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NYS POLICE TROOP MEMORIAL SERVICES 2022

Troop A Commander, Major Eugene Staniszewski, hosted the 2022 Memorial Day Ceremony, recognizing the Troop A members that made the ultimate sacrifice. In attendance were families of members killed in the line of duty, the Executive Staff, and many local Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.



Troop B Memorial Service 2022

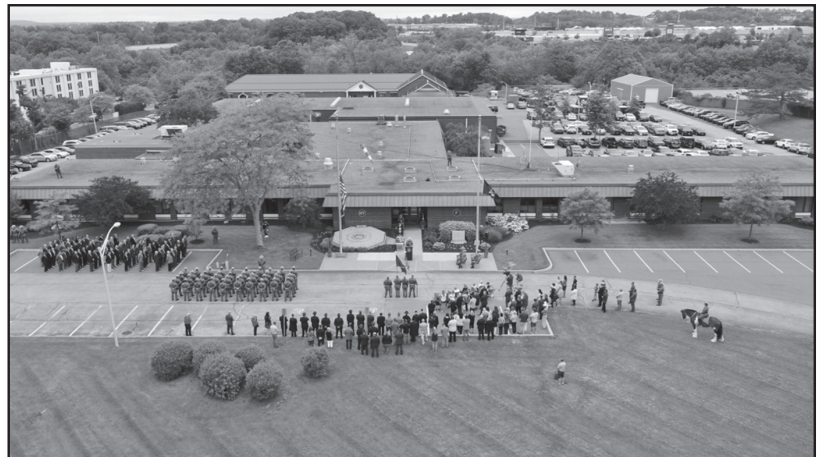


New York State Police Troop "C" held their Memorial Day Service honoring those members who lost their lives in the line of duty and recognizing the heavy price paid for the freedoms we enjoy today. The service was led by Troop "C" Commander, Major Jeffrey VanAuken. 140 Members of the New York State Police have lost their lives in the line of duty, 17 of those Members were serving Troop "C".





Troop D Commander, Major Michael S. TenEyck, hosted the 2022 Memorial Day Ceremony, recognizing the Troop D members that made the ultimate sacrifice. In attendance were families of members killed in the line of duty, the Executive Staff, and many retired members.



On May 27, 2022, Troop F held its Annual Memorial Day Ceremony. Troop F Commander Major Paul DeQuarto led the ceremony recognizing the 13 Troop F members who made the ultimate sacrifice. Troop F would like to thank family members, law enforcement partners, members of the community and State Police executive staff who attended today's ceremony.



Troop K Commander Major Kathryn M. Rohde led the 2022 Memorial ceremony recognizing the Troop K members who made the ultimate sacrifice. We appreciate the family members, law enforcement partners, and State Police executive staff who attended today's ceremony.



On Thursday, May 26, 2022, Troop L Commander Major George J. Mohl led this year's memorial ceremony to honor State Police members lost in the line of duty. We will never forget.



Troop NYC Commander, Major Brian P. Webster led the 2022 Memorial Ceremony recognizing the members of Troop NYC who gave their lives in the line of duty.



Major Carla A. Dirienzo, Troop T Commander, lead the Troop T Memorial Day Service to honor and commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice while keeping the roads of our state safe. In attendance were families of members killed in the line of duty, the Executive Staff, and law enforcement partners. The New York State Thruway is renowned as one of the safest superhighways in the country. This would not be possible without the dedication of New York State Police Troop T. Thank you for your unwavering support for public safety.

Association of Former New York State Troopers Association
MINUTES of the State Board Meeting
Date: April 16, 2022

Chapters (6) and Members (14) Attending:

<u>State Board</u>	<u>Batavia</u>	<u>Black Horse</u>
<u>Michael Doney, President</u>	<u>Gary Hammond, Secy./Clerk</u>	<u>Bill Boulio, VP</u>
<u>Louis J. Lang, Vice-President</u>	<u>Mike Bruggman</u>	<u>Marty Weigel, Treasurer</u>
<u>Michael Wells, Secy./Clerk</u>		<u>Jon Sovie</u>
<u>Capital District</u>	<u>Central New York</u>	<u>Finger Lakes</u>
<u>Fred Scheidt, President & PBA</u>	<u>Edward Rood, President</u>	<u>Dave Treat, President</u>
	<u>Don Barker, VP</u>	
	<u>George Hop- per, Treasurer</u>	
	<u>Paul Ham- mond</u>	
	<u>Ken Kotwas</u>	
<u>Southern Tier</u>	<u>Adirondack</u>	<u>Allegheny Mountain</u>
<u>Joe Slavin, Treasurer</u>	<u>Baron Steu- ben</u>	<u>Leatherstock- ing</u>
<u>Rich Wagar</u>	<u>Long island</u>	<u>Mid-Hudson</u>
<u>Niagara Frontier</u>	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>PBA Delegate</u>

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the State Board of the AFNYST was held at 916 Riverside, 916 County Rd 37, Central Square, NY 13036. The meeting convened at 12:16 P.M, President Michael Doney presiding, and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for our departed Members. (the meeting was temporarily adjourned for lunch at 12:45 PM and resumed at 1:12 PM)

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the November 13, 2021 was made and seconded. **Motion carried.**

Officer's Reports:

President Doney: Reported that he was invited to represent the Association at the

annual Superintendent's Awards ceremony at the Academy.

Vice-President: Reported that Dennis Spanitz has stepped down as the Batavia Chapter Treasurer due to health reasons and that the Chapter wants to transfer the position to Associate Member Kathy Hartman. **(see New Business below)**

Treasurer: Absent. President Doney read out the Treasurer's report. A question was asked about the Life Member savings account (no answer known). A question was asked about the FARTS reunion ad and the possibility of FARTS becoming an official Chapter. Fred Scheidt stated that this did come up at the reunion in March and Mike Doney advised this has come up in the past. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. **Motion carried.**

Secretary: Nothing to report.

PBA Retiree Delegate:

- Retirement COLA - Several retiree groups are working on increasing the COLA calculation.
- Alex Dell, an attorney specializing in WTC 9/11, workers comp and retiree issues has offered to present to the board at a future meeting.
- Question was asked about the PBA Variable Fund: One had to have been represented by the PBA from 2007-2011, the period in which the contracted physical fitness monies were given to the PBA and invested.
- A comment was made that members who took the ½ retirement option discovered that any pop-up, ½ option, etc is based on the original pension amount at retirement, not the amount after any COLA increases. Fred talked about proposing a tiered COLA system for larger COLA's to retirees with lower pensions. He also noted that our insurance copays increase with the active duty contracts but the COLA does not align with the same contracts.

Board and Committee Reports None.

Old Business: Fund to Assist Retired Members **09/18/2021** Charlie Simmons (CD Chapter) presented an idea of establishing a fund that would assist retired Troopers and their families in a time of need.

