017.  
7 years of dedicated service.*

**Stephen L. Grass**  
Sergeant  
Troop G

*Retired July 1, 2017.  
31 years, 10 months of  
dedicated service.*



**Wendell L. Mitchell**  
CJIS Trainer/  
Auditory III  
Q/CJISD

*Retired July 1, 2017.  
20 years of dedicated service.*



**Al P. Nothum**  
Sergeant  
Troop C

*Retired July 1, 2017.  
21 years of dedicated service.*



**Jay K. Riley**  
Corporal  
Troop A

*Retired July 1, 2017.  
31 years of dedicated service.*

**Bonnie K. Talik**  
Sergeant  
Q/FOB

*Retired July 1, 2017.  
29 years of dedicated service.*



**Christopher E. Wilson**  
Sergeant  
Troop H

*Retired July 1, 2017.  
30 years, 11 months of dedicated  
service.*



# Cadet Lessons: Professionalism, Discipline, Physical Fitness

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

Every summer since 1971, the American Legion Cadet Patrol Academy has immersed young adults ages 16-18 in a weeklong experience of law enforcement practices and concepts. The Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy provides firsthand experience of the crucial role troopers have in our communities. Both the American Legion and the Missouri State Highway Patrol hope the young people share their experience with their communities when they return home.

The 48th Cadet Patrol Academy took place from June 11-16, 2017, and included 33 young people. Instructor Corporal Aaron K. Griffin, Q/TND, served as the coordinator of this year's program.

"The American Legion Cadet Patrol Academy is a rewarding experience for both the cadets and the instructors and other Patrol personnel who participate," said Cpl. Aaron K. Griffin, Q/TND. "We were impressed with the work ethic and desire to succeed of many of the cadets. It is our hope that we gave them insight into the Patrol that will make them want to become employees in the future, be it as a member or in a civilian capacity."

Here's what some of the members of the Cadet Patrol Academy had to say:

"I was surprised about how high the standards [are] for troopers. I knew they were very strict, but they are more strict than I thought. They are some of the most professional looking and acting people that I have met," Madison M.

"I am taking away some things from this experience," said Jacob T. "The first thing is that I am not as athletic as I thought. Another thing is that

cops aren't as bad as they are put out to be. They have years of training and whatever their decision is based on that training."

"What I take away from this experience are new lifestyle changes and respect for what these officers do," said Jared F. "I also bring a sort of motivation, discipline, and dedicate to better myself for my future."



*The 48th Cadet Patrol Academy class is pictured. Congratulations to them and their families!*

"Before attending this, I considered myself to be in physical shape," said Matthew B. "But, after attending this I realized I am not in trooper shape ..."

"What I'm getting out of this program most is straight up, hard core discipline," said Cal K. "I believe discipline is the most important thing to obtain in my life, or anyone's life for that matter. Also, what I'm getting out of this program is to pay attention to detail very carefully. Whether it is handling a gun, driving a patrol car, investigating a crash scene, or even making your bed, it is always important to pay attention to detail."

"The thing that surprised me the most is how quick we all became close

and together," said Tyler W. "I didn't expect within a week that a group of 33 kids would bond so easily, but after going through everything this week has shown I have grown with these people. I can only imagine what six months would do. I wasn't expecting to be pushed so far in a week. It opened my eyes to what I need to fix. I hated parts, but I can't imagine doing anything else."

"I, personally, am taking a lot away from this experience. First of all, I will take professionalism with me. The way I speak, act, and look will reflect on who I am, and people will judge me for my professional appearance and actions. Secondly is the skills I have acquired over this past week. Such as, the way we have learned to make our beds, and the daily cleaning of our rooms. Last of all, all of us cadets learned integrity. We would tell the truth, good or bad, no matter what the punishment. To conclude, I will take the skills, professionalism, and integrity with me." Collin B.

