

PATROL NEWS

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"Over 85 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION"



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From the Staff ...

Major David A. Flannigan
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Last month, we celebrated our nation's independence, and I reflected on how extremely grateful I am for the freedom we enjoy and take advantage of each and every day. As we get ready to say "goodbye" to summer and start another school year, there are several things that I am thankful for and would like to share with you.

On July 1, we started a new fiscal year in state government, and the Patrol's programs and employees fared well in the legislative session that concluded in May. The legislators work very hard to anticipate revenues and distribute money in a way that best serves Missouri's citizens. I am thankful that they have invested some of that money in a 3% salary increase (effective January 1, 2020). Governor Michael L. Parson has stated many times how proud he is of the state's employees and the bipartisan support of his recommended salary increase for state employees is greatly appreciated.

With the recent graduation of the 107th Recruit Class and the start of the 108th Recruit Class, I am thankful that men and women continue to bravely dedicate themselves to a lifetime of serving others in a dangerous profession. Those who graduate from the Academy and progress beyond their probationary period have earned the right to be called "trooper." I wish them all the success this career has to offer, and I pray for their safe return home at the end of each shift.

Earlier this year, the staff visited the gravesite of Sergeant Benjamin O. Booth. It was very humbling to look at the marker and know that Sgt. Booth had no idea that specific date would be the day he would make the ultimate sacrifice. I would like to take the opportunity to recognize those who have died in the line of duty during the months of July and August throughout our history:

- Trooper John N. Greim was killed in a plane crash on July 13, 1945, while searching for two suspects. He is buried in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Warrensburg, MO.
- Corporal John A. "Jay" Sampietro was struck by a motorist on August 17, 2005, while assisting at the scene of a previous traffic crash. He is buried in White Oak Cemetery in Rogersville, MO.
- Trooper Frederick F. "Fred" Guthrie Jr. died on August 1, 2011, when he was swept away by flood waters in Holt County. He is buried in Knob Noster Cemetery in Knob Noster, MO.
- Trooper James M. Bava died on August 28, 2015, in a traffic crash while pursuing a suspect in Audrain County. He is buried in St. Charles Memorial Gardens in St. Charles, MO.

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Social Media Snapshot

A popular post proclaimed, "The moment you have all been waiting for! Due to the overwhelming success of the Christmas Light Show/PSA and the many request for an encore: We present to you the July 4th Light Show/PSA. Have a safe holiday weekend! #4thOfJuly"

That message was accompanied by a video of Patrol boats and cars providing a light show timed to the national anthem played by the band Metallica. It brought 116 comments and 2,791 reactions, reached 232,304 and was shared 2,279 times.



This video script illustrated to both car and boat operators their vital role in the July Fourth video production.

Cover

Sgt. George Falterman hugs his daughter, Trooper Alysha Falterman after she accepted the Superintendent's Award.

— STAFF

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Each of these troopers died under different circumstances than the other three, but each left a legacy for every employee to respect and honor, and I am thankful to them and their families for their sacrifice. Take a moment to read their stories on our website. You will find that not only did they each die while serving others, they lived lives that were not unlike yours and mine. They had families, friends, and co-workers who miss them every day.

I am also thankful for our civilian personnel. Each time a trooper calls in on the radio or the phone, someone responds on the other end. I appreciate the people who install the equipment in the cars, fix the computers, maintain the network, administer driver tests, greet people at troop headquarters, ensure the safety of all motor vehicles on our highways, work in our laboratories, keep our fleet and facilities clean and operating smoothly, and everyone else, all of whom are dedicated to service. The pride of our civilian employees is second to none. Without their dedication to our focused mission of serving others, we would not be the stellar agency we are today.

Lastly, I would also like to thank our retirees, whether they were a uniformed member or a civilian employee. Sir Isaac Newton is attributed as saying, "If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants." Each employee and retiree has contributed to the success of our agency and has earned my respect. The Patrol's outstanding reputation didn't just happen by accident; it was formed from the ethical leadership at all levels and the hard work of our employees in nearly nine decades of existence as an agency. I encourage all to continue doing the right thing, because it's the right thing to do. I thank each of you for your service and dedication to help others.

Troopers Attend Marine Enforcement Training

By Lt. Mike Petlansky, Q/WPD

The 9th Marine Enforcement Training class prepared road officers to patrol Missouri's waterways. The four-week course focused on boating laws, boating enforcement stops, swimming, water survival, and use of force techniques. The six students attended the training from April 22 through May 17, 2019, before the peak boating season. Marine Enforcement Training occurs each year and is offered to those road officers with an interest in full-time marine operations. Enjoy a few photos from the course.



Sgt. Chris Daniels, Troop F, evaluates Cpl. Daniel Johnson, Troop G, as he affects a boating enforcement stop on current marine troopers Sgt. Mark Green, Troop D, Tpr. Darwin Hukill, Troop D, and Tpr. Aaron Starnes, Troop F.

Tpr. Steven Washabaugh, Troop F, takes a seated battery field sobriety test administered by Tpr. Dan Highley, Troop C. Instructing is Cpl. Rob Sanders, Troop F (far right).



(l) Tpr. Darwin Hukill, Troop D, evaluates the scenario from the "violator's" vessel, which is occupied by Tpr. Phil Grubaugh, Troop B, and Sgt. Mark Green, Troop D. (l to r) Tpr. Jacob Hardy, Troop F, evaluates Tpr. Dan Highley, Troop C, as he performs an equipment inspection.

Course Challenges, Inspires

Police Leadership—West Point Model Class Graduates

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

The Police Leadership—West Point Model three-week course came to a close on Friday, April 19, 2019, with a closing ceremony and pictures. Each of the small groups was called forward, recognized, and congratulated by Major Vince S. Rice, Q/ASB, who served as emcee.

“Today is a big day for us,” said Major Rice. “With this class, 275 people will have been through this course. That is small percentage of our total workforce, but that’s how it starts. It starts with you.”