11/13/2021 Terry Sutton (Niagara Chapter) advised that the Helping Hands organization met and decided to keep their organization tied to the AFNYST Niagara Chapter and not to expand the statewide AFNYST. Discussion centered on seeking to form a separate fund or exploring the option of expanding retiree access to Signal 30 funds. It was noted that PBA Liaison Fred Scheidt was actively pursuing this with the PBA Board. No motions were made on the matter at this time. **Carried over.**

04/16/2022 PBA Delegate Fred Scheidt advised that the PBA is planning on moving forward with a Signal 30 style fund for retirees. This was discussed at the FRATS reunion by PBA Officer Delegate Dan Charleson.

More info to follow. No motion to reopen. **Carried over.**

New Business: Chapter Officers/Associate Members VP Louis Lang reported that Dennis Spanitz has stepped down as the Batavia Chapter Treasurer due to health reasons and that the Chapter wants to transfer the position to Associate Member Kathy Hartman. Louis acknowledged that Associate Members are not allowed to vote and that the Batavia Chapter wanted to explore changing the rules to allow them to vote. He noted that it is becoming difficult to get new members. President Doney stated that the Association bylaws require Chapter officers to be regular Members. His personal belief is that Kathy Hartman would do a fine job as treasurer. Discussion centered on allowing Chapters to decide on their own the roles of Associates. **No motion made at this time.**

[Secretary Note: The relevant sections of the AFNYST Constitution are:

Article 3. Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Association of Former New York State Troopers, Inc., shall include: (1) Regular Members, (2) Honorary members and (3) Life members, who shall possess the necessary requirements.

Section 3. Honorary members may attend meetings and be permitted to speak, but may not purpose motions, vote or preside. The holding of an Honorary Membership shall not preclude a person who is a Regular Member from holding an office at the Association or Chapter level and/or otherwise performing and participating as a regular member.

Section 6. All applications for Honorary Membership and Life Membership shall be considered and conferred by the Board, and which shall at any regular meeting require a majority approval of the Board. Chapters shall forward applications for Chaplains and those above to the Board consideration and approval. Likewise applications for Life Membership shall also be forwarded to the Board by Chapters for consideration and approval. All such applications shall be accompanied with a résumé supporting the named applicant along with pertinent data.

Article 6. Nominations and Election of Association and Chapter Officers

Section 1. All members in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in the Association or its Chapters for not less than two (2) years. The Election shall be determined by popular vote of the valid ballots received.

Section 8. A vacancy in the Office of President of the Chapter shall be filled by the Vice-President. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled by the Chapter President, with the majority of other Chapter Officers, and the members so appointed shall fill out the unexpired term of the Office made vacant.]

Good and Welfare: Mike Doney asked if anyone knew of the status of Trooper Christopher Baldner and his criminal case.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 916 Riverside, 916 County Rd 37, Central Square, NY 13036.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Michael F. Wells Sec-
retary/Clerk

ADIRONDACK CHAPTER

On May 24, 2022, a meeting of the Adirondack Chapter, was held at Troop B Headquarters, Ray Brook, with 23 members and guests in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Need a volunteer for the position of Secretary ASAP.
- Discussion on Adirondack Chapter Scholarships. LIANE COLBY to assist.
- VP ROBERT CRONIN discussed the Tour De Force fund raiser and requested a donation. \$500 donation motion by B.G. LaPLANTE, seconded by GREG HABERSTRO – Carried.
- A Golf Tournament at Craig Wood is tentatively scheduled for September. More information to follow.
- Discussion on North Country Honor Flight resulted in a motion for a \$200 donation by SEAN DONOVAN, seconded by JOHN TIBBITS – Carried. Former Troop B Commanders in attendance and recognized by President ODELL:
- RICHARD SMITH
- CHARLES GUESS
- JOHN TIBBITTS

ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

No Chapter News Reported.

BLACK HORSE CHAPTER

No Chapter News Reported.

BARON STEUBEN CHAPTER

The first dinner/meeting of 2022 was held on May 19, at The Redwood in Naples. In attendance were 24 members and guests. A motion was made and seconded to send a donation to Probationary Trooper Alicia Gorka, to assist her with her medical expenses. On May 12, 2022, Trooper Gorka was severely injured in an MVA, while on her way to work, in the Town of Pamelia, in

Jefferson County. The dinner schedule for 2022 has been changed – all remaining dinner/meetings will be on Thursdays as follows: July 21, August 18, September 22, October 20 and November 10.

BATAVIA CHAPTER

No Chapter News Reported.

CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER

The annual meeting of the Capital District Chapter was held on May 18, 2022, at the Saratoga-Wilton Elks, Saratoga Springs with 34 members and guests in attendance. President Scheidt:

1. COLA - Legislators are continually being lobbied for an increase.
2. Health insurance - The union's lawsuit regarding healthcare premiums was lost. The reason being that retiree premiums were not clearly articulated in the contract.
3. Chapter dues/membership - seeking to have Division provide AFNYST info to Members at retirement. Encourage Members to invite active duty Members to Chapter meetings/events.

Treasurer: Read a message from Jen Connolly regarding a deceased Trooper's gravestone. ...I'm not able to make the meeting tonight but could you ask any of the guys if they know a trooper, Jerald Dershimer? His gravestone fell over and the caretaker said it's the responsibility of the family. It would cost approximately \$350 to fix it. He's in the Ferndale cemetery in Gloversville. [if anyone knows any family of Tpr Dershimer please contact the Chapter Secretary] Annual picnic - The treasurer proposed that the Chapter set the price for the picnic at \$25 per Member. Craig Masterson advised that the price for the picnic at the Clifton Park Elks would be the same as last year, \$35 per person. After discussion a motion was made by Charlie Simmons to set the price at \$25 for Chapter Members and a family member guest. The balance to be paid by the Chapter. The price for non-

association members will be \$35. The motion was seconded. Annual Picnic Date/Time: August 17, 2022, 2:00 - 6:00 PM Location: Clifton Park Elks, 695 McElroy Rd, Ballston Lake, NY 12019. Price: Chapter Members: \$25 & 1 Family Member - Non-Chapter Members: \$35 Payment due by July 27th (no refunds after the 27th) Mail check to: AFNYST - CD Chapter, PO Box 771, Latham, NY 12110.

CNY CHAPTER

On May 17, 2022, a CNY meeting was held at Theodore's Restaurant in Canastota with 18 members and guests in attendance. Old business: President Rood addressed the scholarship/stipend award that was tabled at the last meeting. There was a lengthy discussion on the topic by several members, mostly as to how it would be funded and who would the award be available to. Ted Palmer advised that the Tri-State chapter has a scholarship program, and had 15 applicants this year. They picked a winner out of a hat at their May meeting, and will present the winner \$1,000 at their June meeting. President Rood advised that this will be discussed further at our next 2 meetings, along with a vote being taken at the meetings. While discussing the scholarship, the subject of CNY members' unpaid dues was discussed.. CNY has to pay the state AFNYST \$8.00 for each of the members on our roster, whether that member has paid dues or not. It was brought up that we could fund a scholarship with the hundreds of dollars that we are currently paying the state, but not collecting in dues. There was discussion as to what to do with those that have not paid their dues. Dick Vogt made a motion that we should send a letter to those that are behind in dues over a year requesting the dues, or they may be removed from our roster. Motion seconded and carried. Ted Palmer volunteered to send the letters using the leftover 100th anniversary envelopes. New business: President

Rood brought up having a chaplain for our chapter, and suggested Rev. Stephen Maddox. A motion was made to make Rev. Maddox our chaplain, seconded and carried. President Rood advised that the son of CNY member Pete Boxall, Navy Vice Admiral Ron Boxall, will be returning home to Holland Patent for Memorial Day. Vice Admiral Boxall will be a special guest of the Holland Patent American Legion for their Memorial Day parade and services. Clambake: President Rood advised that the clambake will be held on Saturday August 6, 2022 at the Liverpool Elks. The cost will be \$57 per person. President Rood advised that in the past our chapter subsidized some of the cost for member and one guest. After discussion, it was decided to not subsidize the cost. President Rood advised he is not set up for reservations yet, so do not send in the checks yet.

FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

A May meeting of the Finger Lakes Chapter was held at Newark Elks Lodge with 52 members and guests in attendance. On October 10, 2021, at about 11:30 PM a driver lost control of a vehicle and somehow ended up in the middle of the Erie Canal. Four law enforcement officers were all at the scene and one Trooper swam out to the female in the vehicle and the other three police officers helped bring them back to shore. The Elks presented each with a hero medal.

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

No Chapter News Reported.

MID HUDSON CHAPTER

No Chapter News Reported.

NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER

The monthly meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter was held on May 18, 2022 at Denny's Restaurant in Depew with 22 members and guests in attendance. Status of 2022 Membership Renewals: 102 Regular Members, 86 Life Members, 25 Widows, 4 Delinquent. A motion to purchase (2) \$100 tickets for the Moonbrook Golf Tournament on June 13, 2022 was made, seconded and carried. Proceeds from the tournament support the Former Troopers Helping Hands. The Annual Chicken Barbecue is scheduled for July 6, 2022 at Fontana's Grove. Tickets are available at today's meeting or through the US mail. Flyers were sent out to all members via email or USPS. An email was read from David Carr who is a proud participant in the Honor Flight Mission 11 detailing his experience. Thank you to everyone who sent cards for "Mail Call". David received a total of 82 cards. Outstanding!! A motion was made, seconded and carried to donate \$100 to the Trooper Brinkerhoff Foundation and 5k/10k/Raffle. Thank You Note was received from the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Cheektowaga for the \$100 donation.

SOUTHERN TIER CHAPTER

No Chapter News Reported.

TRI STATE CHAPTER

The monthly Tri State Chapter meeting was held on May 11, 2022 at The Plaza Diner in New Paltz with 26 members and guests in attendance. There were 15 applicants for the Jack L. Stein Memorial Scholarship for 2022. The winner, whose name was drawn from a hat, was Daniel J. Serkes, grandson of Chapter member, retired Sr. Inv. Garfield Clark. Daniel will be graduating from Goshen High School and plans to attend Florida

Atlantic University. A check for \$1,000 will be presented to him at the June meeting. Congratulations Daniel.



Snippets of News/Info

Trooper is on a Remarkable Journey

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It was a thrilling day for the Capitano family of Sheridan when their son, Guy Capitano II, graduated from the 209th session of the Basic School of the New York State Police Academy on March 18, 2020. While the family could not attend the ceremony in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the magnitude of Guy's accomplishment was not lost on them, for nearly 18 years ago, Guy was fighting for his life.

In July 2002, Guy and his father, Guy Sr., were severely burned when their pickup truck caught fire outside of Jamestown. At the age of just six years old, Guy suffered a devastating injury of third-degree burns to 35% of his body. He was treated at the Shriners Burn Care Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio and, over the years, underwent several surgeries and therapy procedures.

Guy and his father made incredible recoveries from their injuries, and Guy went on to become an honor roll student and athlete at Silver Creek High School. While on the high school football team, Guy developed a passion for fitness. His long-time dream was to join the military; however, he was eventually disqualified due to his extensive medical history. His father joked that "they needed a dolly to transport his files."

Although heartbroken by the Army's rejection, Guy rallied to put his "plan B" into effect. He enrolled in the culinary program at Alfred State University to pursue another passion of his: cooking.

In 2016, he received his Associate of Applied Science degree from Alfred State. He qualified as an applicant for the state trooper program and scored high on the entrance test. During this time, Guy developed an interest in cross-fit training and has since participated in several competitions. He also acquired his personal training certificate and was working in that field when he was called to the Academy.

Guy recalled that it was a long wait from the time he received the call until he was actually able to report to the Academy. One class filled up and the next was postponed, and even when he finally entered, there was no guarantee he would

graduate successfully. Many have failed to make it through the physically grueling and mentally taxing six-month training program. Guy was proud to be one of 226 new state troopers who graduated from the New York State Police Academy after 26 weeks of hard work and dedication.

"When my family was burned in 2002, so many people and organizations in the community stepped up and came out to help us recover," Guy said. "I feel honored and privileged to serve the awesome people of New York state."

Trooper Capitano is currently stationed at SP Binghamton in Troop C.



Trooper Capitano

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY?

By: Alex C. Dell, Esq. – Law Firm of Alex Dell, PLLC (reproduced and edited)

May 11, 2022

Happy 62nd birthday! You worked hard your whole life to finally achieve this moment – you can now elect to start receiving Social Security retirement benefits from the Social Security Administration (SSA). But wait, even though you can now start collecting Social Security retirement benefits, should you instead wait until you reach your full retirement age so you can obtain a higher monetary benefit for the rest of your life?

What happens if you cannot wait until your full retirement age? Did you consider whether to file for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)? Did you know that if you are approved for SSDI, your monthly Social Security disability benefit would be higher than the monthly benefit you would receive if you started collecting your Social Security retirement before your full retirement age, even if you are approved for SSDI as of or prior to your 62nd birthday? That's right, a SSDI benefit will essentially pay you the equivalent of what you would have received had you waited until your full retirement age to start collecting your Social Security retirement.

The unfortunate reality is that most people are not aware that SSDI can pay you more money per month than a regular Social Security Retirement. For every 100 people who simply elect to take their regular Social Security retirement, it is likely that one-third or more of these individuals may have qualified for SSDI, yet never knew about SSDI or that they might be eligible to apply for disability benefits. Worse yet, these same individuals are permanently giving up the right to receive an additional 25%-30% more money per month for the rest of their lives simply because they elected to start receiving early retirement benefits rather than applying for and receiving Social Security disability benefits. Read on for how you or someone you know can make the best financial decision when it comes to pursuing your Social Security benefits.

Social Security replaces a portion of your pre-retirement income based on your lifetime earnings based on your highest 35 years of earnings. A person's monthly benefit varies depending on your earnings and most importantly when you choose to start receiving such benefit. You can start receiving Social Security at an early retirement age (i.e., 62), your full retirement age (i.e., 66 or 67 depending on when you were born), or at a delayed retirement age (i.e., 70), with no incentive to delay claiming after age 70.

