

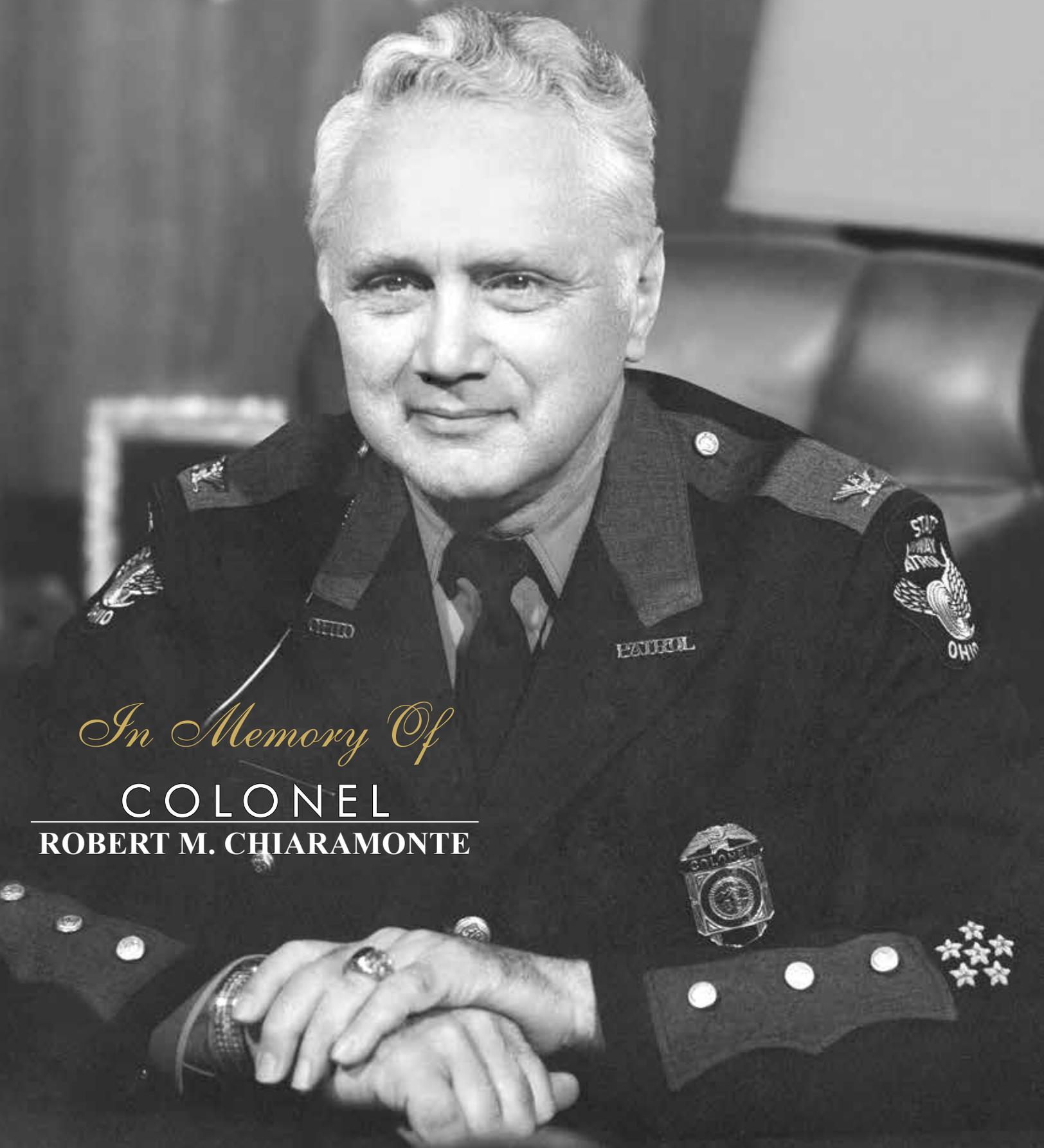
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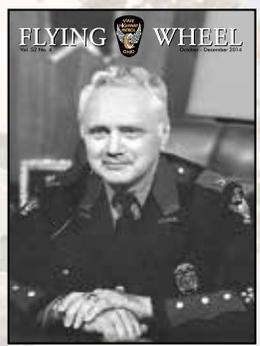
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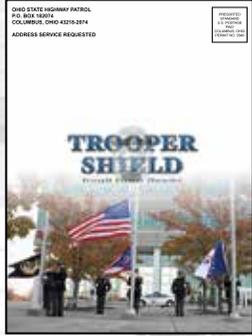
Traffic safety partnerships, charitable activities, speech details, special events and more: see what's happening in your area of the state.



ON THE COVER

Colonel Robert M. Chiaramonte passed away on December 7 at age 94. He served as Superintendent from 1965-1975 and directed the Patrol through a period of tremendous change and growth.

Please see tribute to Colonel Chiaramonte on pages 4-8.



ON THE BACK COVER

On November 10, the Ohio State Highway Patrol flag was re-posted at General Headquarters. From left: Sgt. David Brown, Lt. David Dillon, Sgt. Brian Nelson, Tpr. Lisa Graham, Tpr. Travis Adkins and Tpr. Misty Waller.

For the history of the Patrol flag, please see story on page 25.

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Colonel's Letter



We continue making a difference where it matters most—in improving the quality of life for the citizens of Ohio.

Our success last year was directly related to staying true to our core mission of removing impaired drivers from our roadways, enforcement and education of our safety belt laws, and interdicting the criminal element. As a result of your work, impaired driver arrests increased while drug and alcohol involvement in fatal crashes decreased. Fewer unbelted occupants died in fatal crashes. Drug violations, stolen vehicle recoveries and Blue Max apprehensions all increased significantly. The Criminal Investigations Section, the Ohio Investigative Unit, and personnel assigned to task force operations conducted operations and investigations at unprecedented levels.

Ohioans were able to enjoy a safe holiday because of your dedication to protecting and serving them. Many of you sacrificed time away from your family and friends during the holidays so others could enjoy theirs safely—for that I am extremely grateful.

Last year brought more than operational success. We made an investment in our future with the completion of the leadership wing at the Academy, which now stands as a testament to our commitment in developing future leaders.

We lost a valued leader and family member with the passing of Colonel Robert M. Chiamonte in December. His leadership directed the Patrol through an eventful 10-year period of civil unrest and turmoil. During his tenure he provided a level of leadership, innovation and compassion that is a model for all of us to emulate.

Now looking forward we will continue looking for new ways to enhance efficiency and services in our operational and administrative processes. A new strategic plan is being developed by a committee of your peers to prepare us to meet the challenges of the second half of the decade. Your input in our future will continue through round table discussions, as the Senior Staff and commanders across the state look for innovative ways to further reduce administrative functions and further enhance our operational functionality.

I would like to personally thank each of you for contributing to such a successful 2014. We are only as good as the sum of our parts—each of you make a difference that collectively makes Ohio a safe place for families, businesses and visitors. By combining a long and very proud heritage of faithful service with the leadership and resolve to face tomorrow's challenges, the Ohio State Highway Patrol will continue its reputation as a nationwide leader in law enforcement. The work you do on a daily basis is not only inspiring—you are making Ohio history.

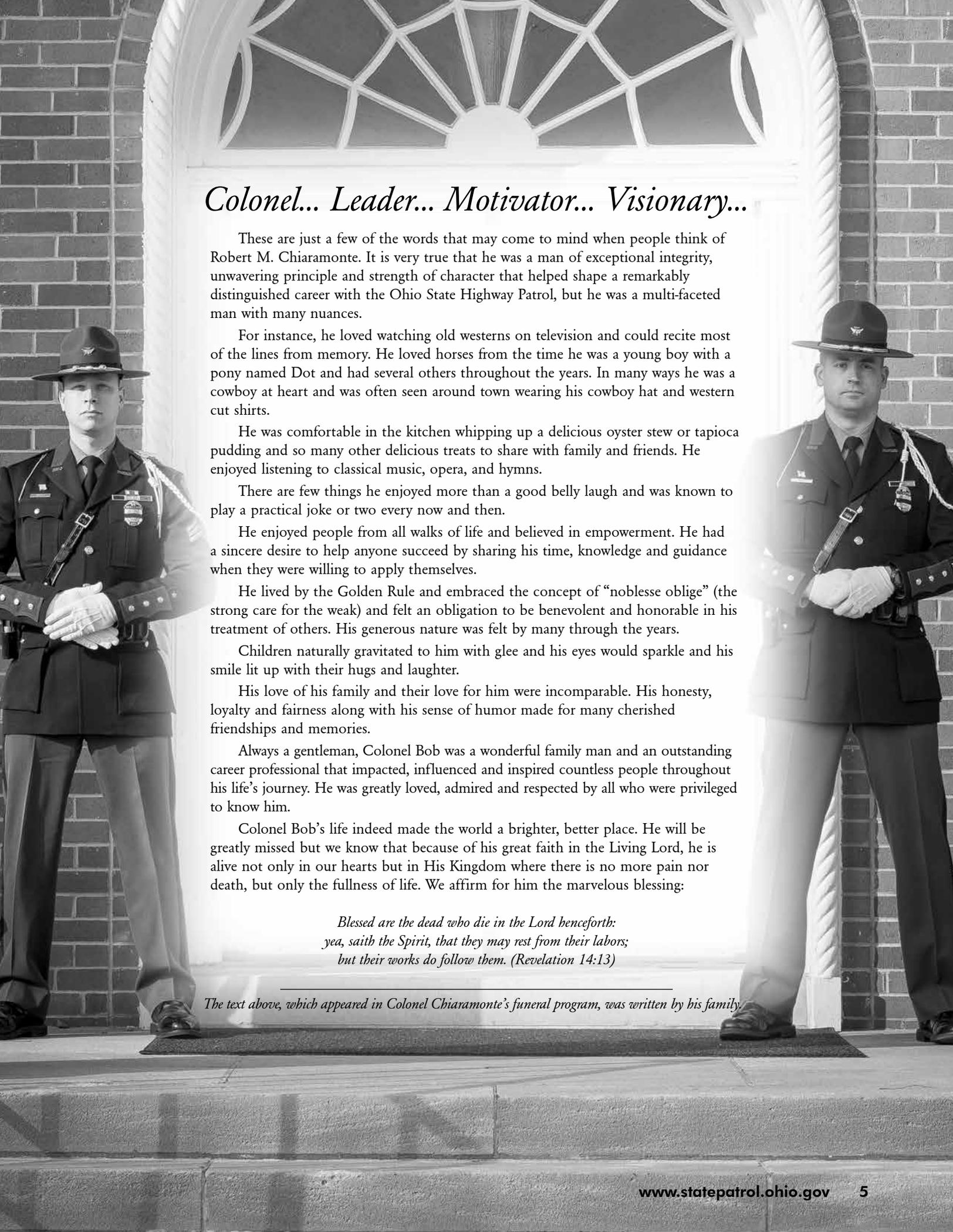
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colonel Paul A. Pride".