“Remember that everyone is watching you,” he continued. “As a leader, they are watching to see what you will do. Your actions will earn the trust of your followers. Leadership is a gift. My challenge to you is to use that gift as you move forward.”

Thirty-three students took the class, including two from Missouri’s Department of Public Safety and two from the Missouri Alcohol and Tobacco Control. The course focused on developing leaders at all levels of an organization. The Police Leadership—West Point Model earned high marks from attendees. Here are a few reviews of this semester’s course:

“I was surprised to learn how many leadership theories there are, and how many different situations to which they can be applied,” said Asst. Chief Oper. Paula J. Price, Troop F. “My number one takeaway is the Leader Thought Process, which is a step-by-step method of breaking down problems to find the most appropriate solutions. I also

learned about the importance of followership. I highly recommend this class. I now have a toolbox full of theories and strategies to deal with problems and issues I encounter at work, as well as other aspects of my life. Also, shout out to my group within the class. They are amazing people and I learned so much from them.”

“I highly recommend the training,” said Cpl. Katie M. Bishop, Troop C. “The biggest takeaway for me is that it will help me identify and evaluate problems that come up, and help me know how to address them.”

“The course gives you a better outlook,” said Cpl. Carl W. Bone, Troop C. “... a way to look at problems presented within the zone and troop. There were quite a few things I could look back and recognize that I was doing it, but didn’t have a reason behind why I was doing it. I did things because someone else did it. This course gave me an opportunity to hone those skills and provided me with tools for the future.”

“I was surprised with how relevant the training is to our organization and to the achievement of our organizational goals. It is important to get to know your people as individuals and to receive feedback,” said Trainer/Auditor IV Linda S. Lueckenhoff, Q/CJISD. “Understanding human motivation helps leaders close the gap between an individual’s need and organizational goals. The course was very challenging at times, but the discussions and materials provided during the course study were most beneficial. I greatly appreciated the skills and knowledge presented by all the instructors and the experiences they shared, as well as those shared by my classmates. I would highly recommend this class to all management and even to nonmanagerial personnel who have an interest in the betterment of the organization and themselves.”

“There was a lot of material to go through,” said Cpl. Chase A. Stallcup, Troop D. “It took a lot of time and effort, but was definitely worth it. The biggest thing for me is to take a step back and get to know my people better, and to do whatever I can to help them. I absolutely recommend this training.”



Congratulations to the Police Leadership—West Point Model class and their instructors (pictured) on a successful course!

Rain, Rain, Go Away!

Missouri experienced heavy rains throughout the spring and well into summer. Flooding kept both marine enforcement and road troopers busy and resulted in road closures. In more than one instance, Interstate 29 was closed for an extended period. Troop H's Twitter feed wasn't the only one keeping the public informed. By May 1, all nine troops were tweeting about water rescues and road closings, and issuing safety reminders.

The photos taken in Jefferson City show flood waters affecting the downtown area and Jefferson City

(r) This view of Highway 50 through Jefferson City shows how Missouri River flooding impacted downtown traffic patterns. Water closed several streets as well as a couple of state employee parking lots.

Airport located north of the Missouri River Bridge. The Patrol's Aircraft Division moved operations up the highway to the Columbia Regional Airport and began flying out of that location on May 22.



The photos from the Troop H area help show the depth of the water on the interstate (above) and the damage by flood waters to the U.S. Highway 159 bridge at Missouri Route P (below).



The Jefferson City Airport closed for weeks due to flooding.



Missouri's Memorial: A Time For Reverence

Missouri's Law Enforcement Memorial stands quietly on the capitol grounds. The names on each plate represent someone who stepped forward to serve and protect their fellow Missourians. These names serve as a reminder, not just that law enforcement is a dangerous profession, but that these names belonged to individuals who were honorable and brave with families and friends who loved them. The yearly memorial service took place in the Governor's Gardens at the Governor's Mansion again this

year while the Missouri Capitol's exterior is being restored.

Surrounded by the beautiful foliage, families, friends, and co-workers came to show reverence for Missouri's finest. Men and women ... constable, sheriff, trooper, officer—the tradition honors our fallen heroes and connects the law enforcement family.

(l to r) Sgt. Demond Tauber, Q/HRD, and Major Lance MacLaughlin, Q/ESB, salute as a family member adds a carnation to a large wreath.



"Driver Gets Straight to It"

By Sgt. Gary S. Horton, Troop D

It may come as a surprise, but our troopers encounter people who are less than honest ... on what seems to be a routine basis. Then again, occasionally, we encounter those who are shockingly honest.

Shortly after midnight, Sunday, May 5, 2019, Trooper Travis L. Coffey, Troop D, noticed a black car stop at a steady red signal in Monett, MO, and then make a left turn violating the signal. He immediately took enforcement action and stopped this vehicle to investigate the illegal turn. Upon contacting the driver, Tpr. Coffey observed several possible signs of intoxication and asked the driver to have a seat in the patrol car.

Once seated in the patrol car the driver wasted no time identifying the cause of the illegal left turn. He stated, "I'm going to get straight to it. I'm drunk, and nothing is right with the car." Tpr. Coffey was shocked at how honest this driver was without his even suggesting anything about intoxication.

Don't we all wish driving while intoxicated enforcement could go this smoothly and drivers would "get straight to it?"

"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."

— Maya Angelou, poet

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

50 years ago

July 1969 — The front cover included a story indicating Task Force Frank was again "called to Lincoln University during the latter part of May when fires and sniper fire erupted on the campus." Earlier, the task force responded when a restraining order was issued in the Cole County Circuit Court to make protestors vacate the Student Union. Approximately 200 troopers from around the state were involved before the issue was settled. This issue included photographs.

45 years ago

August 1974 — An airplane speed check on rural U.S. Highway 50 in Jackson County (Troop A) led to a violator being stopped for traveling 66 mph through the blocks. As Trooper Gary Dusenberg stood by the vehicle waiting for the driver to locate his license, he noticed a large number of bullfrogs in the bed of the truck. It was out of season, so the young driver was arrested. A conservation agent responded and counted 92 frogs (possession limit was eight)! The bullfrogs were given to a local orphanage.