For example, if an individual born in 1960 waited to collect their Social Security retirement until their full retirement age (i.e.,

67), such benefit would be \$2,500.00 per month. However, if that same individual took an early Social Security retirement at age 62, such individual would only get \$1,750.00 per month, a whopping \$750.00 loss per month for the rest of their life. Whether someone elects to take their Social Security retirement when they are first eligible (age 62) or waits until their full retirement age (i.e., 66-67) or delays until even later (e.g., age 70) is the subject of endless debate, primarily fueled by predictions about one's life expectancy and financial considerations. And this is exactly why you should be thinking about whether SSDI is the better Social Security benefit for you or someone you know.

Like Social Security retirement, SSDI provides a monthly monetary benefit to people who have a medically determinable impairment that restricts their ability to engage in what is referred to as the ability to engage in substantial gainful activity ("SGA"). For 2022, an individual who is unable to earn at least \$1,350.00 per month (or the equivalent of \$16,200.00 per year) is not considered capable of substantial gainful work activity. Yes, you can still work and be eligible for SSDI.

To be eligible for SSDI, you must file an application with the Social Security Administration, and demonstrate you are either out of work or unable to earn more than \$1,350.00 per month (in 2022); that you have a severe medical condition(s) lasting or expecting to last for at least 12 months; that you cannot do the work you previously performed; and that given your age, education and prior work experience you are incapable of performing other work activity. In certain cases, you may have such a severe medical diagnosis which automatically qualifies you for SSDI benefits. You do not have to be at least 62 years young to apply for SSDI. In fact, many people in their 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s are receiving SSDI benefits.

No matter what your age, it is important to note that unlike Social Security retirement benefits, which require you to have worked long enough, SSDI benefits also require you to have worked recently enough to have earned a certain amount of work credits within the ten years before you became disabled. Generally, you need to have worked at least 5 of the last 10 years before your disability started. So, if you think you might meet the criteria for SSDI now, or at any age before your full retirement age, it is best to apply as soon as you become disabled. Additionally, since SSA can only pay benefits up to a year before your disability filing date, waiting to apply may cause you to miss out on significant retroactive SSDI benefits.

You can receive SSDI in addition to Workers' Compensation, Disability Retirement and Veterans Affairs benefits. In some cases, certain benefits may be reduced by the receipt of other benefits, but such determination must be made on a case-by-case basis to insure such person receives the maximum benefits from multiple sources.

One of the most important reasons to also pursue SSDI is because you will also become eligible for Medicare once you have received the equivalent of 24 months of SSDI benefits, even if you are not age 65. Unless you have end stage renal disease or are 65 years young, you are otherwise not eligible for Medicare.

It is common for people to apply for SSDI and get denied. Do not get discouraged especially if you are truly disabled from substantial gainful work activity. You are permitted to challenge a denial, which may ultimately lead to a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge who will consider all the facts and determine whether you are eligible for SSDI. An attorney can help you navigate this process and potentially lead to a successful application for benefits. An attorney is only paid if your application is successful, and even then, the attorney fee is a one-time fee on any past due benefits you may be owed by the Social Security Administration.

The Law Firm of Alex Dell, PLLC represents individuals nationwide with their Social Security Disability and Veterans Affairs claims, and with their New York and Florida Workers' Compensation and Disability Retirement claims. Contact us today at www.alex dell.com or 1-866-965-2667 for a free consultation. Who's Protecting You?

UPDATE: J.P. Stedman Liver Transplant

Story in the fall issue of the Gray Rider about Trooper Paul Stedman and his son J.P. who needed a liver transplant. On March 15, 2022, J. P. had a successful transplant in Pittsburgh. He was released from the hospital March 24 and remains in Pittsburgh for observation. A big thank you to all who donated to help this little boy.

TROOPERS HELPING HANDS AIDS NEW TROOPER (reproduced and edited)

On May 12, 2022, Trooper Alicia Gorka, SP Watertown, was seriously injured in an off-duty automobile accident when a pickup truck turned suddenly in front of her personal vehicle in Pamela, NY. Trooper Gorka, from Silver Creek, NY, was a 2022 graduate of the State Police Academy and sustained injuries to both lower legs and ankles. She underwent surgery and has returned to her home in Chautauqua County to recuperate. The Former Troopers Helping Hands Association of the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the AFNYST was contacted by a friend of the family, due to the fact that Trooper Gorka has no accrued sick leave,

and asked if FTHH could help her. Friday, May 27, Niagara Chapter President, Terry Sutton, and FTHH Board Member Don Munch, personally presented Trooper Gorka with a very generous donation to help with medical bills and lost wages. The entire Division wishes Trooper Gorka a complete and speedy recovery.



Don Munch, Tpr. Gorka and Terry Sutton



Troop E -Troopers Brianne Lesperance & Kelley Mietlicki attend Keuka College's International Women's Day event, celebrating women in law enforcement. During the event the Troopers participated in a discussion panel to share their law enforcement experiences with students. Officer Sarah Barrett from Geneva Police Department, Investigator Andrea Bastedo and Correctional Officer Brittany Bridenbaker from Onondaga Sheriff's Police Department also attended.

MERCY FLIGHT HELICOPTER CRASH KILLING TWO (reproduced and edited)

ELBA, N.Y. — Colleen Lamie said she was sitting in her bedroom Tuesday afternoon when she heard a disturbing sound behind her house in the Town of Elba — a series of “whoops” and “clicks,” then a loud explosion, all within a few seconds. “I thought I could feel the vibration of the boom,” she said. It was a Mercy Flight helicopter. It crashed during a training exercise at about 1 p.m. in a field off Norton Road, killing Mercy Flight pilot James E. Sauer, 60, of Churchville, and Stewart M. Dietrick, 60, of Prosper, Texas, a Bell Helicopter employee/pilot. They were pronounced dead at the scene and transported to the Monroe County Medical Examiner’s office.

The helicopter had taken off from the Genesee County Airport about four miles away, where Mercy Flight bases some of its aircraft. In a statement, Mercy Flight said the accident occurred during its annual Bell Helicopter factory training. Sauer, a retired New York State Police pilot, began working with Mercy Flight in October 2020.

“It goes without saying that our attention needs to be focused on the families of those lost and on our own employees as we deal with this unspeakable tragedy,” Mercy Flight president Margaret Ferrentino said in a statement. “This is a very dark day for the Mercy Flight family, we are so grateful for the expressions of love, concern and support expressed by many.”

The National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration are working with state police to determine the cause of the crash north of the intersection of Norton and Edgerton roads, close to Route 262.