Colonel Paul A. Pride
Superintendent

Colonel Robert M. Chiaramonte

09/06/1920 – 12/07/2014





Colonel... Leader... Motivator... Visionary...

These are just a few of the words that may come to mind when people think of Robert M. Chiamonte. It is very true that he was a man of exceptional integrity, unwavering principle and strength of character that helped shape a remarkably distinguished career with the Ohio State Highway Patrol, but he was a multi-faceted man with many nuances.

For instance, he loved watching old westerns on television and could recite most of the lines from memory. He loved horses from the time he was a young boy with a pony named Dot and had several others throughout the years. In many ways he was a cowboy at heart and was often seen around town wearing his cowboy hat and western cut shirts.

He was comfortable in the kitchen whipping up a delicious oyster stew or tapioca pudding and so many other delicious treats to share with family and friends. He enjoyed listening to classical music, opera, and hymns.

There are few things he enjoyed more than a good belly laugh and was known to play a practical joke or two every now and then.

He enjoyed people from all walks of life and believed in empowerment. He had a sincere desire to help anyone succeed by sharing his time, knowledge and guidance when they were willing to apply themselves.

He lived by the Golden Rule and embraced the concept of “noblesse oblige” (the strong care for the weak) and felt an obligation to be benevolent and honorable in his treatment of others. His generous nature was felt by many through the years.

Children naturally gravitated to him with glee and his eyes would sparkle and his smile lit up with their hugs and laughter.

His love of his family and their love for him were incomparable. His honesty, loyalty and fairness along with his sense of humor made for many cherished friendships and memories.

Always a gentleman, Colonel Bob was a wonderful family man and an outstanding career professional that impacted, influenced and inspired countless people throughout his life’s journey. He was greatly loved, admired and respected by all who were privileged to know him.

Colonel Bob’s life indeed made the world a brighter, better place. He will be greatly missed but we know that because of his great faith in the Living Lord, he is alive not only in our hearts but in His Kingdom where there is no more pain nor death, but only the fullness of life. We affirm for him the marvelous blessing:

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth:
yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors;
but their works do follow them. (Revelation 14:13)*

The text above, which appeared in Colonel Chiamonte’s funeral program, was written by his family.

Remembering Colonel Chiaramonte

Colonel Robert M. Chiaramonte, who presided over the Ohio State Highway Patrol for 10 years as Superintendent and Colonel, died on December 7 at the age of 94. He is recognized as one of the most influential people in the Patrol's history, with a legacy built on both who he was and what he accomplished.

Colonel Chiaramonte guided OSHP through a tumultuous time in history and oversaw a period of exceptional growth. He's responsible for shaping the organization into what it is today through his innovative thinking, dedicated spirit and genuine empathy for others.

The large gathering of friends and family at his funeral on December 12 would describe their relationship to Colonel Chiaramonte in many ways—he was a father and father-figure, uncle, brother, godfather, boss and mentor.

To everyone who knew him, he was one-of-a-kind.

"He's fascinating," said Colonel Tom Rice, who served as Superintendent from 1989 to 1994. "It was such an honor as a friend, to work with him as a subordinate, to know him as a Colonel. Just to be around him was a great honor."

WATCHING OUT FOR HIS OWN

Colonel Rice, who became a close friend of Colonel Chiaramonte, credits the late Colonel's leadership ability to many traits. One sentiment echoed by many who knew him was his desire to watch out for his own.

He supervised the Patrol's response to more than 30 demonstrations and riots on state property during the '60s, as well as penitentiary riots. Colonel Chiaramonte would travel to the disturbances himself, refusing to lead from behind a desk. Not a single complaint of excessive force was filed against the Patrol for their response to riots during that time.

Colonel Chiaramonte's contributions as Colonel were numerous and primarily geared towards leadership building. The division grew by 700 employees and opened 15 new patrol posts. He instated the Blue Max Award for auto-theft recovery, the Patrolman (now Trooper) of the Year award, and the Drum and Bugle Corps.

He hired the first female dispatchers and developed guidelines to hire the first female trooper. He encouraged all members of the Patrol to pursue higher education and lead lives of lifelong learning.

LEADS was developed under his watch, which provides instant access to information that helps keep law enforcement officers safe. He helped create the only known reliable and valid performance appraisal system, which was used for 40 years to determine candidates for leadership positions.

Through a friendship that developed between the Colonel and Speaker of the Ohio House William Batchelder in the late '60s, he also helped develop legislation that would benefit those under his command.

"There was a family feeling about the Patrol that was really important," Batchelder said, and the favors he asked were always for others. He wanted to work together on topics like raising the pension for widows of troopers, raising troopers' salaries to be more competitive and limiting the amount of statewide transfers so troopers could stay near their families.

EARLY LEADERSHIP

Colonel Chiaramonte led the Patrol as Superintendent from 1965 to 1975, but his leadership experience began long before. His family built and ran a business that supported the neighborhood during the Great Depression—a combined grocery store, gas station and dance hall. "The Swan," as it was called, let customers buy groceries with a running tab, rather than cash, to survive the economic downturn.

If it wasn't apparent then that the young Bob Chiaramonte working as the Swan's bouncer would become important to Ohio's history, his potential was quickly recognized at the Patrol. He had already graduated from New Lyme High School in Ashtabula County and attended the Ohio State University before joining the Patrol in 1942. Only two months in, he left to serve in the United States Coast Guard for 40 months in the Southwest and Western Pacific theaters.

Once back home, his Patrol career took him to Hebron, Warren, Hubbard, Geneva, the Academy and General Head-



quarters. He graduated from the Traffic Institute's nine month course of training at Northwestern University as class president and valedictorian.

Governor James A. Rhodes appointed him as the sixth Superintendent on November 1, 1965.

FAMILY AND HUMOR

For all his professional accomplishments, he's equally lauded for his family-orientation and sense of humor. Colonel Chiaramonte made his love for family apparent. He met his wife of over 50 years, Evelyn, while issuing her a traffic citation in 1946. He kept that speeding ticket his entire life. The couple had two daughters, Kim and Sandra.

To some, he was family; to others, like family. Both Colonel Rice and Colonel Richard "Butch" Collins, who served as Superintendent from 2007 to 2009, describe him as a father-figure.

Colonel Rice threw an 89th birthday party for Colonel Chiaramonte because he had forbidden anyone from celebrating his 90th. Colonel Collins still remembers when he asked him to autograph one of the event's programs for him, and he wrote: "Butch, for my young protégé! Bob." "I can't tell you how much that meant to me at the time, how uplifting it was for me," Colonel Collins said. "He is such a great and good man and I will always be grateful for his friendship."

His good friend, the late Captain Robert W. Dunbar, named the Colonel the godfather of his daughters. One of them, Kristina Grooms, remembers how Colonel Chiaramonte gave her a drum set as a kid to annoy her dad. The antic worked; a fed up Captain Dunbar shoved a drumstick through the center of the drum to put an end to the noise. The Colonel bought her another one.

"He's humorous and ornery," Grooms said, "but also has an honorable and distinguished way of carrying himself."

A VISIONARY

His concern for the people he led elevated him as a man with a unique ability to inspire and motivate. To quote the Colonel himself: "Good leaders know their men—their likes, dislikes, and what motivates them. They have the ability to kindle sparks of interest in other people."

He could recall names and facts about everyone he ever met. Colonel Rice believes this came from a genuine interest in all people; in fact, he was simply interested in everything. "He loved humor," Rice said. "He had a great sense of wit, and he actually was a cowboy at heart."