"The most important things I'm taking away from this experience is integrity and determination. I had and displayed both qualities before this program. But, being here has really helped me to improve and strengthen them. Now, I try to help others to display the same qualities in their everyday lives. Integrity and determination are two of the most important qualities with being a leader and a teammate. I am proud to say that I am now a much stronger leader and team player, and I hope to be able to set a good example for other people younger and older, to help them become better leaders and teammates as well." Jennifer B.

# SIX CVE INSPECTORS GRADUATE

*By Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division*

On Friday, June 16, 2017, six commercial vehicle enforcement inspectors successfully completed the 11th Commercial Vehicle Inspector School. The inspectors arrived on April 3, 2017, for their 11-week training. Week one of the training, which was held at the Academy, included the review of Patrol policies and procedures. Weeks two and three were spent at the assigned troop scale house observing commercial vehicle officers and inspectors performing their day-to-day job duties. The remaining weeks included five federal required courses, two state required courses, and several Patrol-specific courses.

Captain David E. Earney, Q/CVED, welcomed the new employees to the Patrol family. He stated that the new inspectors' job was a very important aspect of the Patrol's overall mission of saving lives on Missouri's roadways.

New CVE Inspector Maurice T. Riddle, Troop A, said he'd always wanted to work for the Patrol and felt being an inspector combined two of his major interests – training and trucking. He also complimented the training received and said he felt they were ready to enter the work force. "There was a combination of age gaps and learning



*Members of the CVE Division joined the 11th CVE Inspector Class in this photo. From left to right are: (front row) CVE Inspector David Melvin, Troop H; CVE Maurice Riddle, Troop A; CVE Inspector Adam Alcorn, Troop C; CVE Inspector I Gina Whitehill, Troop C; and Capt. David Earney, Q/CVED; (back row) CVE Insp. Sprv. I Brandon S. Whittington, Q/CVED; Lt. Kevin C. Kelley, Q/CVED; CVE Inspector Danny Clark, Troop H; CVE Inspector Bryan Vrbenec, Troop C; and Sr. Chief CVO Jeff R. Sims, Q/CVED (slightly obscured).*

styles," said CVE Insp. Riddle. "But, with the support of Senior Chief [Jeff] Sims, our instructors, and fellow classmates, there was a strong goal to complete all the training."

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division wishes to congratulate the new inspectors, and thank them for their commitment to commercial vehicle safety.

Listed are the members of the 11th CVE Inspector Class and their assignments:

Maurice T. Riddle, Troop A  
Harrisonville, MO

Adam J. Alcorn, Troop C  
Bloomsdale, MO

Bryan E. Vrbenec, Troop C  
Foristell, MO

Gina D. Whitehill, Troop C  
St. Clair, MO

Danny S. Clark, Troop H  
Watson, MO

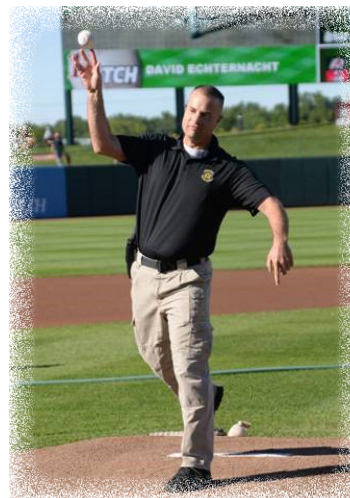
David S. Melvin, Troop H  
Watson, MO

## Sgt. Echternacht Brings The Heat!



*Before throwing the first pitch, Sgt. David Echternacht, Q/TND, (center) got a few tips from (l) Louis, the team mascot, and Springfield Cardinals catcher Jesse Jenner. (Mark Harrell photo. Reprinted with permission.)*

*Sgt. David Echternacht, Q/TND, threw the first pitch for the Springfield Cardinals game at the Lake of the Ozarks Night on June 24, 2017. (Mark Harrell photo. Reprinted with permission.)*