James Sauer

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION – BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD L. BUTTERFIELD (reproduced and edited)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending veteran Brigadier General Richard L. Butterfield upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of The Rev. Francis A. Kelley Home Town Hero Award by Chapter 38 of the Disabled American Veterans on June 11, 2016 WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country’s freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend veteran Brigadier General Richard Butterfield upon the occasion of his designation as the third recipient of The Rev. Francis A. Kelley Home Town Hero Award by Chapter 38 of the Disabled American Veterans to be celebrated on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at the East Greenbush YMCA; and WHEREAS, Brigadier General Richard L. Butterfield has exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, demonstrating his love for his country and meriting forevermore, the highest respect of his State and Nation; and WHEREAS, Brigadier General Richard L. Butterfield served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1963 -1970, and the New York Army National Guard from 1970 to 1995; and WHEREAS, While on active duty, he served as a Second Lieutenant with the 11th Pathfinders 1st Cavalry Division, 1965 to 1966; in this position, he was in the battle at LZ X-Ray where both sides suffered heavy casualties; the United States had nearly 250 soldiers killed but claimed to have counted about 1,000 North Vietnamese bodies on the battlefield and estimated more were killed by air strikes and artillery; and WHEREAS, Lieutenant Butterfield and his team were responsible for the resupply and medical evacuation missions for the battle; after this battle was over, some of the unit walked out to LZ Columbus, after arriving there after dark, it was learned that the 2nd Battalion 7th Cavalry had been ambushed while marching to LZ Albany; of the roughly 400 soldiers in the Battalion, 70% were killed or wounded; and WHEREAS, A night time rescue mission was launched to evacuate the wounded and Lieutenant Butterfield led the pathfinder team to LZ Albany on this mission; and WHEREAS, After air assaulting in, Lieutenant Butterfield’s team ran medevac missions all night and into the next morning making sure all wounded were removed; around 1:00 a.m. Lieutenant Butterfield was wounded and did not leave his team until all other wounded soldiers were removed from the battlefield; and WHEREAS, Captain Butterfield served a second tour in Viet Nam in 1968 as company commander of E company 2nd Battalion 506 Inf. 101st Airborne; his company conducted many combat operations inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy; and WHEREAS, After recovering from injuries at Camp Zama, Japan, Captain Butterfield returned to Viet Nam and served with the 5th Special Forces Group Airborne assigned to Command and Control South Special

Operations Group; missions from this unit were classified; and WHEREAS, After serving on active duty, Captain Butterfield served the New York Army National Guard serving as a company commander, Battalion Commander 2nd of the 105th Infantry and as the commander of the 1st Brigade 42nd Infantry Division; and WHEREAS, Brigadier General Richard L. Butterfield served with the New York State Police from February 1970 until 2006; currently, he serves with the Warren County Sheriff's office with the Narcotics Enforcement Unit and is cross designated to the New York State Police; and WHEREAS, Brigadier General Richard L. Butterfield has 28 persona l awards and decorations with the Purple Heart being his most cherished; and WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Brigadier General Richard L. Butterfield demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of his State and Nation; and WHEREAS, Our Nation's veterans deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and for their dedication to their communities, their State and their Nation; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend veteran Brigadier General Richard L. Butterfield upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of The Rev. Francis A. Kelley Home Town Hero Award by Chapter 38 of the Disabled American Veterans; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brigadier General Richard L. Butterfield

Bill to honor fallen North Country state trooper passes state assembly (reproduced and edited)



Brian Falb

A bill that would rename bridges crossing the Saranac River on I-87 in memory of a state trooper who died from illness in the aftermath of 9/11 has passed the New York State Assembly. Brian S. Falb was stationed in Troop B in 1998 and remained there for 18 years. During the attacks at the Twin Towers, Falb was assigned to help in the search and recovery efforts in New York City. In March of 2017, he died from cancer that stemmed from his time assigned at the attack site. The State Assembly passed a bill on Monday that approved the bridges' name changes in Falb's memory. "The North Country lost a true hero with the passing of Trooper Falb, and it was my honor to ensure that his memory lasts forever by adding his name to the bridges over the Saranac River," Assemblyperson Billy Jones (D-Chateaugay Lake), who sponsored the bill, said in a press release. "He gave the ultimate sacrifice during our country's time of need, and I am proud to join the community in showing our gratitude and appreciation for his service by renaming these bridges in his honor." Town of Plattsburgh Supervisor Michael Cashman said it was important for the town to honor Falb's legacy. "Trooper Falb was a dedicated public servant and member of the Town of Plattsburgh community, and it was important to all of us that the Town honor his legacy," he said in the release. A similar bill sponsored by Sen. Dan Stec (R,C-Queensbury) also passed the state Senate. It now waits for Gov. Kathy Hochul's signature to become law. "He lost his life in the line of service after working as part of the search and recovery efforts on 9/11. I'm glad we can acknowledge his heroism and show gratitude for all he did by renaming the twin bridges over the Saranac in his honor."

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2022 (reproduced and edited)

National Police Week in Washington D.C. is a weeklong series of events that honors fallen officers and their families. This year, National Police Week was held from May 11th – May 16th. For 2022, Sergeant JAMES J. MONDA, Troop G, has been approved for inclusion to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Sergeant MONDA will have his name formally dedicated on May 13th at the 34th Annual Candlelight Vigil.

90 + Years Old

Barrett, Daniel F	09/29/1928	Lighty, Neal	02/12/1930
Bertman, Algird	05/15/1930	Lumia, Joseph F	01/06/1930
Bianchi, Josesph A	11/01/1928	Marro, Bernard H	01/02/1928
Bloomer, Harold G	05/03/1925	Meyer, William H	08/27/1930
Bogucki, Edmund A Jr	09/21/1929	Moochler, James C	10/25/1927
Bohanan, Kurt L	05/13/1930	Neckers, Richard H	04/04/1933
Boland, Richard E.	07/30/1931	Nelson, Harry B	07/27/1919
Boss, Hollis	02/24/1925	Nolan, Wesley J	07/08/1930
Boyle, Richard F	04/23/1929	Olma, Richard B	08/19/1928
Bunner, Albert	03/21/1925	Panighetti, Arthur C	12/23/1928
Carr, Edward J	05/03/1925	Pauquette, Joseph	10/17/1930
Cavallero, Andrew J	02/24/1932	Peet, Walter D	10/13/1930
Chandler, Medrick M	11/20/1931	Peo, Frank	05/27/1832
Chromey, George M	05/05/1930	Quick, Robert D	05/01/1926
Claassen, George C	12/17/1926	Reichman, Harold F	08/22/1931
Cleary, John M Jr	06/03/1929	Reu, Robert H	04/12/1925
Cronin, Thomas W	01/27/1932	Richichi, Rudolph V	07//22/1930
Day, Richard C	01/17/1928	Ruchin, Bernard G	11/18/1926
Ennis, James	01/22/1930	Ryan, John F Jr	05/21/1930
Farrell, James E	05/09/1931	Salerno, Ralph P	07/15/1928
Fidesio, Frances	11/05/1925	Salvie, Raymond	07/07/1925
Fuente, Ralph	12/17/1930	Schuyler, John F	02/19/1931
George, Delbert R	08/06/1931	Schwab, Lloyd	08/09/1930
Gilboy, George F Jr	02/03/1932	Scott, Lawrence C	03/12/1931
Gooch, Clifford	09/18/1931	Sholette, Edgar C	02/18/1931
Hallock, Franklin	08/29/1927	Simbari, John E	02/25/1932
Hartung, Frederick R	03/21/1926	Smith, John E	03/13/1927
Hastings, Richard C	07/30/1925	Smith, Philip	06/06/1931
Henry, John R	01/01/1929	Stewart, Harold G "Ed"	03/14/1927
Hogan, Robert L	05/09/1930	Teelon, Charles W	07/24/1930
Humes, Robert D	11/05/1931	VanAken, David F Jr	12/24/1929
Kehlenbeck, Charles N	11/18/1924	VanDyke, Robert D	04/14/1931
Keohane, James A	06/09/1930	Wilcox, Gerald E	05/14/1931
Kisor, Raymond	10/01/1929	Winagle, Daniel W	02/04/1929
Kretchman, Henry W	11/05/1929		
Land, Hugh W	12/12/1929		
LeRoy, David J	01/13/1932		
Lee, William J	04/22/1929		