He was a talented horseman, a great cook and dedicated servant to the state for decades after retiring as Colonel. He worked as the Director of the Ohio Crime Commission, the Ohio Lottery Director (albeit for just one day), Director of the Department of Highway Safety, and Board of Directors of the Aladdin Shriners' Hospital Association for Children, Inc.

"His mind was sharp right up until the time he passed," said Colonel Paul Pride, current Superintendent. "He watched Jeopardy every day. And he didn't just watch—he knew the answers. I'll never watch Jeopardy again and not think of him."

Colonel Pride had the privilege of knowing Colonel Chiaramonte during the last several years of his life. "You just draw on his wisdom," Pride said. "During most of our conversations, I would listen intently."

Prior to his death, Colonel Chiaramonte wrote a note to his daughters with instructions for his funeral. The first line read, "You only have one chance to get this right."

The Colonel will be remembered as a visionary leader—one of the best Superintendents in the Patrol's history. He'll be known as a dear friend. He was brilliant, funny and inexplicably humble. He, with his one chance, got it right.

Colonel Robert Chiaramonte is survived by his daughters, brother, nieces and great nephew.



LEADING THE WAY

The Thomas P. Charles Leadership Wing is the latest addition to the Patrol Academy

Up the main concrete steps, past the lobby and through the sunlit south breezeway of the Patrol Academy, Troopers and visitors alike can find a grand testament to the pride and honor of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. After a year of construction, the Thomas P. Charles Leadership Wing—with a sleek design that smartly emulates the black, gray and yellow tones of the Flying Wheel—boasts new space for training, office space and ceremonies. It's sure to leave a lasting impression on visitors and contribute to the



Tom Charles spoke about the importance of family at the dedication of the Patrol's new Leadership Wing.

Timeline

January 2013

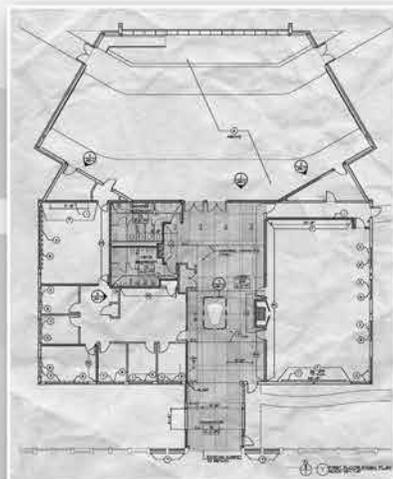
The project design began.

August 2013

Competitive bids were solicited and opened.

September 18, 2013

Groundbreaking ceremony and construction began.





education of many present and future leaders.

The wing was dedicated to its namesake on November 14. Thomas P. Charles served as Director of Public Safety for two years and Ohio Inspector General for 13. Prior to that, he served 31 years with the Patrol, beginning as a cadet dispatcher in 1963 and ending as assistant superintendent in 1994. He also served as executive director of the Office of Legislative Inspector General.

Since retiring from Public Safety in July 2013, he has worked as an advisor to JobsOhio to oversee ethics compliance in the state’s privatized economic-development agency.

At the ceremony, Charles made a point of showing off his family—his wife, three grown children, two stepchildren and six grandchildren—to the audience. “This is what it’s all about,” he said.

Inside the Leadership Wing, visitors can see training rooms where cadets might be studying inside, executive offices now home to administrative staff, and a wall dedicated to framed portraits of past Superintendents.

An auditorium of nearly 300 theater-style seats faces a stage, podium and glass windows that stand ceiling-to-floor and wall-to-wall, revealing a grand view of the redesigned courtyard outside. There, a new concrete parade deck holds the Memorial Wall, flagpole and bell tower, along with a new eternal flame.

When speakers stand at the podium, the parade deck is right behind them, serving as a reminder of the Patrol’s 81-year-legacy. As the occasional cadet running laps through the breezeway appears on the courtyard’s opposite side, you’re reminded of the bright future to come.





May 9, 2014

The eternal flame was dedicated to Reverend Richard and Linda Ellsworth in appreciation of their many years of service to the Patrol. Reverend Ellsworth said he is honored, but humbled, by the honor.

“I believe in the symbol of that, that it reminds us of the courage of individuals and of the rich heritage we have in the Patrol,” he said.

The Reverend was asked to serve as the Patrol’s chaplain in 1991 by Colonel Thomas W. Rice. He was ordained as a minister in 1958, and was also chaplain of the Columbus division of police and fire. Linda was the director of a preschool for over 30 years.

Right: Reverend Ellsworth gave the benediction at the 122nd Academy Class graduation in 1992.





August 21, 2014

Construction was completed with just punch-list items continuing for several weeks.



November 14, 2014

The formal opening ceremony was held.





Eye-opening new course prioritizes officer safety

To Sgt. Jonathan Davis, the topic of a new class offered to troopers statewide is one that should be taken very seriously. He attended a session of Below 100—a class putting the spotlight on officer safety—and was so inspired that he became an instructor himself. Many in the class react similarly.

“I think a lot of them are shocked,” he said. “Because they look at their own practices out on the road, and they think, ‘You know, I do that,’ or, ‘that really hit home for me.’ It gets them back to the true reality of it.”

Multiple agencies across Ohio have partnered with the nationwide effort to reduce line-of-duty deaths of law enforcement officers through the Below 100 campaign. It aims for fewer than 100 deaths annually across the U.S.,

which has not occurred since 1944, by teaching officers how to improve their day-to-day practices in the interest of their own safety.

The Patrol is doing its part by offering the training free of charge in regional locations throughout the state so troopers can have the necessary tools to stay safe.

Below 100 is specifically designed to address areas most directly under an officer’s control, with five tenets:

- Wear your belt
- Wear your vest
- Watch your speed
- WIN—What’s Important Now?
- Remember, complacency kills

Sgt. Davis said it’s important for individuals in the class to self-evaluate their own operations and speak out

for what’s right when other officers don’t follow protocol in place for their own safety.

“Even as a trainer, I need to look at my own habits, too,” he said.

The Patrol, the Ohio Attorney General (AG), Buckeye State Sheriffs’ Association (BSSA), Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), and Nationwide Insurance have partnered to bring Below 100 training to Ohio.

“While the job of a law enforcement officer can be unpredictable, there’s no excuse for neglecting factors we can control, such as wearing a safety belt and watching your speed,” said Colonel Paul A. Pride, OSHP Superintendent. “By choosing to prioritize our own safety, we set an example for those around us to do the same.”

Troopers can sign up to attend a Below 100 session through the training campus.

Medina Post dedicated to Speaker Batchelder, a true supporter

November 7 ceremony honors relationship of mutual respect

The Patrol dedicated the Medina Post to William “Bill” Batchelder, speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives and loyal supporter of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. A ceremony at the post on November 7 honored the dedication. He has been a familiar face to the Ohio State Highway Patrol for nearly 50 years.

Speaker Batchelder grew up in Medina, where he lived just five houses down from the old Medina Post Barracks on Washington Street. After graduating from college and law school, Speaker Batchelder started his legislative career as the administrative assistant to Lt. Governor John “Brownie” Brown in 1966, who was a Patrolman of the late ’30s. Speaker Batchelder met Col. Robert Chiaramonte that year because of the colonel’s close friendship with Lt. Governor Brown.

Speaker Batchelder’s relationship with Col. Chiaramonte grew in the late ’60s after Batchelder was elected to fill the vacancy of a local state representative in Medina in 1967. He was just 24 years old.

Their friendship, strengthened by their professional interaction and significant events such as the Ohio Pen Riots, fostered a deep seeded trust and confidence in the Ohio State Highway Patrol. It is steadfast yet today. He has consistently surrounded himself with sergeants at arms who are retired troopers.

Speaker Batchelder finished his fourth consecutive term in the Ohio House last year after being re-elected by his colleagues to serve a second term as house speaker during the 130th General Assembly. He is the second longest serving representative in the Ohio House.

Over the many years, Speaker Batchelder was vigilant in learning



Col. Paul Pride and Ohio Department of Public Safety Director John Born thank Speaker Batchelder for his support of the Patrol. The Medina Post was dedicated in Batchelder’s honor on November 7.



At the dedication of Heritage Hall to retired Col. Robert Chiaramonte in September 2012, the colonel and Speaker Batchelder share a laugh.

about all facets of the Patrol to educate his fellow legislators on the services the division provides.

His vast knowledge of the history of the Patrol has guided him as a champion in many pieces of legislation, improving traffic safety enforcement for all law enforcement. Speaker Batchelder has continually strived to include the Patrol in discussions crafting legislation dealing with the war on drugs and officer safety. Because of his efforts, it

is commonplace to hear “where is the Patrol?” when any topic regarding law enforcement or traffic safety is being discussed.

Every moment shared with Speaker Batchelder is filled with stories of his fond memories of the Patrol and his ongoing genuine interest in the division. The Patrol is fortunate for having such a relationship with Speaker Batchelder and honored to make this dedication.



156th Academy Class Graduation

38 new troopers join sworn ranks

After 26 weeks of intense paramilitary training, the Patrol's 156th Academy Class graduated on October 10. Sheriff Larry R. Mincks Sr. of the Washington County Sheriff's Office provided the keynote address. Additional remarks were provided by Colonel Paul A. Pride, Patrol superintendent, Director John Born, Ohio Department of Public Safety, and Captain Shawn Lee, Academy commandant. The Oath of Office was issued by Judge Peter B. Abele, Fourth Appellate District, Ohio Court of Appeals.