30 years ago

July 1989 — Trooper Stephen L. Grass, Troop B, submitted a Trooper Flubb cartoon. Tpr. Flubb's patrol car was parked in very tall grass. The caption was, "The neighbors can always tell when Trooper Flubb is on vacation." A story explained how Sergeant Curt Matthews (supervisor, Missing Person's Unit) developed information regarding a subject who was maintaining written correspondence with young girls throughout the country. The man would write to the girls promising a job and a horse if they would take up residence at his "ranch." As a result of Matthews' work, three search warrants were served. Evidence indicated the man used his over-the-road tractor-trailer rig to further his child pornography crimes.

25 years ago

August 1994 — Headlines in this issue include: Patrol Joins Forces In Operation Crossroads, Patrol Shines During Olympic Festival, New Radio Log Program Installed At All Troops, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers—52 Years In The Making, *Real Stories* Returns To The Patrol, 67th Recruit Class Begins Training, Patrol Uses Two New Aircraft, and Inspectors Make Good Showing At State Competition.

10 years ago

July/August 2009 — The issue highlighted Troop F's Student Alliance Program, Girls State, Boys State, and Special Olympics. One story indicated the Patrol earned third place for an aggressive driving PSA at the Uniformed Safety & Education Officers' Workshop. Another article explained how a phone call led MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D, to a stolen 1966 Chevy II Super Sport. A car dealer had unknowingly traded five vehicles totaling around \$25,000 for the Chevy.

5 years ago

July/August 2014 — The Crime Laboratory Division welcomed visitors from Moldova. The 98th Recruit Class graduated. The 45th American Legion Cadet Patrol Academy also held graduation exercises. Negotiators from the Troops A, C, and F SWAT teams took part in a scenario-driven competition in Kansas City, MO. The Patrol's team took first place.

Members Show Awareness During Critical Incident

By Lt. Ed Aylward, Q/GD

On May 7, 2019, Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri hosted the 33rd Annual John J. McAtee Police Recognition Luncheon at the Missouri Athletic Club in downtown St. Louis.

John J. McAtee became an attorney in 1930, served as president of the St. Louis Bar Association, and practiced law until his death in 1995. In 1932, he became the youngest judge in the state of Missouri. During his work as a judge, he realized many people came before his court who needed mental health treatment rather than incarceration. Judge McAtee was the driving force behind MHA's creation of law enforcement training to help officers recognize, understand, and interact with persons who had a mental illness. He spearheaded the creation of MHA's annual police recognition awards, and in 1989, the event was named the John McAtee Award.

The event honors officers whose compassion and dedication make a significant difference in the life of persons with mental illness who come to the attention of law enforcement. Over 600 officers have been recognized over the history of the event.

For the second year in a row, officers from the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Gaming Division were selected as honorees. This year, Sergeant Todd M. Barthelmass, Sergeant Amy K. Johnson, and Trooper Jordan A. Hilliard were selected as a result of a nomination submitted by last year's honoree, Corporal Samuel V. Buchheit. In addition, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Officer Carianne Noga was recognized for her role in the mental health crisis.

Sgts. Barthelmass and Johnson, and Tpr. Hilliard received a call from an emergency medical technician at the Lumiere Place Casino about a person on the third floor of the parking

garage who was armed with a large screwdriver. Upon their arrival, they encountered a female who had been disarmed by family members, but was still shouting obscenities and making homicidal and suicidal threats. While speaking with a family member, Sgt. Barthelmass learned the female was diagnosed with schizophrenia, was not taking medication, and had been driving recklessly with another family member in the vehicle prior to arriving at the garage.

When Sgt. Barthelmass and Tpr. Hilliard approached the female, they could see broken glass on the pave-



(l to r) Tpr. Jordan Hilliard, Sgt. Amy Johnson, Sgt. Todd Barthelmass, and St. Louis Metro. Police Officer Carianne Noga paused for a photo at the 33rd Annual John J. McAtee Police Recognition Luncheon.

ment as well as in both of her clenched fists. She then charged first Tpr. Hilliard, then Sgt. Barthelmass with fists raised. She moved to the outer perimeter of the parking garage where she would be at a significant height for jumping should she decide to follow through on her threats of suicide. Believing she was still clutching broken glass, Sgt. Johnson approached and circled behind the female. As the woman noticed Sgt. Johnson approaching, she turned and began yelling and arguing. Seeing an opportunity to end a potentially lethal situation, Sgt.

Barthelmass rushed the subject from behind, taking her to the ground with the assistance of Sgt. Johnson and Tpr. Hilliard.

Once handcuffed, she continued yelling incoherently, making suicidal and homicidal threats, while lashing out. She was restrained with the minimal amount of force necessary and reassured by the officers that they were there to help. Recognizing the situation was a mental health crisis, an ambulance was requested.

It is not uncommon for Gaming Division officers assigned to the Lumiere Place Casino to work closely with the 4th District of St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Recognizing she could assist with the situation, St. Louis Metropolitan

Police Officer Carianne Noga helped resolve the incident by accompanying the female to the hospital rather than sending her alone.

She also completed the necessary paperwork and reports related to a mental health crisis. This incident is an example of the type of multijurisdictional cooperation found throughout the Gaming Division.

There were 32 incidents involving over 56 officers from various local, county, state, and federal agencies recognized at the awards ceremony. The emphasis of the MHA John J. McAtee Police Recognition Luncheon is mental health awareness when dealing with law enforcement situations. Renewed training and recognition by law enforcement as a profession has increased the likelihood of a mental health crisis transitioning from a potential deadly force situation to the preservation of human life. Sgt. Barthelmass, Sgt. Johnson, and Tpr. Hilliard displayed an extremely high level of human compassion and demonstrated the Patrol's Core Values.