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FARTS REUNION APRIL 2022 PHOTOGRAPHS



Walt Marchewka and Willy Meyers



Mr and Mrs. Donald Faughnan



Patty Hook, Linda LNU, Ed Vanderwall, Donna Heald, Linda Lyons
Steve Slagen, Mr. and Mrs. Badillo, Paulette and Joe Ricotta



Volunteers and attendees at the reunion



Bob Thourboron



Barbara McHugh



JoAnn Alberico

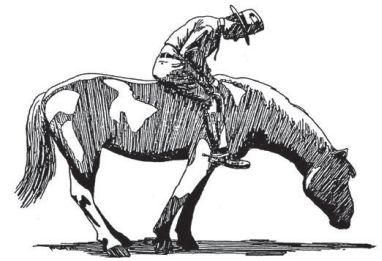


Dave VanAken

FINAL PATROL

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

- Albert Pike



Note: Surviving spouses should contact the Principal Clerk at your Troop HQ's regarding health and other benefits available through Civil Service.

Harold K. Boore, Jr.

Harold K. "Bud" Boore Jr., age 81, of Burt, NY formerly of Buffalo, NY, rode his final patrol on December 21, 2019. Harold served his country as a veteran of the US Navy. He was an Erie County Sheriff for 3 years and then joined the State Park Police for 11 years, then joined the NYS Police working in Lewiston, Thruway Patrol, Communications in Albany and Albion barracks, retiring from Wrights Corners barracks in 1989. Funeral services were held in Newfane, NY. Contributions may be made to the Olcott Fire Department, PO Box 243, Olcott, NY 14126.

Joseph F. McGuire

Joseph Francis McGuire, age 84, of Rocky Mount, VA, formerly of NY, rode his final patrol on February 12, 2021. Joseph is a US Army Veteran and a 22 year veteran of the NYS Police, serving from 4/23/1959 until retiring from Troop NYC Warrants Division in 4/30/1981 as an Investigator. A Mass to honor his life was held at St. Francis of Assisi, Rocky Mount VA. Contributions may be made to Gentle Shepherd Hospice, 6045 Peters Creek Rd, Roanoke, VA 24019.

Roger J. Cecce

Roger J. Cecce, age 74, of Unadilla, NY, rode his final patrol on March 15, 2021. Roger joined the NYS Police in 1968 and served at SP Painted Post until 1983 when he transferred to SP Sidney as a K-9 handler, retiring in 1988. A memorial will be held at a future date. Donations may be made to Helios Hospice Care, 297 River St. Service Road, Suite 1, Oneonta, NY 13820.

Edward T. Kiluk

Edward "Eddie" T. Kiluk, age 60, of Owego, NY, rode his final patrol on April 4, 2021, from his cancer diagnosis in 2019 as a result of being assigned to Ground Zero worksite for several weeks after the terrorist attacks on 9/11. Eddie graduated from Seton Cath-

olic Central High School and Broome Community College. He became a Johnson City PO and then a NYS Trooper where he served for nearly 30 years until his retirement in 2012. No funeral services will be held. Instead, Eddie requested a celebration of his life to be held at a later date. Contributions may be made to Mercy House, 212 North McKinley Ave., Endicott, NY 13760.

Mike Chaple

Mike Chaple, age 76 of Orange County, NY, rode his final patrol on January 28, 2022. Mike graduated from Farmingdale High School in 1963 and worked as a signal tower operator with the Long Island Railroad from 1963-1969. He proudly served our country in Vietnam from 1965-1967 in the US Army. Mike was a member of the NYS Police for 20 years, retiring in 1990. A memorial service, and military honors were held at the Knight-Auchmoody Funeral Home, Port Jervis, NY. Interment will be private at a later date. Contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, VVA.org.

Anthony Zaccari

Anthony "Zac" Zaccari, age 94, of Venice, FL, formerly Narrowsburg, NY, rode his final patrol on January 29, 2022. He was a member of the NYS Police from September 27, 1956 to May 29, 1981, retiring from Troop F, SP Ferndale. Anthony (Zac) was a WW II Veteran, a US Army Military Police Staff Sergeant, and officially one of the youngest to achieve that rank. Zac served two law enforcement agencies: NYPD as a Patrolman for five years, and retired as an Investigator from the NYS Police BCI Troop F with 25 years of service. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Francis Xavier RC Church, Narrowsburg. Interment of Anthony's cremains will be in Florida.

Richard R. D'Agostino

Richard Roger D'Agostino Sr., age 68, of Tarpon Springs, FL, rode his final patrol on January 29, 2022. He was a US Navy Veteran retiring from the Coast Guard as a Chief Petty Officer. Richard retired from the NYS Police as a Zone Sergeant. A funeral service was held at the St. Ignatius of Antioch Roman Catholic Church, Tarpon Springs, FL.

Frederik Geisel

Frederick Geisel, age 79, of Port Charlotte, FL, formerly NY, rode his final patrol February 15, 2022. Fred served as a NYS Trooper from 6/18/1961 - 8/9/1996 and last served in Troop NYC as Sr. Investigator. Per Fred's wishes there were no services. Fred's family is having a small gathering to celebrate Fred's 60th NYSP Anniversary in June.

Joshua E. Gushlaw

Joshua Edward Gushlaw, age 31, of Morristown, NY, rode his final patrol on February 20, 2022, as a result of injuries sustained in an accident. Josh graduated from Plattsburgh High School in 2008. He proudly served his country for four years, enlisting into the US Marine Corps in 2008, until his honorable discharge in 2012. Following his discharge from the Marine Corps., he began higher education at Plattsburgh State University and graduated in 2014, with a Bachelor's Degree Expeditionary Studies. Following graduation, he began his career with the NYS Police, having graduated from the Academy in 2016, and was assigned to Troop B at SP Plattsburgh, where he continued to serve his hometown. He served proudly until his untimely passing. His service and dedication will forever be honored by his brothers and sisters in grey. A funeral service was held at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh with Military and State Police honors following. Contributions may be made to NYSP Signal 30.