Courses completed by the 156th class included Core Values, crash investigation, criminal and traffic law, detection of impaired drivers, firearms, physical fitness, self-defense and emergency vehicle operations.

Tpr. DeRon L. B. McIntyre was selected as class speaker. Five graduates received special honors for top performance in various fields of study at the Training Academy.

- Overall performance - Tpr. Gregory M. Thomas, Delaware Post
- Top performance in physical fitness - Tpr. Jacob A. Kunka, Lebanon Post
- Top performance in academics - Tpr. Michael K. Grant, Steubenville Post
- Top performance in driving - Tpr. Daniel J. Muck, Wilmington Post and Tpr. Tedd M. Bergeron Jr., Toledo Post
- Top performance in firearms - Tpr. Michael K. Grant, Steubenville Post

Each of the graduates reported to their posts on October 13. The graduates' first 60 working days will be a field-training period under the guidance of a veteran officer. The new graduates are assigned to 24 of the Patrol's 58 posts.

“The past has been good, the present we believe better, and the future lies with the progressive thinkers and doers who are planning for tomorrow.”

– Colonel Robert M. Chiaramonte

Happy 81st birthday to the Patrol family!

Commanding officers at each facility delivered this message from Colonel Pride in recognition of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's 81st birthday—November 15, 2014.

On the 81st birthday of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, it is important to reflect on where we've been, where we are now, and where we want to go.

Our history is rich with tradition. It is by no accident that our organization is one respected across the state, nation and globe. We were built on a foundation of hardworking individuals who understood the importance of legacy. It is a testament to them—the brave men and women of our past—that our success is long lasting.

But in all our talk of our past, we can also remain present. In the past year we have continued to be an agency others turn to for inspiration, be it for our professionalism or our successful programs. Times change, but the strength, courage and character of our troopers stands true to this day.

Every day, we honor the values that have made the Ohio State Highway Patrol unique for decades. And yet we have

continually shown a commitment to progress. Our ideas are innovative; our minds look ahead. We know the importance of keeping in step with new technology to give our best in the field, as well as to get home safely.

Recall the words of Retired Col. Robert Chiaramonte, who said, “The past has been good, the present we believe better, and the future lies with the progressive thinkers and doers who are planning for tomorrow.”

It is not always easy to innovate, but this is a challenge the Patrol has and always will face. I am proud of our ability to step up to that task.

On the 81st birthday of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, I'd like to say thank you. I appreciate every one of you for the sacrifices you make for the Patrol, as well as the sacrifices of loved ones who endure the challenges that come with joining the Highway Patrol Family. Thank you for all you have done and all you will continue to do. Your passion is inspiring.

To the entire Patrol Family, past and present, Happy Birthday!

Michael Byrne wins first at North American Inspectors Championship

Findlay District MCEI Michael Byrne won first place in the North American Standard Hazardous Materials and Cargo Tank/Bulk Packagings Inspection category in the recent Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's North American Inspectors Championship.

Byrne joined the Patrol in 2000 and served as a dispatcher and a driver license examiner before his promotion to motor carrier enforcement inspector in 2004.

Roadside inspectors representing 49 jurisdictions from the United States, Canada and Mexico, gathered in Pittsburgh, PA, August 11-15, to compete in the North American Inspectors Championship (NAIC), the only event dedicated to recognizing and awarding commercial vehicle inspector excellence.

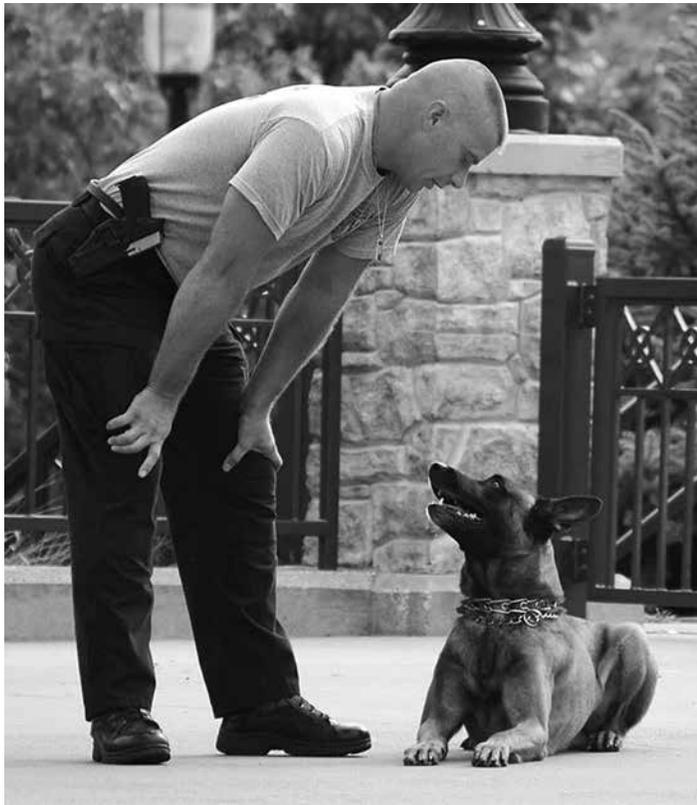
Roadside inspectors are highly trained professionals who save lives every day by keeping unsafe commercial vehicles and drivers off our roads. The



Hazardous materials inspection winners (from left): J.W. Watlington of the Arizona Dept. of Public Safety (3rd place), Michael Byrne of the Ohio State Highway Patrol (1st place) and Benjamin Schropfer of the Nebraska State Patrol (2nd place).

work of a commercial vehicle inspector is not easy, but it is vital in ensuring public safety. The NAIC was created to recognize inspectors and officers—the

backbone of the commercial vehicle safety program in North America—and to promote uniformity of inspections through education.



Tpr. Michael Trader says Argo has never lacked confidence.

Argo wins Most Dapper Dog

He is six years old, responsible for more than \$18 million worth of drugs and money seizures and the handsomest dog of the Patrol. Argo, a canine assigned out of the Cleveland District, was the winner of a week-long Facebook competition searching for the Most Dapper Dog of the Patrol with 2,091 “likes.” He received a peanut butter dog treat as a reward, and devoured it in a matter of minutes.

The contest garnered interest on social media, reaching over 200,000 people on Facebook and bringing attention to the hard work of all OSHP canines—who are, of course, all gorgeous.

In his first year of service, Argo seized more than \$8 million worth of drugs and money associated with drugs. Since then he has accumulated close to \$18 million in drugs and money seizures. His largest individual sniffs resulting in seizures include 20 kilos of cocaine, 190 pounds of marijuana and \$70,000 US Currency. Argo has tracked suspects and made apprehensions numerous times. He has also had one encounter where he came to the defense of his handler during an altercation with a violent felon.

Trooper Michael Trader, Argo’s handler, said winning the contest isn’t getting to Argo’s head.

“He’s kind of been full of himself the whole time,” Trader said.

Academy visited by former Cali Governor



Arnold Schwarzenegger stopped by the Academy for a tour with former Ohio Department of Public Safety Director and Ret. Lt. Colonel Thomas P. Charles. He was in Columbus to rededicate a bronze statue of his likeness in its new home, the Greater Columbus Convention Center. No word on when he’ll be back.

A sampling of messages received or posted on the Patrol's social media pages

 www.facebook.com/ohiostatehighwaypatrol

 www.twitter.com/oshp

On November 5, we posted the message and photo below to our Facebook page. Three weeks later the post had more than 9,500 "likes," 1,000 "shares" and 750 comments, including the ones posted here.

We received this message and photo and thought that we would share it. Has one of our Troopers ever changed your tire along the side of the road?



Had a flat tire today on Interstate 71 near 275 in Cincinnati. Trooper Hutchinson went above and beyond and did all the work of changing that tire. Hats off to the OSHP. I hope his supervisor is informed of his help to us today. He's a keeper.

I want to personally thank officer Nick with the Sharonville post for changing my brother's tire when it blew out on the side of 275 tonight and teaching him the right way to do it! Keep up all the great work...I hope all of your officers are as awesome as him!

A very special thank you goes out to the Findlay post. My father Richard Myers was an auxiliary with the OSP many years ago passed and as a tribute, a trooper and deputy escorted my father. Thank you for all you do.

As someone who drives a tow truck and responds to OSHP calls, I can say that these men and women have nothing but class. Each and every time I talk to them they talk to me as if I work with them. They definitely have pushed me to raise my standards about my job. Can't wait to work with the new recruits on calls. Good luck!

A big THANK YOU to all you guys and gals who put

I've never had them do it for me, but I travel often on 71 to and from work. I have seen many troopers changing tires or rendering other forms of assistance. The one time that really sticks out was when it was raining and a trooper was on the ground changing a tire for an elderly lady who he had sitting in the car to keep warm and dry. Now that's awesome.

Back in 1982, I was transferring to Marietta, driving a pick-up with a topper and pulling my wife's car with my truck. I had a flat on the left rear. I had to crawl under the back to undo the tire. I had my CB on and my wife was pregnant standing along the road. You could hear people on the CB stating there was a large pregnant woman trying to change a tire. Within minutes there was a trooper behind the car I was pulling. He didn't see me until he got behind my truck and was telling my wife if he could change her tire. Finally he saw me and still offered to change it. We had a baby girl the following afternoon.