26 Teams Tackle 48th Annual MSHP Scramble

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

A trip over the river and through the woods found us at Innsbrook Golf Course for the 48th Annual Two-Person Scramble Golf Tournament on Monday, June 3, 2019. I've always thought "scramble" was a good description of what goes on at these outings. I'm usually scrambling after Dad (the only real golfer on my two-person team), who can hit the ball farther and faster than I can see it. This is the fourth year Dad has patiently coached me as he drives me around the golf course. I think I'm getting more comfortable out there, but I find it hard to be serious about the need to put a little, white ball into a small hole.

To say I don't play much golf is an understatement: I've played as many games as years I've gone to the Patrol tournament! Yep, that's right, I play once a year. Dad describes me as "not sports minded." But, we laugh more than the other teams (there are some serious players out there) and enjoy ourselves immensely. I really appreciate the other players allowing the photos and jesting. The important part is Dad and I laughed our way through 18 holes and the weather was perfect. It was a good day (better for some than others).

My sincerest appreciation to Sgt. Jeff Myers, Troop C, and MOSTA Exec. Dir. (retired Major) Kemp Shoun for doing all the administrative stuff that provides Dad and me with a fun day. You guys are awesome! For those of you more serious about your golf game than I, here's a list of the winners:



The tournament is about catching up with friends as much as it is about golf. This foursome included (l to r) retired Tpr. Morris Poe Jr., retired Sgt. Jimmie Mays, retired Sgt. Curt Mathews, and recently retired Capt. David Perkins.



Retired Lt. Col. Rich Coffey prepares to tee off.



Retired Lt. Phil Ahern and son, Lt. Nate Ahern, Troop A, enjoyed a great golf game, and placed first in the "C" flight.

"A" Flight

- 1st Place—68, Cpl. Neil R. Atkinson, Q/GSD, and Tpr. Adam M. Kinney, Q/GD
- 2nd Place—65, Cpl. David W. Crank, Troop E, and Tpr. Eric L. Bennett, Troop E
- 3rd Place—65, Ret. Sgt. Lonnie L. Hickman & Capt. Larry W. Plunkett, Q/GD

"B" Flight

- 1st Place—Sgt. Eric F. Brown, Troop B, & Lt. Collin M. Stosberg, Q/PIED
- 2nd Place—Comm. Oper. III J. Pat Callihan, Troop C, & Asst. Chief Oper. Dave R. Axelrod, Troop C
- 3rd Place—Ret. Major Hugh E. McKay & Ret. Lt. Col. Rich Coffey

"C" Flight

- 1st Place—Lt. Nate C. Ahern, Troop A, & Ret. Lt. Phil L. Ahern
- 2nd Place—Major Lance M. McLaughlin, Q/ESB, & Major Mike A. Turner, Q/SSB
- 3rd Place—Tpr. John I. Cobb, Q/GD, & Tpr. Roberto A. Rizo, Troop F
- Hole 2 closest to the pin—Ret. Capt. Kyle D. Marquart
- Hole 5 closest second shot—Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Richard W. Probst, Troop C
- Hole 11 closest second shot—Sgt. Eric F. Brown, Troop B
- Hole 12 closest to the pin—Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Richard W. Probst, Troop C
- Hole 13 longest drive—Capt. Larry Plunkett, Q/GD

Congratulations to the winners!

'Missouri's Connection To Service & Protection'

Patrol Commissions 107th Recruit Class

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

The 107th Recruit Class entered their graduation ceremony with heads held high and strong voices carrying a cadence that took them to their seats. After 25 long, challenging weeks, 31 new troopers would say their oath of office and officially begin serving and protecting.

Pastor Chris Lewis, Calvary Baptist Church, provided an invocation followed by Troop F's Color Guard and the presentation of colors. The clear, steady voice of Trooper Bradley J. Lueckenhoff, Troop D, washed over the crowd as he sang the national anthem in a way that reminded everyone what it means to be patriotic.

Captain Jerry C. West, Q/TND, served as emcee and provided introductions in his matter-of-fact style.

DPS Director Sandra K. Karsten spoke to the 107th Recruit Class encouraging them to "serve the people of Missouri with the same pride you feel here today, every day of your career."

Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe gave the keynote address, offering his congratulations and respect. He mentioned meeting them recently when the Central Missouri Honor Flight returned to Columbia and he saw all of them treating the veterans like heroes. "Thank



Tpr. Bradley J. Lueckenhoff, Troop D, sang the national anthem during the graduation ceremony.

you 107th for serving our state and its citizens."

The Honorable Mary Rhodes-Russell administered the oath to the new troopers, beginning by having them state their names one at a time before repeating the words as a group. Dean Roger K. McMillian, vice president of college affairs at Mineral Area College, awarded 10 of the new troopers associate degrees as a result of their training.

Then, it was time: One row at a time, the new troopers lined up at the side of the dais awaiting to accept their diploma. Colonel Eric T. Olson congratulated and spoke with each new trooper, who then walked across the stage to accept their diploma from Lt. Gov. Kehoe and DPS Director Karsten. After the class was

reseated, the audience cheered and clapped in a standing ovation.

Col. Eric T. Olson spoke to the class. He mentioned his discussions with them regarding the relationship between Missouri's citizens and the

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They certainly know how to make an entrance! The 107th Recruit Class is presented for graduation after entering the gymnasium in step with their cadence.



Tpr. Erica Volkart accepts the Academic Award from Col. Eric Olson at graduation.



The new troopers listen as Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe delivers the keynote address.

— Class

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law enforcement community. Members of the 107th Recruit Class had communicated with him their understanding that professionalism was imperative. Class members told Col. Olson that professionalism is recognized in a trooper's appearance, how they speak to those they serve, and being held accountable.

"There are days it will not be easy," Col. Olson acknowledged, before reassuring them by saying, "Your commanders, your zone sergeants, and your field training officers understand what it takes to be professional."

Four awards were presented during the ceremony. Trooper Justin D. Howard earned the physical fitness award. Trooper Michael S. Cline earned the firearms award. Trooper Erica P. Volkart earned the academics award. Trooper Alysha K. Falterman earned the Superintendent's Award, which is presented to the person with the most points overall.