# Deaths

## Franklin D. "Frank" Chambers

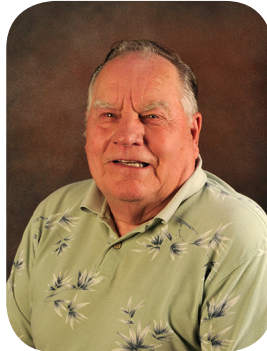


Franklin D. "Frank" Chambers died on January 31, 2017, at his home in Harrisonville, MO. He was born in Bruner, MO. Frank was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol on January 1, 1984, and retired at the rank of sergeant on April 1, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Sue (Burke); children, step-children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, brothers, and many other relatives and friends. To learn more about Frank's life, visit Dickey Funeral Homes Inc. at [www.dickeyfh.com](http://www.dickeyfh.com). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Chambers family.

## Shirley J. Kroencke

Shirley J. Kroencke, 84, of Gladstone, MO, died on February 12, 2017. Mrs. Kroencke joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol on December 31, 1976, as a Troop A driver examiner clerk. She retired on August 31, 1987. She is survived by her three children, grandchild, and four great-grandchildren. Her husband of 58 years, Stanley (Bud) Kroencke, preceded her in death. For more information about Mrs. Kroencke, visit the Terrace Park Funeral Home website at [www.terraceparkfuneralhome.com](http://www.terraceparkfuneralhome.com). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Kroencke family.

## John W. Wright Sr.



John W. Wright Sr. died February 23, 2017, at the Veterans Home in St. James, MO. He was born in Steelville, MO. John served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-1955 during the Korean War. He achieved the rank of staff sergeant before being honorably discharged. John was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol on September 18, 1955, and retired as a sergeant in June 30, 1989. John is survived by his two sons, granddaughters, and a brother. To learn more about John's life, visit Thurman Funeral Home's website at [www.thurmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.thurmanfuneralhome.com). The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Wright family.

## Russell L. Morris



Russell L. Morris, 82, of Savannah, MO, died Friday, April 28, 2017, at Mosaic Life Care. Russell graduated from

Pickering High School. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. Russell joined the Patrol as a driver examiner in September 1959, before attending the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy as a member of the 22nd Recruit Class. He retired as a sergeant in 1991. Survivors include his children, grandchildren, and sisters. To learn more about Russell's life, visit the Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory website at [www.meierhoffer.com](http://www.meierhoffer.com). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Morris family.

## Timothy M. Hannan

Timothy M. Hannan, 58, of Cuba, MO, died Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at his home. Tim was born in Springfield, MO. He worked as a dispatcher for the Mountain Grove Police Department and then became a police officer for them. He joined the Patrol on April 1, 1980, as a member of the 52nd Recruit Class. He retired as a corporal in 2011. Tim is survived by his wife, two children, three grandchildren, mother, sister, and a host of other relatives and friends. To learn more about Tim's life, visit the Mizell Funeral Home website at [www.mizellfh.com](http://www.mizellfh.com). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Hannan family.

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## Harriette A. Rosenmeyer



Harriette A. Rosenmeyer, 87, died May 11, 2017. Harriette was born and raised in Florida. She began working for the Patrol in November 1977, as a driver examiner clerk before becoming a clerk typist at Troop C Headquarters. She retired August 1994, after 16 years of service. Her husband, Bob, preceded her in death. Harriette is survived by two children, a grandchild, a great-grandchild, and a sister. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Rosenmeyer family.

## Harold M. Munsell



Harold M. "Bud" Munsell, 87, died at Laverna Village in Savannah, MO, on June 19, 2017. Bud was born in Cameron, MO. He worked as a

master plumber until deciding to join the Patrol. He was appointed to the Patrol as a member of the 18th Recruit Class on August 3, 1958. Bud retired as a sergeant on August 31, 1988. Bud is survived by three sons, seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. His beloved wife, Doris, preceded him in death. To read more about Bud's life, visit the Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory website at [www.meierhoffer.com](http://www.meierhoffer.com). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Munsell family.