Forty-five years ago, I was on my way to Toledo to visit my newborn daughter who was hospitalized with life-threatening birth defects. I was very young, driving an old beater car, doing

the best I could. One of my bald tires went flat, and I had never changed a tire before! I soon found myself pulling out the tire and jack, not having a clue what I was doing, crying along the side of the highway. Next thing I know, I see lights flashing, making me cry even harder. I was so scared, no money for a ticket or anything! The trooper approached and asked if he could help. He changed my tire and took the time to find out why I was so upset. Before I got back on the road, I felt much better. Not only did he change my tire, but he talked to me, relieving a lot of the stress! Will never forget his kindness!

It was a bitterly cold winter day and I was traveling to my mother's home. I had a flat tire about half way there. My phone's battery was dead. A very nice patrolman came to my rescue and radioed in my problem to my AAA provider who told him it would be a hour and a half. He said that was unacceptable in the freezing cold and changed my tire himself. God bless that man. I will never forget his kindness.

I've had a trooper change my tire once. What a blessing because I was only 16 and 4 hours from home!

your life on the line every day to do a thankless job. There are still people like me out here who respect, love and appreciate all you do. May God watch over and protect every one of you.

Thanks for having two troopers directing traffic at the intersection of SR 257 and US 36 in Delaware County. Road construction caused a detour and traffic would have been gridlocked at rush hour if not for the work of the troopers.

Thank you. 13 years ago I was hit by a drunk driver. I will be forever grateful for people like you. The Canfield post rocked. I will never forget what they have done for me...And the troopers who helped me out. All you guys are like highway angels. Thank you for all you do. Stay safe and much love.

I just wanted to say "Thank You" to the trooper who changed my flat tire for me this morning. This occurred @ Brookpark Rd. and Rocky River Dr. around 5:45 am. It's nice to know the troopers are out there and willing to help.

OHIO INVESTIGATIVE UNIT NEWS

OIU Honored by National Liquor Law Enforcement Association

On October 1, the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA) presented the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) with the Liquor Law Enforcement Public Safety Agency of Year Award during its annual conference in Louisville, Ky. NLLEA also honored OIU Assistant Agent-in-Charge Robert Boldin with the Liquor Law Enforcement Agent of the Year award.

NLLEA selected OIU because of the agency's trace-back program. The program allows for immediate response of OIU agents to alcohol-related fatalities that occur on Ohio's roadways. The success of the agency's work has contributed to the decline of alcohol-related fatalities in Ohio over the last two years by tracing the source of alcohol after an alcohol-related crash or incident, or a situation involving minors and alcohol.

"OIU's trace-back program has become a national model for other law enforcement agencies to go the extra step after alcohol-related tragedies," said Ohio Department of Public Safety Director John Born. "The success of the program is a credit to the agents who have been working so hard to bring these people to justice and make Ohio safer."



Enforcement Administrator Richard Cologie receives the Public Safety Agency of the Year award from NLLEA President Fredrick Mahony and Vice President Joseph Cannon.

Boldin was recognized for his leadership while coordinating more than 100 law enforcement officers and prosecutors in Ohio and in other states to investigate illegal gambling at more than 50 internet cafes and their operators in Northeast Ohio.

Recent Cases

OIU charged a Wellsville man in connection with illegal sales of alcohol. Fadi A. Mourra, 34, of Brooklyn, Ohio, was charged in October with five counts of illegal sales of alcohol and one count of keeper of a place. The charges come after agents received information that the Wellsville Kings Carryout, Inc., in Wellsville, was selling alcohol while the liquor permit was under an indefinite suspension. In September, agents conducted a search warrant at the carryout and seized intoxicating liquor, beer and currency.

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Agents charged 106 people during the annual Halloween celebration in Athens. Most of the charges were related to underage alcohol violations. Other charges included furnishing alcohol to underage, fake identification, resisting arrest, obstructing official business, disorderly conduct, open container, drug paraphernalia and drug abuse. Agents also conducted compliance checks on 15 Athens liquor permit premises, including carryouts and bars. None of the 15 locations sold alcohol to the confidential informant.

#QuizdayWednesday

Do you know Ohio's liquor and food stamp laws? Time to test your knowledge with #QuizdayWednesday on OIU's Facebook page. Each Wednesday, Public Affairs will add a question and solicit answers from the Facebook community. An answer is published on Facebook each Thursday. Join the conversation by becoming a fan of OIU's page, www.Facebook.com/ohioOIU. The Public Affairs staff is also taking ideas for questions that can be addressed. If you have an idea, e-mail the Public Affairs section at wwwohp@dps.ohio.gov.

#QuizdayWednesday

Answer

Yesterday, we asked: Which of these ineligible items do you think agents have been able to purchase with SNAP benefits?



The answer is... All of them.

Agents have been able to purchase everything from dog food to vehicles with SNAP benefits. Clerks and/or retailers who allow customers to purchase ineligible items can be charged with felony food stamp violations. Retailers can also have administrative charges filed against their liquor permits.

If you know of a location participating in food stamp fraud, contact OIU at #677.



Recent Criminal Patrol Successes

September 18: Troopers seize nearly \$3 million worth of marijuana in Clermont County traffic stop



Troopers stopped a 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe for speed and following too closely violations in Clermont County at 9:09 a.m., on September 18. A Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle and a probable cause search revealed 651 pounds of marijuana, worth nearly \$3 million.

October 16: Troopers seize 260 pounds of marijuana in Wood County traffic stop



Troopers stopped two vehicles traveling together on October 16, at 1:33 p.m. on the Ohio Turnpike in Wood County. The first vehicle, a 2008 Toyota Tundra pick-up truck, was stopped for a following too closely violation, and the second vehicle, a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado, was stopped for a marked lanes violation.

Troopers detected an odor of raw marijuana coming from the vehicle upon contact with the second vehicle. A probable cause search revealed no contraband. A Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the first vehicle, and a probable cause search revealed nine duffel bags containing 260 pounds of marijuana, worth approximately \$1.3 million.

Recent Vehicle Theft Unit Successes

The Columbus Vehicle Theft Unit has been using Craigslist to identify possible stolen vehicles for sale. In one case, the investigating trooper identified a suspected stolen ATV listed for sale in Jackson County. The suspect provided the VIN to the investigating trooper, who posed as a buyer.

A check of the VIN revealed the ATV had recently been stolen from Defiance County. A search warrant was executed with assistance from the Jackson District and the ATV was recovered. The suspect was charged with receiving stolen property.

In a separate Craigslist operation, the investigating trooper identified a suspected stolen motorcycle for sale in Hocking County. The investigating trooper posed as a buyer and was able to check the motorcycle's VIN. It was learned the motorcycle was stolen from Trumbull County. The motorcycle was recovered and the suspect has been charged with receiving stolen property.

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Columbus Vehicle Theft Unit troopers received a LoJack notification while in transit. The troopers were able to track



the vehicle to an auto repair shop in Columbus.

With assistance from the Columbus Division of Police, the vehicle was located inside the facility and subsequently recovered. Charges against the business owner are being handled by the Columbus Division of Police.

Certificate of Recognition

Sgt. David L. Dylag received a Certificate of Recognition for his lifesaving actions at a crash scene. On August 3, 2014, Sgt. Dylag was investigating a crash on U.S. 30 in Wayne County when a second crash occurred just east of his location. Sgt. Dylag responded to the scene and found a semi-tractor trailer and a semi-tractor fuel tanker had collided and burst into flames, blocking both lanes of westbound traffic.



David L. Dylag

Sgt. Dylag immediately approached the burning vehicles looking for the drivers. He found the first driver lying injured in the median about 20 feet from the burning fuel tanker. As Sgt. Dylag moved the victim to safety, four separate explosions occurred. Despite increasingly dangerous conditions, Sgt. Dylag returned to the crash area to locate the second driver, and was able to confirm the driver had exited his truck and moved to safety on his own.

Tpr. Joshua M. Weiss received a Certificate of Recognition for his actions to bring a dangerous situation to a successful conclusion. On August 1, 2014, Tpr. Weiss responded to a report of a possible impaired driver on the Ohio Turnpike in Summit County.



Joshua M. Weiss

He located the suspect vehicle and attempted to initiate a stop, but the suspect driver continued driving. As Tpr. Weiss pursued the vehicle at speeds over 60 miles per hour, the suspect vehicle repeatedly scraped along the concrete center median.

As the pursuit approached a construction zone and a tow truck with a disabled vehicle on the right berm, Tpr. Weiss requested and received permission to make intentional contact with the suspect vehicle in an effort to prevent it from entering the construction zone. As the suspect vehicle drifted toward the left berm, Tpr. Weiss successfully made contact and forced the suspect vehicle against the concrete barrier leading up to the construction zone. Despite suffering minor injuries, Tpr. Weiss immediately apprehended the suspect, who was suspected to be under the influence of prescription drugs.

Police Officer 2 Wesley Wells Jr. received a Certificate of Recognition for his lifesaving efforts. On July 11, 2014, Officer Wells was working special duty at the Ohio Exposition Center when he was dispatched to a victim suffering a heart attack near the DiSalle Center. Officer Wells found the victim gasping for air and taking shallow breaths.