It's tradition for the class commander to speak at each recruit class graduation. At the 107th Recruit Class graduation, that responsibility landed on the shoulders of Trooper William C. Grose. He used the opportunity to express the class' appreciation to the instructors and command staff, the day's speakers, and the recruits' families. He shared a couple of quotes from instructors that had guided all of them during their Academy training. Then, Tpr. Grose reminded his classmates of the Patrol's Core Values by telling them, "... set your goal now and be the best trooper you can be. Show professionalism and respect even when it is not reciprocated. Be compassionate toward others and resourceful whenever you're in a difficult situation. Always be responsible for your actions and show an unbreakable commitment to the citizens of Missouri. And last, no matter what challenge you are confronted with, never compromise your character and always uphold an undeniable degree of integrity."

Congratulations to the 107th Recruit Class!

Below is a list of the new troopers, their hometowns, and their first assignments. They reported to duty in their assigned troops on July 8, 2019.

Name/Hometown/First Assignment

Robert A. Allee, Shelbina, MO, Troop H, Zone 5, Andrew/Buchanan Counties
Andrew D. Baker, St. Louis, MO, Troop C, Zone 1, N. St. Louis County
Luke A. Benke, Jefferson City, MO, Troop C, Zone 1, N. St. Louis County
Eric R. Besserud, St. Louis, MO, Troop C, Zone 1, N. St. Louis County
Brody M. Breedlove, Astoria, IL, Troop C, Zone 14, St. Francois/Washington Counties
Troy M. Broyles, Doniphan, MO, Troop A, Zone 5, Ray/Carroll Counties
Haven L. Clemons, Lamar, MO, Troop A, Zone 15, Henry County
Michael S. Cline, Cameron, MO, Troop H, Zone 7, Caldwell/Clinton Counties
Alonzo M. Collins, St. Charles, MO, Troop C, Zone 1, N. St. Louis County
Joshua D. Conover, Poplar Bluff, MO, Troop E, Zone 9, Pemiscot/New Madrid Counties
Alysha K. Falterman, Licking, MO, Troop G, Zone 4, Carter/Reynolds Counties
Brennen S. Floray, Kansas City, MO, Troop A, Zone 4, Clay County
Nicholas A. Frazier, Dorsey, IL, Troop E, Zone 4, Cape Girardeau/Scott/Bollinger Counties
Cameron S. Geraldts, Jackson, MO, Troop C, Zone 16, Ste. Genevieve/Perry Counties
Wes M. Graham, Joplin, MO, Troop A, Zone 12, Johnson County
William C. Grose, Sedalia, MO, Troop A, Zone 13, Pettis County
Matt A. Harris, Sweet Springs, MO, Troop H, Zone 1, Atchison/Holt Counties
Justin D. Howard, Raymore, MO, Troop A, Zone 6, Jackson County
Seth M. Kmetz, Crystal City, MO, Troop C, Zone 12, Jefferson County
James P. Lewis, Poplar Bluff, MO, Troop E, Zone 8, Pemiscot/New Madrid Counties
Kyle A. McCallister, Monett, MO, Troop H, Zone 1, Atchison/Holt Counties
Logan T. McDaniel, Osage Beach, MO, Troop H, Zone 6, Andrew/Buchanan Counties
Daniel A. Norton, Fenton, MO, Troop C, Zone 12, Jefferson County
Nicholas T. Ott, Cameron, MO, Troop A, Zone 5, Ray/Carroll Counties
Tyler R. Rosa, Labadie, MO, Troop C, Zone 10, Franklin County
Jared W. Smith, Lebanon, MO, Troop H, Zone 8, Caldwell/Clinton Counties
Travis L. Sullivan, Norwood, MO, Troop C, Zone 14, St. Francois/Washington Counties
Zachary D. Thomas, Joliet, IL, Troop A, Zone 4, Clay County
Erica P. Volkart, California, MO, Troop A, Zone 10, Saline County
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Kurtis T. Welker, Jonesburg, MO, Troop C, Zone 9, St. Charles County

Advice To The New Troopers ...

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

The 107th Recruit Class has graduated, so the new troopers have shifted from Academy instructors to their field training officers. Their training continues over the next several months before becoming "life lessons" learned through experience. I thought it would be fun to check in with some retirees and see if they had any advice for our newest members.

"You don't know where your career will take you," said recently retired Admin. Office Support Asst. Terri K. Cole. "No matter how you feel personally, maintain a professional rapport with every member you meet. You never know which one is going to become your lieutenant or captain."

"You will deal with many nasty people during your career. Never lose sight of the fact that there are millions of people out there who greatly appreciate what you do on the job," retired Sergeant J.B. King (39th Recruit Class, 1969).

"The position of trooper is not just a job, but a career to serve and protect the public. It's not going to be easy and each day will be a grind. The primary job of a Missouri state trooper is traffic enforcement, working crashes, stopping violators, and assisting stranded motorists, to name a few. Do the job the best you can each and every day. Always plan your workday and follow the premise of 'service before self,'" recently retired Captain Jeff Vitale (61st Recruit Class, 1989).

"Never criticize another trooper behind his back. Do not allow any other person to be critical of another trooper. That other trooper is your brother ... and while we are on the subject, we might as well include other police personnel. Because, like it or not, anyone bad mouthing another officer is talking about you," said retired Sgt. Buddy Shipley (39th Recruit Class, 1969). "And now to my pet peeve: Change your vocabulary. Lose the "Ya know" and "Ya know, I mean" and all that other high school jargon. When you put on that blue uniform, you are no longer just some jerk off the street. So, don't talk like one."

"Law enforcement will always be a challenging and rewarding profession. As difficult as it can be, always try to leave a positive and lasting impression on those you meet," said retired Sgt. E. DeWayne Rucker (49th Recruit Class, 1979).

DPS Honors Cpl. John West

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

On June 27, 2019, Corporal John J. West, Troop E, was recognized as the June 2019 DPS Employee of the Month. DPS Director Sandra K. Karsten presented the award, which recognized his actions after a shooting in Poplar Bluff.