## Larry W. Plunkett Sr.



Larry W. Plunkett Sr., 69, of Poplar Bluff, MO, died on June 25, 2017, at his residence. He was born in Kennett, MO. Mr. Plunkett was appointed to the Patrol as a member of 38th Recruit Class on June 1, 1969. He retired as a sergeant on September 1, 1998. Mr. Plunkett is survived by two sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren, two brothers, and three sisters. To learn more about Mr. Plunkett's life, please visit the Mathis Funeral Homes website at [www.mathisfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mathisfuneralhomes.com). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Plunkett family.

## Rosemary Stockman



Rosemary Stockman, 80, of Pleasant Hill, MO, died April 14, 2017. She was born in Higginsville, MO, and graduated from Higginsville High School in 1955. Rosemary was employed as an account clerk for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, retiring in 1997, after 12 years of dedicated service. She is survived by her husband, Bill, one daughter, one son, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. To learn more about Rosemary's life, visit the Stanley-Dickey Funeral Home website at [www.stanley-dickeyfuneralhome.com](http://www.stanley-dickeyfuneralhome.com). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Stockman family.

## Ronald A. Selvey



Ronald A. Selvey, 87, of Bolivar, MO, died Saturday, April 15, 2017. Ron was born in Lamar, MO, and

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graduated from Lamar High School in 1947. He served eight years in the U.S. Army Reserves. In 1953, he and his identical twin, Don, were appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He retired as a sergeant in 1989, after over 35 years of dedicated service. He is survived by his wife, Donna, four children, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, three brothers, a sister, and a host of additional family members. To learn more about Ron's life, visit the Butler Funeral Home website at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com). The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Selvey family.

*Editor's note: The Rosemary Stockman obituary and Ronald A. Selvey obituary are being reprinted in this issue. The original printing contained typographical errors. Our sincerest apologies.*

# Thank You

*Dear Patrol Family,*

We would like to thank each of you for your cards, phone calls, and prayers during the illness and death of our husband/father, retired Sergeant Ronald A. Selvey. Words cannot express our gratitude for the care and concern shown during his 16-month-long illness. Seeing so many active and retired Patrol and law enforcement personnel at the visitation and funeral certainly helped comfort us on this most difficult day. Ron was extremely proud to be a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper. Thanks again to Troop D and GHQ for making special efforts to honor Dad at the visitation and funeral services.

The family of retired Sgt. Ron Selvey, the original #329

*Mrs. Donna Selvey and children:  
Ret. Major Dale and Mrs. Rhonda Penn*

*Mr. Roger and Bobbie Selvey  
Maint. Sprv. Will and Mrs. Peggy Beatty, Troop D*

*Mr. Bill and Mrs. Cammie Wine*

Our family would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our Patrol family for the many cards, calls, and condolences received during the recent loss of my father-in-law, Pat Hull. We would also like to thank those who were able to attend the visitation. It meant a lot to our family and we are so thankful for each and every one of you. May God bless you richly.

*Mr. Bo and Special Asst. Jane Hull, Q/CIB*

*All,*

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers during the passing of my mother. All the cards, sympathy, and kindness shown to myself and my family were greatly appreciated. My family was touched by the outpouring of support and compassion shown by my Patrol family. Again, on behalf of myself and my family, Thank you.