Daniel V. Mediak

Daniel V. Mediak, of Clarence, NY, rode his final patrol on February 21, 2022. Daniel was a member of the NYS Police from June 1961 until August 1968, serving in Troop D, SP Alexander and Troop A, SP Clarence. A Mass of Christian Burial was in the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Williamsville, NY. Contributions may be made to the SPCA serving Erie County.

Terry L. House

Terry Lee House, age 77, of Cicero, NY, rode his final patrol on February 4, 2022. A lifetime resident of the Syracuse area, he was a graduate of West Genesee High School and attended Drew University in New Jersey. He was a NYS trooper for 26 years. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Richard T. Bobnick

Richard T. Bobnick, age 81, of Richfield Springs, NY, rode his final patrol on February 19, 2022. Richard graduated from Milford the Class of 1958. In 1966 he joined the NYS Police and upon completing the Academy he was stationed in Troop C, Richfield Springs. He retired as an Investigator in 1986 due to health issues. There will be no calling hours at Richards's request. His wishes were that you remember him by spending time with someone you love. Contributions may be made to the Richfield Springs Fire Department, P.O. Box 1456, Richfield Springs, NY 13439.

Rick Sutcliffe

Rick Sutcliffe, age 76, of Tonawanda, NY, rode his final patrol on February 21, 2022. Rick started with the Park Police in 1966, transferred to the NYS Police on January 1, 1980 and retired in 1987 from Troop A, SP Grand Island. A celebration of his life was held at the Tonawanda Island Launch Club in March. Contributions may be made to the Erie County SPCA, or Former Troopers Helping Hands, PO Box 432, West Seneca, NY 14224.

Jack H. Millage

Jack Herman Millage, age 96, of Waverly NY, rode his final patrol on February 26, 2022. Jack was a veteran of the US Coast Guard and a NYS Trooper from 11/16/48

-12/30/82 retiring as a Z/Sergeant, in Troop E. Interment will be in the spring in the Barton Cemetery.

Philip Ostrom

Philip "Flip" Ostrom, age 80, of Ballston Spa, NY, rode his final patrol on February 28, 2022. Flip is a veteran of the US Army. A member of the NYS Police, he retired as a Sr. Investigator. Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Interment, with full military honors, will take place at the Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville, NY. Contributions may be made to the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 543 Glen Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801.

Timothy H. Walsh

Timothy Hugh Walsh of Canandaigua, NY, rode his final patrol on March 3, 2022. Tim is a retired member of the New York State Police. Funeral Mass was held at St. Januarius Church, Naples, NY 14512. Contributions may be made to UR Medicine Hospice of Ontario and Yates Counties.

Philip C. Gargan

Philip C. Gargan, age 81, of Greenfield Center, NY, rode his final patrol on March 13, 2022. Philip was a NYS Trooper for 29 years. Interment was private at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Greenfield Center, NY.

Ross A. Pinckney

Ross A. Pinckney, age 84, of Ocala, FL, and formerly of Port Jervis, NY, rode his final patrol on March 14, 2022. Ross was a US Army Veteran and a retired NY S Trooper. There were no funeral services.

Leigh F. Hunt

Leigh F. Hunt, age 81, of Syracuse, NY, rode his final patrol on March 23, 2022. Leigh graduated from Colonie Central High School attended Hudson Valley Community College, Russell Sage and the State University at Albany, earning a Masters degree in Public Administration. Leigh had a prominent career with the NYS Police, that lasted 24 years ending his career while serving as Major, Director of Training, SP Academy. After retiring from the NYS Police Leigh became the Chief of Police in Syracuse, N Y where he led

with honor the men and women in blue. A celebration mass was held at St. Lucy's Church, Syracuse, NY. Contributions may be made to the Signal 30 Benefit Fund at: NYS Troopers, 48 Howard St, Albany, NY 12207 and/or the American Cancer Society.

Norman L. Kilfoyle

Norman L. Kilfoyle, age 87, of Virginia Beach, VA, formerly of Kingston, NY, rode his final patrol on March 23, 2022. Norman is a veteran of the US Navy (1954), and following his honorable discharge he joined the NYS Police, where he proudly served for 21 years, in many special assignments including the motorcycle unit and the Underwater Recovery Team (Scuba). A service was held at His Word Revealed Church, Kingston, NY. Contributions may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice, 400 Aaron Court, Kingston, NY 12401 or American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692.

Robert F. Kelly

Robert F. Kelly, age 85, of Buffalo, NY, rode his final patrol on March 28, 2022. Bob graduated from Clarence High School, joined the US Navy and upon completion of service, he joined the NYS Police in 1962 serving on the NYS Thruway and retiring in 1982 from the Clarence Troop A Barracks. He also served in the Naval and Coast Guard Reserve for 30 years. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Contributions may be made to the Carmelite Monastery, 75 Carmel Rd., Buffalo, NY 14214.

Orrin J. Barr, Jr.

Orrin J. Barr Jr., age 84, of Mechanicville, NY, rode his final patrol on March 31, 2022. Orrin graduated from Christian Brothers Academy and was a NYS Trooper for 32 years. Interment was in the Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands, NY. Contributions may be made to the Community Hospice, 310 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, NY 12208.

Rodrick C. Covington

Rodrick Charles Covington, age 62, of Baldwin, NY, rode his final patrol on March 31, 2022, from cancer stemming from his assignment in and around the World Trade Center during 9/11. Rod graduated from the John F. Kennedy High School in Bronx,

NY and in October of 1981, Rodrick joined the NYS Police and began his lifelong career in law enforcement. He served in Troops E, K, L, Governor's Detail, and then became an Investigator and was assigned to the Violent Predator Task Force. In August of 1991, Rodrick was reassigned to the Governor's Detail, AKA the Protective Services Unit, until Rodrick's designation to the NYPD Liaison in February of 1995. Rodrick was later assigned to Governor George Pataki, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Two months later, in April 1995, Rod found himself temporarily assigned to what was known as the Executive Services Unit. In April of 2001, Rodrick's career began to accelerate as he was promoted to Technical Lieutenant, serving Governor Eliot Spitzer and Governor David A. Patterson. Subsequently, he was assigned as NYPD Liaison at One Police Plaza. Rodrick remained at One Police Plaza for six years, until February 8, 2007, when once again he was assigned to the Executive Services Detail with the rank of Major. During one of the most tumultuous times in the history of our city and country, Rodrick showed up as a 9/11 First Responder. Rodrick retired from his remarkable 27 year career with the NYS Police in November 2008. Interment was in Pinelawn Memorial Park and Arbo-retum Farmingdale, NY.

Richard A. Garcia

Richard A. Garcia, age 79, of Keeseville, NY, rode his final patrol on April 6, 2022, while wintering in Florida. Richard was with the NYS Police from February 16, 1970, until his retirement on May 27, 1999. His last duty assignment was at Troop B, SP Ray Brook. Trooper Garcia is the father of Troop B, Communication Specialist, Leigh G. Olcott.

Roger Fairchild

Roger Fairchild, age 85, of Loudon, TN formerly NY, rode his final patrol on April 21, 2022. Roger retired from the NYS Police as a Senior Investigator. There was no funeral service and he was cremated. The family will be planning a memorial in the Cornwall area sometime in the future.