Cpl. West overheard two Poplar Bluff city officers arrive on the scene and shortly after advise "shots fired." The officers' requested multiple ambulances and advised they had one subject in custody. Cpl. West responded to the scene in emergency mode, along with Trooper Gregory T. Ulm* and Trooper Chance D. Berry, both Troop E.

Cpl. West retrieved his first aid kit before entering the residence. Upon entering the residence, Cpl. West discovered one female who was deceased from a gunshot wound to the face and chest. He then checked another room to discover a male sitting on the edge of a bed with a gunshot wound to his face. Cpl. West saw a second female lying in a pool of blood on the floor with

gunshot wounds to her upper left leg, left arm, and her neck. Cpl. West noticed the wound to her leg was bleeding profusely. Cpl. West, along with Poplar Bluff Officer Billie Duckett, began first aid on the subject by applying direct pressure to the wounds to stop the bleeding. As the female went in and out of consciousness, the two officers talked to her to keep her awake. When they noticed the wound on her leg was continuing to bleed profusely, Cpl. West attempted to apply a tourniquet, but found it was not long enough. Instead, Officer Duckett found a towel and the officers used it as a makeshift tourniquet, while continuing to apply direct pressure. Cpl. West also packaged the gunshot wound on her neck to stop the bleeding. Both officers then assisted paramedics in loading the injured woman into the ambulance.

Cpl. West had the forethought to enter the residence with his first aid kit. He then immediately began treating the subject's serious wound. He also quickly adapted to another option when he



Col. Eric Olson (r) presents a superintendent's challenge coin to Cpl. John West, Troop E, in recognition of his being named DPS Employee of the Month for June 2019.

saw the tourniquet would not work. The wounded female quite possibly could have bled to death without the actions of Cpl. West and Officer Duckett.

Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Patrol, congratulated Cpl. West and said, "Cpl. West exhibited the core values, specifically professionalism, by having the wherewithal to retrieve his first kit as he entered the residence."

"I appreciate the award," said Cpl. West. "I was at the right place at the right time."

**Tpr. Ulm has since transferred to Q/GSD.*

Patrol Hosts 50th American Legion Cadet Program

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

The 50th American Legion Cadet Program concluded with a graduation ceremony on Friday, June 14, 2019. The 15 young people had just completed a week learning about leadership and law enforcement, while paying attention to detail and bonding as a team.

Trooper Andrew A. Armstrong, Q/TND, served as emcee for the event and welcomed dignitaries and families on behalf of the cadet class. He congratulated the cadets and said, "You did everything you were asked without complaint. I saw many of you push beyond your comfort zone and prevail."

Both Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Patrol, and Mr. Kerry Boardman, state commander of the American Legion, congratulated the cadets and offered encouragement.

"You are now ambassadors for the Missouri State Highway Patrol and American Legion," DPS Director Sandra K. Karsten told the graduating cadets, saying she had an assignment for them. "Your assignment is to show respect for our veterans and their service to this country; to always show respect to our law enforcement and their service to our communities. And, always show respect to our laws by being aware of them and choosing to follow them." Director Karsten then congratulated the group and told them, "We look forward to seeing you back wearing trooper blue in the years to come."

Class Commander Sam O. told the audience, "We pushed ourselves to the max and so much further. It's astounding to recognize the change in just a week. Walk away knowing what we accomplished was done as a team. You can do anything as long as you work hard and don't spin off the road."

Mr. Bob Jordan, state director of the Missouri American Legion Cadet Patrol Program, assisted Colonel Olson in presenting three awards and a scholarship for Central Missouri State

Cadet Macy S. accepts her diploma from her uncle, Sgt. Jeff Fugett, Troop D.



University in Warrensburg, MO. Each cadet accepted a superintendent's coin from Col. Olson and graduation certificates and congratulations from Commander Boardman, Director Jordan, and DPS Director Karsten.

Cadets in the class had this to say about the experience:

"This week has shown my weaknesses and how to have a stronger mindset," said Cadet Macy S. She admitted the week took her out of her comfort zone and prompted her to doing things "better for myself." She said that self-confidence is something she struggles with, but, "I've grown through the Cadet Patrol experience."

"One thing I learned is how to drive a Highway Patrol car, which was

amazing," said Cadet Isaac A. "I also learned about crash investigation and firearms safety, motor vehicle laws, and many more things. This was a great Academy; it taught me so much. Thank you all for this great opportunity."

"My time at the Cadet Patrol Academy has made my desire to enter law enforcement even stronger," said Cadet Kaitlyn S.

"There are many things I have gotten from this camp," said Cadet Michael W. "But there were two that stuck out to me. The first was to pay attention to detail with everything. The second was to be a team when we are working or when we have consequences."



Congratulations to the 50th Cadet Patrol Academy!

WALK LIKE MADD: #NoMoreVictims

By Sgt. Andy J. Bell, Troop A

On June 15, 2019, at Theis Park, in Kansas City, MO, the Heartland Mothers Against Drunk Driving hosted the annual Walk Like MADD event. The event is a 5k walk/run designed to raise funds and awareness to eliminate drunk and drugged driving. Over 90 cities around the nation participate to help create a future with no more victims. With over 350,000 lives saved and over 820,000 victims served, funds raised through Walk Like MADD events allow MADD staff and volunteers to:

- provide emotional support and assistance with medical and legal struggles that follow a drunk driving crash;
- support the heroes in law enforcement who work to keep our roads safe;
- work with state and local legislators to adopt tougher laws, including requiring ignition interlocks for all DUI offenders, and closing the loopholes in many existing laws; and
- support the development of technology to determine automatically whether or not the driver is above the legal limit of .08 and failing to operate if the driver is drunk.

On average, two out of three people will be impacted by drunk driving in their lifetime. Every two minutes, someone is injured in a drunk driving crash, and every day, 28 people are killed by drunk driving. (source: www.madd.org)

Members and families of Troop A raised money and donated their time to participate in this year's Walk Like MADD. The Troop A Team raised \$1,820! These funds contributed to the overall efforts for a grand total of \$16,800 raised for the MADD Heart-

land Chapter! After he and his family walked the 5k, Captain Scott A. Shippers, commanding officer of Troop A, volunteered to raise additional funds for the event by getting pies in the face! People lined up and donated money to land a whip cream pie in the captain's face. Within 10 minutes, Capt. Shippers raised over \$100!