Wesley Wells Jr.

When Officer Wells evaluated the victim, he found the man had no pulse and immediately started cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) chest compressions. The Columbus Fire Department arrived on scene with one medic who asked Officer Wells to continue chest compressions while he activated an automated external defibrillator. The victim ultimately was transported to a nearby hospital where he was expected to make a full recovery

MCEI Jonathan D. Anderson received a Certificate of Recognition for his lifesaving at a crash scene. On July 17, 2014, MCEI Anderson was notified by a passing motorist that a pickup truck had struck a house just north of his location.



Jonathan D. Anderson

Anderson notified the Sandusky Dispatch Center and arrived at the scene seconds later. He retrieved his fire extinguisher and was able to control a fire at the rear of the crashed vehicle until additional personnel arrived to assist. The truck was loaded with pest control products at the time of the crash and Anderson's efforts limited the fire to the immediate area surrounding the vehicle.

Medical personnel later determined the driver of the truck suffered a stroke moments before the crash.

Sgt. Kyle L. Mackie received a Certificate of Recognition for his lifesaving efforts. On May 23, 2014, Sgt. Mackie initiated a traffic stop on Roberts Road in Franklin County and immediately recognized the driver was having what appeared to be a seizure. He requested emergency medical response and then stayed with the young man, talking to him and ensuring he continued breathing.



Kyle L. Mackie

When emergency medical personnel arrived, they determined the driver was in cardiac arrest and immediately transported him to a local hospital for treatment. Sgt. Mackie secured the driver's vehicle and then proceeded to the hospital to check on the victim, age 20, who was in critical condition.

On September 26, 2014, the grandfather of victim contacted the Patrol and reported that doctors informed the family the victim would have died within a few hours if not for Sgt. Mackie's assistance. The victim was ultimately diagnosed with a heart ailment and has been going through treatment and rehabilitation since the day of the incident.

Auxiliary gains 11 new members at September graduation

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary appointed 11 new volunteers on September 20, 2014, after they completed training that included firearms familiarization, traffic and criminal laws, self-defense, cultural sensitivity and crash investigation. Auxiliaries are required to volunteer 120 hours per year to remain active. They assist troopers at crash scenes and traffic stops, provide traffic control, disaster relief and special detail support.



Graduate	Post
Raymond Beeman	Chardon
Eric J. Gelsomino	Warren
Jared Norris	Jackson
Michael J. Eberst	Circleville
Robert Goldman	Circleville
John C. Koppel	Granville
Michael R. Rife	Lancaster
Bradley J. Sodders	Lancaster
Aaron Wellman	Delaware
Michael S. Wolfe	Delaware
Michael D. Meyers	Circleville

Bowling Green



From left: Dr. Faith Yingling, Director of Wellness at BGSU; Sandy Wiechman, Safe Communities Coordinator for Wood County; Frank Arvay, Law Enforcement Liaison for the Ohio Traffic Safety Office; and Lt. Jerrod Savidge, Bowling Green post commander.

On October 18, during the Bowling Green State University vs. Western Michigan football game, Wood County Safe Communities was recognized for its efforts to educate the citizens of Wood County and on the campus of Bowling Green regarding traffic safety. It also kicked off the annual National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week events on campus.

Gallipolis



Connie, Tyler and Trent Holcomb, along with close friends, decorated a Christmas tree in the Gallipolis city park in honor of Sgt. Dale Holcomb. Connie made several of the ornaments and the Stetson sitting atop the tree. As stated on the sign, Sgt. Holcomb will never be forgotten and “always in our hearts.”

Local schools, city departments and individuals have decorated trees lining the sidewalk in the downtown park for Christmas.

Cambridge District

On September 19, retired Sgt. Harold Miley was visited by troopers and retirees to celebrate his 90th birthday. He and his wife, Helen, were very pleased. They enjoyed cookies

and coffee and took him cards. Sgt. Miley started his career with the Division in 1951 at Marietta. He also served at Athens, Swanton and Zanesville before his retirement in 1977.



Front row from left: Ret. Sgt. Harold Miley, Helen Miley, Ret. Lt. Walt Howell, Ret. Sgt. Tom Paisley, Ret. Aux. Col. Tom Charles, Ret. S/Lt. Gene Archer. Second row from left: Maj. John Bistor, Ret. Capt. Russ Miller, S/Lt. Anne Ralston, Ret. Lt. Delmar Dunlap, Ret. Tpr. Troy Walker, Ret. Maj. Mike Quinn, Ret. Lt. Col. Rob Hartsell, Lt. Matt Boyd, Ret. Ptl. Curt Eagon (Zanesville Police Dept.), Ret. Lt. David Peters, Ret. Maj. Dave Sturtz. Back: Capt. Cory Davies, S/Lt. Jeff Skinner.

Lima



At the request of the local officials, troopers from the Lima Post participated in a historical event on October 28, when they assisted with placing a historical marker along Lincoln Way in Sugar Creek Township in Allen County. The marker commemorates the October 28, 1939, crash of a 37-ton snow cruiser that was more than 55 feet long, nearly 20 feet wide and 15 feet high. It was to be used by explorer Admiral Richard E. Byrd to explore the South Pole, and was en route to New York City to be loaded aboard a ship and shipped to Antarctica.

Due to a technical problem, the vehicle crashed into the Pike Run Creek, where it stood for three days. Residents reported the Highway Patrol set up a command center at a nearby farmhouse, which was the only residence equipped with a telephone. The crash was the subject of national news coverage, and over those three days, approximately 125,000 onlookers visited the scene. Despite the crash, the snow cruiser made its way to New York and eventually navigated 11,000 miles over sea and ice to reach the South Pole on January 11, 1940.

Lean and Mean 118 Class Reunion



Members of the 118th Academy Class met at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Columbus on November 22 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their November 3, 1989, cadet graduation.

St. Clairsville



Tpr. Joe Weaver (left) and Sgt. Jason Greenwood are pictured with the “St. Clairville State Troopers.” St. Clairville Post employees took up a collection to sponsor the Mustang Little League team through the Shadyside Athletic Association.

Elyria



Cub Scout Pack 132 took a tour of Post 47 on September 30. The tour was led by Tpr. Lister and Tpr. Boris. The group consisted of 12 kids grades 1-5 and their parents.

Norwalk



Eighteen seniors from Monroeville, New London, South Central, Norwalk, St. Paul and Western Reserve high schools had their driving skills challenged to compete for scholarship money. They took a written exam of 50 questions and then drove through a five-part course in the parking lot of Norwalk High School.

Huron County Sheriff's Lt. Terry Shean coordinated the first-time event with AAA, and Lt. Douglas Hamman manned the first station. The remaining stations were supervised by local law enforcement.

Fremont



More than 700 high school seniors attended the Sandusky County Senior Rally at Terra State Community College. The event supports local high school seniors in their decision to not use drugs and alcohol. Lt. Brent Meredith closed the event with a *5 Minutes for Life* presentation.

The Burner



On September 6, Patrol personnel participated in The Burner, a seven-mile mud run held annually in memory of S/Lt. Mike Marucci's nephew, Jim, who died of cancer at age 29. Part of the proceeds from the event are donated to Akron Children's Hospital. From left: Kim Lamm, Tpr. John Lamm, Tpr. Matt Langston, Tara Langston, Lt. Jerad Sutton, Sgt. Jared Klingensmith, Lt. Larry Firmi, S/Lt. Mike Marucci and Rich Selep (son of ET2 Rich Selep).

John H. Bistor

Major John H. Bistor, Office of Field Operations, retired on November 14, 2014, after 35 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in November 1979 as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the former Walbridge Post. He became a member of the 111th Academy Class in July 1981. He earned his commission in December of that year and was assigned to the Portsmouth Post, where he earned a Certificate of Recognition in 1983. He was selected as Post and District Trooper of the Year in 1988. In 1990, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Dayton Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In 1994, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Batavia Post to serve as commander. In 1998, he was promoted to staff lieutenant and transferred to the Cambridge District Headquarters to serve as the assistant district commander. In 2001, he was promoted to captain and transferred to the former Massillon District Headquarters to serve as the district commander, where he earned another Certificate of Recognition in 2008. In 2011, he was promoted to major and transferred to the Office of Field Operations to serve as commander.

Major Bistor completed advanced leadership training at Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in 1996.



Christopher Heverly

Lieutenant Christopher Heverly, Ravenna Post, retired on October 17, 2014, after 25 years with the Patrol. Before becoming a member of the 119th Academy Class in January 1990, he served as a cadet dispatch for the Ravenna Post from October 1985 to August 1986. He earned his commission in June 1990 and was assigned to the Mansfield Post. In 1992, he transferred to the Ravenna Post. While at the Ravenna Post, he earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement; he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 1993; and he was selected as Post and District Trooper of the Year in 1994. In 1997, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and remained at the Ravenna Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In 2005, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Canfield Post to serve as post commander. In 2013, he returned to his most recent assignment at the Ravenna Post.

He completed advanced leadership training at Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in 2005 and the Public Safety Leadership Academy in 2014.



Erika A. Englund

Sergeant Erika A. Englund, Springfield Post, entered disability retirement on August 24, 2014, after 12 years of service. She joined the Patrol in April 2002 as a member of the 139th Academy Class. She earned her commission in October of that year and was assigned to Sandusky, where she was Post Trooper of the Year in 2007. In 2008, she transferred to the Training Academy to serve as an instructor. In 2011, she transferred to the Executive Protection Unit. In 2012, she was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to her most recent assignment at Springfield to serve as an assistant post commander.