Francis M. Degnan

Francis M. Degnan, of Goshen, NY, rode his final patrol on April 26, 2022. Francis served in the US Army. He served for 30 years with the NYS Police, Troop F, Middletown, NY. Interment was at the Orange County Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Contributions may be made to St. John's Church, 71 Murray Avenue, Goshen, NY 10924.

James Mathews

James "Jamie" Mathews, age 78, of Syracuse, NY, rode his final patrol on April 28, 2022. James graduated from Central Technical High School. After joining the NYS Police he was assigned to the 270 Rifle team, Bomb Squad and Robot operator. He was promoted to Investigator in the Bureau of Criminal Investigation in Troop D. Interment was in Onondaga Valley Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the New York State Troopers Foundation.

Edward Stasko

Edward Stasko, age 85, of Titusville, FL, formerly of Waddington, NY, rode his final patrol on May 7, 2022. Edward is a veteran of the US Navy and joined the NYS Police in 1965. He was stationed in Troop B, Ogdensburg where he retired in 1985 after 20 years of service. As per his wishes there will be no services. Contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

John L. Sangster

John "Jack" Lorne Sangster, age 86, of Syracuse, NY, rode his final patrol on May 10, 2022. Jack attended Central High School and is a veteran of the US Marines. Following his service he joined the NYS Police and served until his retirement in 1979. Contributions may be made to Francis House, 108 Michaels Ave., Syracuse 13208; Friends of Carpenters Brook, PO Box 269, Elbridge NY, or St. Lucy's Food Pantry, 425 Gifford St., Syracuse. There were no calling hours. A Mass of Remembrance was held at St. Lucy's Church.

Richard L. Butterfield

Richard Larkin Butterfield, age 77, of Palm Coast, FL, formerly of NY, rode his final patrol on May, 16, 2022. Rick graduated from Averill Park High School and proudly served his country as a member of the US Army. Rick entered the NYS Police on

02/16/70 serving 32 years retiring in 2002. Investigator Butterfield re-entered Division service on 12/18/03 as a "Special Investigator" until 2005. He served in Troop G and Troop H with assignments in SCUBA, K-9 as well as special assignments within the BCI. His last assignment prior to his service retirement was in CNET. Investigator Butterfield's career in law enforcement spanned a total of 50 years, last working with the Warren County Sheriff's Department as a boat patrol operator and undercover investigator. He also served his country in the United States Army from 1963 to 1970 and the New York Army National Guard from 1970 to 1995. While serving in the US Army in Vietnam, he was part of the 11th Pathfinders 1st Cavalry Division from 1965 to 1966 as a Second Lieutenant. After being wounded he was promoted to Captain and was the company commander of E company 2nd Battalion 506 Infantry 101st Airborne. Rick retired from the New York Army National Guard with the rank of Brigadier General. Interment, with full military honors, was in the Saratoga National Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or a local charity of your choice.

John R. Pergolizzi

John R. Pergolizzi, age 94, of Montgomery, NY, rode his final patrol on May 20, 2022. John served in the US Army and was a member of the NYS Police retiring as a Sergeant. Interment was in St. Thomas Cemetery, Cornwall, NY. Contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders, your local Food Pantry or St. Paul's Church in Bullville, NY.

Raymond A. Chudoba

Raymond A. Chudoba, age 91, of Batavia, NY, rode his final patrol on, May 22, 2022. Raymond served with the NYS Police from June 16, 1953 until his retirement September 6, 1973, from Troop A, Batavia. Interment was held in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Batavia, NY.

Timothy M. Rabbett

Timothy M. Rabbett, age 79, of Rhinebeck, NY, rode his final patrol on May 26, 2022. Timmy joined the NYS Police on 10/31/66 and retired Major of Troop K Poughkeepsie on 12/01/93. A Memorial Service was held

with interment at the Rhinebeck Cemetery with Military Honors by the American Legion Post #429 and the Red Hook VFW #7765. Contributions may be made to the Red Hook VFW #7765, 30 Elizabeth St., Red Hook, NY 12572 or the American Legion Post #429, 6331 Mill St., Rhinebeck, NY 12572.

OTHER DIVISION PASSINGS

Joan M. Cox

Joan M. Cox, age 85, of Palm Coast Florida, formerly NY passed away on March 30, 2022. Joan worked for the New York State Police for just over 39 years, from 08/09/1962 until she retired as a Keyboard Specialist assigned to the Troop D Identification Unit for BCI on 10/24/2001. Joan's wishes were she was cremated, and had no wake or funeral service. Joan also did not want an obituary published in the paper, or by the funeral home. Private interment was at St. Helena Cemetery, Oneida, NY.

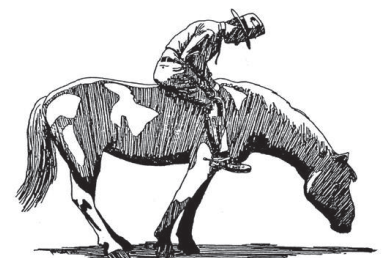
Bruce H. Nichols

Bruce H. Nichols, age 85, of Oneida, NY, passed away on April 21, 2022. Bruce is a graduate of Oneida High School, and a veteran of the US Army. He had a 20 year career working with the New York State Police at Troop D, as the Quarter Master. Interment with Military Honors was in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the snack program at the Madison County Office of the Aging. <https://www.ofamadco.org/contribute-to-ofa.aspx> or The Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress

James E. Sauer

James E. Sauer, age 60, of Churchville, NY, passed away suddenly on April 26, 2022. Jim dedicated his life to serving his country. His career of over 40 years began in 1979 with the US Army. He had multiple deployments including Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Restore Hope, Desert Storm and others. In addition to his military service he was a policeman with the Rochester and Holley Police Departments, a Volunteer Fire Fighter, a pilot with the United States Army National Guard, Bill Law Aviation, American Eagle, and The New York State Police. Jim had completed his

Bachelors of Organizational Management at Roberts Wesleyan College. After retiring from the New York State Police as Division Civilian Pilot Aviation Rochester and the New York State Army National Guard, Jim started a career with Mercy Flight Central. Contributions may be made to the Open Door Baptist Church, 350 Scottsville-Chili Rd, Churchville, NY 14428.



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National Troopers Coalition

2022 Fall Picnic

Hosted by: New York State Troopers Police
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Celebration held at Buffalo RiverWorks
359 Ganson St. Buffalo, NY, 14203

Thursday September 8th from 10am to 6pm
Cutoff to Register Online: September 1st, 2022
**Reduced hotel rate until July 16th, 2022*

NTC Picnic Hotel Blocks

Courtyard by Marriott Buffalo Downtown/Canalside
One Canalside, 125 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203 (716) 840-9566

Hampton Inn & Suites Buffalo Downtown
220 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202 (716) 855-2223

Food, beer, and soft beverages provided within admission cost

NTC Picnic will be held at Buffalo RiverWorks, 359 Ganson St., Buffalo, NY 14203 on Thursday, September 8, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please use this link to purchase your NTC tickets:
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