On behalf of the Troop A Team, thank you to all those who donated their time and money to help support our efforts!



Capt. Scott Shippers accepts a pie in the face from his son, Briggs, to help raise money for Heartland MADD.



Exec. Dir. of MADD Missouri Meghan Carter provides opening remarks at the Walk Like MADD event.

The event included this tribute to Cpl. Michael Webster (EOW October 2, 1993), who was the victim of a drunk driver crash while on duty.



Congratulations On Your Retirement!

**Pam M.
Cooseman**
CDL Examiner
Troop C

*Retired June 1, 2019.
13 years of dedicated service.*



**Mark S.
Dochterman**
Lieutenant
Troop F

*Retired June 1, 2019.
24 years, 11 months
of dedicated service.*



Les D. Elder
Captain
Q/MVI

*Retired June 1, 2019.
29 years, 11 months
of dedicated service.*



Dennis S. Kelley
CVO Sprv. I
Troop H

*Retired June 1, 2019.
26 years, six months
of dedicated service.*



**Matthew A.
Lopane**
Sergeant
Q/GD

*Retired June 1, 2019.
29 years, five months
of dedicated service.*



Jim W. Remillard
Captain
Troop I

*Retired June 1, 2019.
29 years, five months
of dedicated service.*



**Darrell J.
Taube**
Procurement Officer II
Q/BPD

*Retired June 1, 2019.
35 years of dedicated service.*



Charlie E. Bradley
Comm. Oper. III
Troop D

*Retired July 1, 2019.
17 years, seven months
of dedicated service.*



Congratulations On Your Retirement!

Judy S. Dale
DE III
Troop A

*Retired July 1, 2019.
22 years, 11 months
of dedicated service.*



Carla J. Flickinger
Clerk IV
Q/MVI

*Retired July 1, 2019.
35 years, 10 months
of dedicated service.*



Gerald L. Gregory
DE Sprv.
Troop G

*Retired July 1, 2019.
20 years, five months
of dedicated service.*



Brian N. Harrell
Sergeant
Q/GD

*Retired July 1, 2019.
30 years of dedicated service.*



Willis L. Lewis
DE Sprv.
Troop E

*Retired July 1, 2019.
26 years, nine months of
dedicated service.*



Jeff N. Vitale
Captain
Troop E

*Retired July 1, 2019.
30 years of dedicated service.*



Investigators Lend Expertise To “Snapped” Episode

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

Their road to fame began with an unexpected email. A producer from the “Snapped” television show was hoping they’d each provide an interview for an upcoming episode detailing the Nanette Litherland case. Mr. Monty Platz, with the Missouri Attorney General’s Office, and Washington County Sheriff Zach Jacobsen were also taking part.

The interview request was forwarded through the chain of command and when the green light was given, dates were determined.

“We work together a lot,” said Sergeant J. Scott Ashby, referring to himself, Sergeant Perry L. Smith, and Sergeant Dave C. Bauer, all Q/DDCC. “When you get a whodunit case like this, it takes more than one investigator. There was a lot of territory to cover.”

“They came down to the Troop C Service Center and set up in the conference room for the day,” said Sgt. Smith. “They interviewed the three of us (independently) and the current Washington County sheriff.” He said each interview lasted about an hour and a half. Filming also occurred at locations in Farmington and Jefferson City. “They asked a lot of questions about the case. It was pretty laid back and informal. There was one person who did the interviewing, one person who ran the audio, and another who took care of the camera.”

Sgt. Bauer added, “They sent us an email notifying us about a week in advance that the show was being aired

(initially) on July 7.” The Nanette Litherland case featured in the “Snapped” season 25 episode 19 aired several times.

Sgt. Bauer provided a synopsis of the 2009 murder case, “We were contacted by Washington County Sheriff’s Office and requested to assist. A young man who was working on a family property for a husband and wife was hired by the wife, after she moved out, to kill her father-in-law and husband. The young man shot, but did not kill the elderly father-in-law. A few weeks later, he shot and killed the husband. We were called in after the murder.”

“We had a ‘bad guy’ in two days,” said Sgt. Ashby, Q/DDCC. “We realized he didn’t act alone fairly quickly and had a pretty good idea the family was involved.” The troopers obtained a confession and located the murder weapon. “Once he sat in jail for a while he decided to cooperate. He worked a deal out with his defense attorney and the prosecutor. Basically, the wife murdered the husband for the money and the farm. Once we arrested the guy, it took just under a year for the case to come to a conclusion and for us to arrest the wife, son, and daughter-in-law. I think when the kid didn’t get any visitors or the money promised him, he realized he was looking at a death sentence until he cooperated. He was given a life sentence and Nanette got life in prison with no parole.”

All three—Nanette, her son, and her daughter-in-law—had participated in the conspiracy to kill the husband.

“The son actually drove the young man to commit the murder,” said Sgt. Bauer.

So, what do the three investigators think about the filming experience?

“They (producers) interview you, then they have a place in Tennessee to film and police officers who are off duty who are actors and portray us,” said Sgt. Ashby. “That was kinda neat. I thought Bauer found his twin brother. The guy looked just like him.”

“I think we all have our entire account of the case from our points of view,” said Sgt. Bauer. He feels it’s mostly accurate with a “few minor misstatements. But, I guess that’s TV for you.”

“The experience was similar to prepping for and attending a trial,” said Sgt. Smith. “The case had to be reviewed thoroughly and I had to be ready to answer any questions asked by the interviewer. There were numerous questions asked, but only a very small portion of what was discussed during the interview was shown on TV.”

“It was interesting to see how they took statements from so many people involved and were able to put it together in a one-hour episode,” said Sgt. Bauer. “It was also nice to have the Missouri State Highway Patrol’s Criminal Investigation Unit highlighted, showing that the Highway Patrol has various divisions that operate effectively and professionally.”