*Comm. Oper. III Leslie L. Cannon, Troop E*

## Sympathy

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

Ret. Capt. Stephen J. Hinesly - mother	Comm. Oper. III Chris D. Ramsey (F) - father	Chief DE Tammy K. Harris (E) - mother
Spec. Asst. Jane M. Hull, Q/CIB - father-in-law	CJIS Trainer/Auditor II Tina M. Ramsey (Q/CJISD) - father-in-law	CVO II Brad R. Gregory (B) - brother
Sgt. Daniel A. Spring (B) - grand- mother-in-law	Tpr. Barbara M. Littrell (Q/DDCC) - mother	DE Sprv. Gerald L. Gregory (G) - brother
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Carol L. Hunter (E) - sister	Comm. Oper. III Leslie L. Cannon (E) - mother	CVO II Jason L. Gregory (G) - uncle
Ret. Clerk Typist III Charlotte M. Cline - mother	Capt. James W. Remillard (I) - sister	Sgt. Steven L. Lutjen (Q/GD) - grand- mother
DE III Tina K. Johnson (A) - grand- mother	Ret. Chief Technician Terry L. Carroll - father	CVE Insp. II Randy B. Lyon (D) - father-in-law
Tpr. Aaron M. Jeffreys (A) - grand- mother	Ret. Sgt. Tom M. Scott - brother	Capt. Larry W. Plunkett Jr. - father
DE I Kimberley A. Brown (C) - grandmother	DE III Shelley L. Wilson-Lagermann (E) - stepfather	Ret. DE III Gary G. Hoffmann - wife
	Sgt. Jeff R. Kinder (G) - mother	Ret. Cpl. E. Dale Springs - wife

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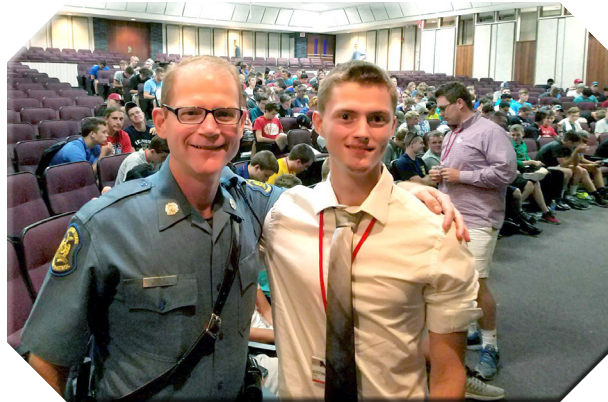
## MISSOURI BOYS STATE 2017: A FATHER/SON EXPERIENCE

*By Tpr. Terry A. Bible, Troop D*

On Sunday, June 18, 2017, I drove to the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, MO, to speak to the law enforcement class attendees of Missouri Boys State. I had a dual topic of instruction—the History of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Recruiting—and an hour in which to give the presentation.

I always enjoy doing these types of presentations, regardless of the class size. There were approximately 200 students participating in this session of the Law Enforcement class at Boys State; one of them was my youngest son, Justin. I started by briefly introducing myself and my present assignment. To explain to them why I was there, I spoke about my passion for Patrol history and recruiting.

I told the students of the Law Enforcement class of Boys State that whether they ultimately chose a profession as a city police officer, a county deputy, or as a state trooper, they would be part of a noble profession. However, I did say I would prefer them to apply to be Missouri state troopers.



*Tpr. Terry Bible, Troop D, and his son, Justin Bible, got to cross paths at Missouri Boys State 2017.*

was blessed to have been able to see both my sons that day. Aaron is home from college for the summer, so I could take a picture with him. I also feel blessed to have shared a small part of Justin's overall Boys State experience.

We took a picture after my presentation. This was by far the best Father's Day I could have experienced. (Sgt. John Lueckenhoff, Troop D, used the photo of Justin and I in a tweet that day.)

"It was the second day of Missouri Boys State, when we started classes in our school of instruction," said Justin Bible. "I picked the school of Law Enforcement, not only because I expressed a great interest for it at Boys State, but because I knew my father was going to be teaching a lesson. I was so glad that I was able to see him and get a picture with him on Father's Day, and I know he feels the same."

I informed them how my oldest son, Aaron, had attended the 2015 Missouri Boys State Session, and that my youngest son, Justin, was present in the room. My boys' desire to attend Boys State was an inspiration to me. I didn't prompt either to apply; they both applied and were accepted on their own. In my presentation, I shared the sentiment that just as I was inspired by my sons attending Boys State, the schools they represented were inspired by them. It was an honor to stand in front the young men attending Boys State and present to them.

That day was also Father's Day. I