Sgt. Englund earned a Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice from Ohio Dominican University in 2001 and a Master of Science in forensic psychology from Tiffin University in 2005.



Phillip Langston

Assistant Agent-in-Charge Phillip Langston began his career with the Ohio Investigative Unit, in January 1989 and was assigned to the Akron District Office. He also served in the Cleveland, Toledo and Columbus district offices. In 2003, he was promoted to Assistant Agent-in-Charge. As AAIC, Langston was assigned the Central Office where he oversaw the recruitment efforts for the agency and served at the evidence and equipment facility.

He graduated from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety in 2005. Throughout his career, he remained involved with the local chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and was vice president of the African American Law Enforcement Agents Association.



Valerie K. Perkins

Sergeant Valerie K. Perkins, Cambridge Post, retired on October 31, 2014, after 22 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in May 1992 as a member of the 123rd Academy Class. She earned her commission in November of that year and was assigned to the New Philadelphia Post. In 1994, she transferred to the Cambridge Post, where in 1996 she earned a Certificate of Recognition.



In 1999, she was promoted to sergeant and remained at Cambridge to serve as an assistant post commander. She has also served as an assistant post commander at the Zanesville Post.

Sgt. Perkins earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and sociology from Muskingum University in 1985. She also served in the Ohio Army National Guard from 1986 to 1996, where she earned the rank of sergeant.

Kevin P. Fleming

Trooper Kevin P. Fleming, Bucyrus District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on October 31, 2014, after more than 26 years of service. He joined the Patrol in March 1988 as a member of the 117th Academy Class. He earned his commission in September of that year and was assigned to Milan, where in 1996 he was Post Trooper of the Year. In 2001, he transferred to the former Berea District Headquarters as a commercial motor vehicle inspector, and in 2011, he earned Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspector of the Year. He transferred to the Bucyrus District Commercial Enforcement Unit in 2012.



Jose A. Franco

Trooper Jose A. Franco, Capitol Operations, retired on October 18, 2014, after 24 years of service. He joined the Patrol in May 1990 as a member of the 120th Academy Class. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to Circleville, where in 1994 he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year. In 1997, he transferred to the West Jefferson Post, and in 2012, he transferred to Capitol Operations at the Statehouse.

Tpr. Franco served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1981-88.



David W. Lee

Trooper David W. Lee, Capitol Operations, retired on October 17, 2014, after 22 years of service. He joined the Patrol in January 1993 as a member of the 124th Academy Class. He earned his commission in June of that year and was assigned to the Lancaster Post. As a trooper, he also served at



Circleville, Office of Special Operations, Office of Criminal Investigations, Zanesville and Capitol Operations.

He completed advanced leadership training at Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in 2007.

Allen C. Marcum

Trooper Allen C. Marcum, Elyria Post, retired on October 31, 2014, after 21 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1993 as a member of the 125th Academy Class. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Ashland Post. A year later, he transferred to the Milan Post. In 2000, he transferred to his most recent assignment at the Elyria Post. While at the Elyria Post, he earned the Certificate of Recognition in 2004; the Criminal Patrol Award in 2005 and 2006; the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement in 2006 and 2013. He was selected as Post Trooper of the Year and earned the Blue Max Award in 2012.



Karen H. McElroy

Trooper Karen H. McElroy, Canfield, entered disability retirement on October 19, 2014, after 24 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in October 1989 as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the Steubenville Post. She became a member of the 119th Academy Class in January 1990. She earned her commission in June of that year and was assigned to the Canfield Post. In 1993, she transferred to the Lisbon Post. In 2004, she returned to the Canfield Post. In 2010, she transferred to Cleveland District Criminal Investigations to serve as an investigator. In 2012, she transferred to her most recent assignment at Canfield.



Sean T. McLaughlin

Trooper Sean T. McLaughlin, Athens Post, retired on November 15, 2014, after more than 22 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1992 as a member of the 123rd Academy Class. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Athens



Post. As a trooper, he has served at the Athens Post and Jackson District Criminal Patrol Unit. He earned the Criminal Patrol Award in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2011.

Jala C. O'Dowd

Trooper Jala C. O'Dowd, Bucyrus Post, retired on November 13, 2014, after 27 years of service. She joined the Patrol in March 1986 as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the Fremont and Norwalk posts. She became a member of the 117th Academy Class in March 1988. She earned her commission in September of that year and was assigned to the Marion Post. In 2008, she transferred to the Bucyrus District Criminal Investigations to serve as an investigator. Later that year, she returned to the Marion Post. In 2013, she transferred to her most recent assignment at the Bucyrus Post.



Max P. Rentz

Trooper Max P. Rentz, Granville Post, retired on October 28, 2014, after 36 years of service. He joined the Patrol in September 1978 as a member of the 104th Academy Class. He earned his commission in January of the following year and has been assigned to Granville throughout his career.



William S. Webb

Trooper William S. Webb, Gallipolis Post, retired on October 17, 2014, after 23 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1991 as a member of the 121st Academy Class. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Bucyrus Post. As a trooper, he has served at the Portsmouth, Jackson and Gallipolis Posts, Jackson District Headquarters and Jackson Commercial Enforcement Unit. While at the Gallipolis Post, he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 1998; he was selected as Post and District Trooper of the Year in 2010; he received a Certificate of Recognition in 2013; and he earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement in 2014.



Michael Weber

Trooper Michael Weber, Milan Post, retired on October 10, 2014, after more than 35 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1979 as a member of the 106th Academy Class. He earned his commission in September of that year and was assigned to the Chillicothe Post. He transferred to the Milan Post and earned the Certificate of Recognition in 1987.



In 1990, he earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement, was selected as Post Trooper of the Year, and earned the Blue Max Award for recovering the most stolen vehicles in a year.

Byron Guinther

Agent Byron Guinther began his career with the Ohio Investigative Unit in November 1990 and was assigned to the Cincinnati District Office. He transferred to the Wellston Office, which later became the Athens District Office. During his career, he served on a gambling task force, as an Evidence Officer and Field Training Officer, and was a member of the Athens County Drug Task Force and the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission Task Force in Washington County.



Guinther was Agent of the Year for the Athens District Office three times, received two U.S. Department of Agriculture Certificates of Appreciation, including one for successful prosecution of a multi-state criminal enterprise engaged in trafficking in food stamps and formula, and earned a President's Council on Integrity & Efficiency Award. Guinther received his peace officer certification through Tri-County Joint Vocational School's Adult Career Center.

Paul J. Stone

Electronic Technician Manager Paul J. Stone, Electronic Technician, retired on November 14, 2014, after 25 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in November 1989 as an Electronic Technician 3 assigned to Piqua District Headquarters. In 2002, he transferred to the Technology and Communi-



cations Section. In 2008, he was promoted to an Electronic Technician Manager and remained in the Technology and Communications Section. In 2011, he transferred to the Office of Strategic Services, Electronic Technicians.

Michael L. Wilson

Motor Carrier Enforcement Supervisor Michael L. Wilson, Piqua District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on December 31, 2014 after 20 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in June 1994 as a Stationary Load Limit Inspector at the former Eaton Post. In 1998, he was promoted to a motor carrier enforcement inspector and transferred to the Dayton Post. In 2000, he transferred to the Piqua District Commercial Enforcement Unit. In 2011, he was promoted to a motor carrier enforcement supervisor and remained at Piqua District Commercial Enforcement Unit.



Salvatore Santora

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Salvatore Santora, Cleveland District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on November 28, 2014, after 12 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in September 2002 as a driver license examiner 1 assigned to the former Berea Driver License Examination Station. In 2006, he was promoted to a motor carrier enforcement inspector and transferred to the Cleveland District Commercial Enforcement Unit.



Shelley L. Dowling

Stationary Load Limit Inspector Shelley L. Dowling, Cambridge District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on October 31, 2014, after 30 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in August 1984 as an administrative staff at the Cambridge District Headquarters. While at Cambridge District Headquarters, she was promoted to a word processing specialist 2 in 1988 and a secretary in 1995. In 2001, she was promoted to a stationary load limit inspector and transferred to her most recent assignment at the Cambridge District Commercial Enforcement Unit.



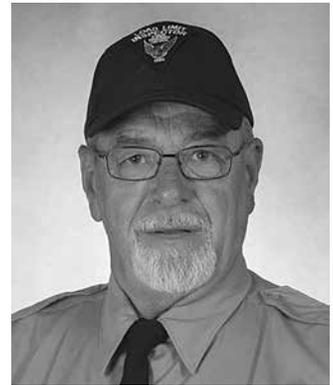
Howard W. Frank

Portable Load Limit Inspector Howard W. Frank, Piqua District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on November 14, 2014, after 29 years of service. He joined the Patrol in June 1985 and has been assigned to the Piqua District Commercial Enforcement Unit throughout his career.



Gerald R. Griesen

Portable Load Limit Inspector Gerald R. Griesen, Cambridge District, retired on September 30, 2014, after 15 years of service. He joined the Patrol in September 1999 as a maintenance repair worker assigned to New Philadelphia. In 2012, he was promoted to portable load limit inspector and transferred to Cambridge District Commercial Enforcement Unit.