Snapped: Finding Jerry Litherland's Body (Season 25, Episode 19)

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Jul 2, 2019

On November 8, 2009, Missouri State Highway Patrol Investigator Scott Ashby receives a phone call regarding ...

Deaths

James R. Kramel



James R. Kramel, 89, of Jefferson City, MO, died Saturday, April 27, 2019. He attended St. Peters High School. Jim entered the military at age 17 in March 1947, and retired from the United States Air Force in 1967. He was a Korean War and Vietnam War veteran, and served in Japan, Thailand, Austria, and the South Pacific. After his military career, he joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol and worked in the Division of Finance at General Headquarters until June 1991 when he retired. Jim is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Generose A. Kramel, of Jefferson City, one daughter, and two grandchildren. To learn more about Mr. Kramel, please visit the Freeman Mortuary website at www.freemanmortuary.com. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Kramel family.

Russell R. Kennison



Russell R. Kennison, 96, of Jefferson City, died Saturday, May 11, 2019.

He grew up in Independence, MO, and Jefferson City, MO, and graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1940. Russell attended Jefferson City Junior College for two years until he was drafted into the United States Army before transferring to the United States Army Air Corps. He served as a crew chief/mechanic on a B-24 training in Mississippi and Florida. In 1945, Russell served in the Pacific Theater. He served his country for four years. Russell began working for the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a civilian, working as a fingerprint and crime laboratory technician, and teletype operator. He was appointed as a member of the Highway Patrol on November 1, 1947. He remained at General Headquarters throughout his career, retiring as the captain overseeing the Finance and Supply Division. He is survived by two children, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many other family members and friends. His wife, Ruth, preceded him in death. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Kennison family.

Robert L. McGraw



Robert L. McGraw, 81, of Imperial, MO, died Wednesday, June 12, 2019. Mr. McGraw served 33 years as a driver examiner with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. In 1989, he trained examiners and third-party testers to help implement the commercial

driver's license law. He retired in 1998 as a driver examiner supervisor. Mr. McGraw also served in the U.S. Army Reserve for eight years. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Francine C. (Camillo) McGraw, two children, five grandchildren, other family members, and many friends. Memorials may be made to the Hereditary Neurological Disease Centre, 9300 E. 29th Street Suite 350, Wichita, KS 67226. For more information about Mr. McGraw's life, please visit <https://newzgroup.com>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the McGraw family.

Larry G. Wilson



Larry G. Wilson, 76, of Lee's Summit, MO, died Saturday, June 29, 2019, surrounded by siblings, children, and grandchildren. He grew up in Springfield, MO. Mr. Wilson joined the Patrol on January 3, 1966, as a member of the 30th Recruit Class. He retired as a sergeant after 34 years. He is survived by his wife, Eileen Wilson, sons, daughters, grandchildren, brothers, and a sister. For more information about Mr. Wilson's life, please visit <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/news-leader/obituary.aspx?n=larry-g-wilson&pid=193299571>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Wilson family.



Col. Eric Olson (l) and Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe (r) presented the Firearms Award to Trooper Michael Cline.



Tpr. Justin Howard accepts the Fitness Award from Col. Eric Olson (l) and Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe (r).

Thank You

The family of William A. Sims would like to thank the Patrol family for the outpouring of support shown through the many calls, prayers, and cards. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated as we journey through this challenging time.

*Lt. W. Shane Sims, Troop H
Ret. Sgt. George T. Sims
Cpl. Thomas G. Sims, Troop A
Sgt. J. Joe Rongey, Troop H*



On behalf of our family we would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and kindness shown to us after the death of my mother, Virginia Gibson. We also appreciated the current Patrol employees who attended the funeral visitation to lend their support.

MVI Chief Eric W. Gibson, Troop D

Sympathy

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

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| DE II Nancy L. Hoye (A) - grandmother | Diane L. Vernon (Q/DVSD) - mother-in-law, father | Criminalist III Michael D. Hobson (Q/CLD) - father |
| Auto. Tech. III Josh T. Hughes (Q/FFD) - mother | Chief MVI Eric W. Gibson (D) - mother | Ret. Sgt. John D. Wyatt - wife |
| Ret. DE III Carmen L. Bailey - father | Comm. Oper. I Trevor Dunn (C) - grandmother | Cpl. Maurice E. Benzie (Q/GD) - sister |
| Spec. Asst. Lynn M. Stegeman (Q/PSD) - father | DE Sprv. Leena Harris (D) - husband's grandparents | Tpr. Keith W. Kaiser (C) - grandfather |
| Accounting Generalist II Stacia A. Boyum (Q/BPD) - grandfather | Lt. W. Shane Sims (H) - father | DE II Ashlie M. Close (E) - grandmother |
| Ret. Sgt. James C. Meissert - brother | Ret. Sgt. George T. Sims - brother | Ret. Sgt. James R. Portman - wife |
| Asst. Dir. Eric S. Romph (Q/FFD) - daughter | Cpl. Tom G. Sims (A) - uncle | Ret. Clerk IV Kathy A. Easter - husband |
| Comm. Oper. II Heather J. Thomas (I) - father | Sgt. J. Joe Rongey (H) - uncle | Ret. Capt. Robert Searcy - father |
| Ret. Sgt. Russell R. Kennison II - father | DE I John T. Bilbrough (I) - father | Program Sprv. Jessi K. Mayhew (Q/CJISD) - grandfather |
| Tpr. Josh L. Hughes (C) - wife's grandfather | Tpr. Andy J. Foss (A) - wife's grandmother | Tpr. Andy R. Dill (D) - grandmother |
| Cpl. Douglas W. Pfeifer (I) - father | Tpr. J. Scott Baughman (A) - grandmother | Ret. DE III Bill Grant - wife |
| Fiscal & Budgetary Analyst III | CVO Sprv. I Scott M. Suling (F) - father | MVI III Randy W. Grant (E) - sister-in-law |
| | Tpr. Mason B. Hollis (Q/GD) - grandfather | |

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Presenting ... the 107th Recruit Class! Congratulations!