Michael G. Michaels

Portable Load Limit Inspector Michael G. Michaels, Bucyrus District, retired on November 30, 2014, after 11 years of service. He joined the Patrol in December 2002 as a maintenance repair worker assigned to Findlay District Headquarters. In 2004, he transferred to Bowling Green. In 2005, he was promoted to portable load limit inspector with the Bucyrus District Commercial Enforcement Unit.



Albert J. Nemeth

Motor Vehicle Inspector Albert J. Nemeth, Cleveland District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on November 28, 2014, after 30 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in January 1984 as a student helper assigned to the former Berea District Headquarters. While at the Berea District Headquarters, he served as a clerk



and a driver license examiner. As a driver license examiner, he also served at the Garfield Heights, Cleveland-West and Wooster driver license exam stations. In 1998, he returned to the Berea District Headquarters, where he served at the Parma, Garfield Heights, and Mayfield Heights driver license exam stations. In 2004, he was promoted to a motor vehicle inspector and transferred to Cleveland Operations. In 2006, he earned a Certificate of Recognition. In 2008, he transferred to the Findlay District Commercial Enforcement Unit. In 2010, he transferred to his most recent assignment at the Cleveland District Commercial Enforcement Unit.

MVI Nemeth earned an Associate of Arts degree in liberal arts from Cuyahoga Community College in 1988 with a mixed major of theater and criminal justice.

Mary A. Lute

Dispatcher Mary A. Lute, Findlay Dispatch Center, retired on November 29, 2014, after 8 years with the Patrol. She began her Patrol career in May 2006 as a dispatcher assigned to the Findlay Dispatch Center. She transferred to the Bowling Green Post and was selected has Post and District Dispatcher of the Year in 2009. In 2011, she returned to her most recent assignment at the Findlay Dispatch Center, where she earned the Gold Star Award in 2012.

Disp. Lute earned an Associate of Business Administration degree in computer programming from Terra State Community College in 1993. She received a certificate in management from Owens Community College in 2008.



Sheri D. Smith

Dispatcher Sheri D. Smith, Canton Dispatch Center, retired September 30, 2014, after nearly 27 years of service. She began her Patrol career in 1987 as a dispatcher assigned to the former Akron Post, where she was selected as Dispatcher of the Year in 1989, 1990, 1996, 1997 and 1998. In 2000, she transferred to the Ravenna Dispatcher Center, where she was selected as Post Dispatcher of the Year in 2006, 2008 and 2009. In 2010, she transferred to her most recent assignment at the Canton Dispatcher Center.



Lori D. Yaney

Dispatcher Lori D. Yaney, Van Wert Dispatch Center, retired November 29, 2014, after 6 years with the Patrol. She began her Patrol career in January 2008 as a dispatcher assigned to the Van Wert Post where she has been assigned throughout her career. In 2012, she was selected has Post Dispatcher of the Year.



Harry E. Blankenship

Maintenance Repair Worker 2 Harry E. Blankenship, Chillicothe Post, retired on November 14, 2014, after 17 years with the Patrol. He began his career with the Patrol in August 1997 as a maintenance repair worker 2 assigned to the Chillicothe Post where he has served throughout his career.



Judith A. Celnicker

Program Administrator 2 Judith A. Celnicker, Training Academy, retired on September 1, 2014, after nearly 18 years of state service. She began her state career with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services as a program administrator 2 in November 1996. She joined the Patrol in August 2012 in the Office of Personnel, Training Academy and has been assigned there throughout her career.



Vittorio H. Jimerson

Maintenance Repair Worker 2 Vittorio H. Jimerson, Columbus District Headquarters, retired on November 28, 2014, after 25 years of service. He began his career with the Patrol in December 1989 as a maintenance repair worker 2 assigned to Columbus District Headquarters where he has served throughout his career.



Mary Sue Peppard

Administrative Professional 1 Mary Sue Peppard, Marion Post, retired on November 14, 2014, after 16 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in September 1998 as a secretary at the Marion Post where she has been assigned throughout her career.



Marlene Vandebroek

Administrative Professional 1 Marlene Sue Vandebroek, Bowling Green Post, retired on November 28, 2014, after 3 years with the Patrol. She began her state career in 1998 with the Ohio Adjutant General's Department at the 180th Air National Guard Base in Toledo as a custodial working. While at the Ohio Adjutant General's Department, she was promoted to maintenance repair worker 1 in 2001, to maintenance repair worker 2 in 2004, and to administrative professional 1 in 2007. She joined the Patrol in 2011.



David J. Wilson

Maintenance Repair Worker 2 David J. Wilson, Zanesville Post, retired on November 28, 2014, after 12 years with the Patrol. He began his career with the Patrol in April 2002 as a maintenance repair worker 2 assigned to the Zanesville Post where he has served throughout his career.



Joan E. Wolfe

Account Examiner 3 Joan E. Wolfe, Fiscal Services Section, retired on October 31, 2014, after 40 years with the Patrol. She began her career with the Patrol in May 1974 and has been assigned to the Fiscal Services Section throughout her career.



The Patrol Flag

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The Ohio State Highway Patrol now has a flag!

Retired Sergeant and Mrs. Bob Shaw designed a flag and presented it to the group at the Retiree Reunion (November 15, 1968). The design was unanimously agreed upon.

The prototype model of the new flag was shaped similarly to the State of Ohio flag (as shown). The background is black to accentuate the main design—the flying wheel. Gold fringe may later be attached to the outer edge of the flag.

Mrs. Shaw intends to hand embroider a flag and present it to the Patrol in the near future.

Colonel Chiaramonte accepts the new Patrol flag from Ret. Sgt. Robert Shaw.



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Chaplain's Comments



At first he was just a name for me—a person about whom I had heard but not met. Yes, I saw him in downtown Westerville in his boots and cowboy hat, but he did not know me and I had no right to interrupt his day. He had a great reputation as a retired Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Then one day we met and he called me by name. I was honored to be recognized by him. He knew me as a pastor in the community before I was appointed chaplain of OSHP by Colonel Tom Rice. After my relationship began with the Patrol, he and his wonderful wife Evelyn invited Linda and me to go with them to the retirees' dinner meeting. I had not served in the Patrol and wondered if I should accept the invitation, but retired Colonel Robert Chiaramonte made certain that we were part of the fellowship.

It was not very long before Colonel Bob began taking me with him to visit retirees and widows of retirees. Again he had the ability to include me as part of the "family" in spite of the fact that I had not served in any active capacity. He had a tremendous ability to include everyone in conversation and fellowship. On our journeys in his car I "met" his daughters Sandy and Kim. I learned about his boyhood days with his brother Ed. We compared memories about our tours of duty during WWII. He was no longer just a name—he had become a great friend.

Eventually his friendship brought him into the congregational life at Central College Church. He usually sat near the back on the right side but I could always identify him and was always given encouragement by his engaging smile.

When his wife Evelyn was diagnosed with cancer, I went to their home for a visit. How well I remember entering that house, which was truly a home. He was busy in the kitchen, and he told me to sit down and partake of his fried green

tomatoes. They were delicious. During the time of Evelyn's fight with cancer, Colonel Bob was the most caring husband, who continued to put his faith in the promises of The Lord. Following the death of his partner, he grieved but was not defeated. He continued to be a source of comfort and encouragement to others. Our own relationship grew as I was privileged and honored to be accepted by him as chaplain, pastor and friend.

There were some interesting moments, such as the time he attempted to take complete charge of his recovery from heart surgery. Even at the celebration of his life service, there was the awareness of his control. He could always take control without being controlling. He was a true man-of-God, who preached living sermons as a family man, as an inspirational leader and as a friend. He knew right from wrong and did not offer or accept excuses for negative or lazy behavior.

Retired Colonel Robert Chiaramonte lives on in the lives of daughters Sandy and Kim. He lives on in the life of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He lives on in the lives of every one of us who were privileged to know and have him as a friend. He lives on in fellowship with the Lord, in whom there is no death but only life. May the life lived by Retired Colonel Robert M. Chiaramonte be an example for each one of us to emulate. We pause to pay tribute; then we rise up and go forward to "not only do right, but also to look right!"

Respectfully,

Richard D. Ellsworth
State Chaplain

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Best Brats



You submitted the best pictures of your Patrol Brats for the month of October, and a panel of five judges chose the top 10. Thank you for your participation! It was a tough choice for our panel, but after going through over 80 submissions, they came up with a winner.

Congratulations to Clayton, the Best Patrol Brat! Clayton was 2 months old when this picture was taken on August 1, 2014. He is the son of Trooper Kyle Shirer.

Runner ups:

- Top row from left: Max and K9 partner Bubba - Sgt. Matt Robinson; Sydney - Sgt. Scott Powers; Wyatt (prisoner) and Austin (trooper) - Tpr. R. Shane Tysinger and AP1 Jessica Tysinger
- Middle row from left: Brooklyn - Sgt. Maurice Waddell; Haven - Tpr. Quinn Dunn; Denver - Tpr. R. Shane Tysinger and AP1 Jessica Tysinger
- Bottom row from left: Brendon - Tpr. Kevin Beringo; Gerrit - Sgt. Stacey Arnold; Lexi - Tpr. Michael Ervin



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