



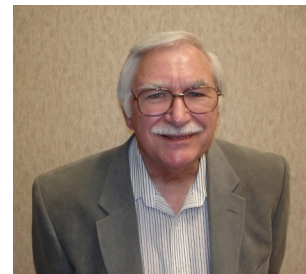
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WSP ALUMNI DAY AND WSPAA ANNUAL MEETING

By President Scott Lindemann



September 11! A day to remember for more than one reason. Let us never forget, September 2001 when the United States was attacked.

September 11, 2015 was the Annual State Patrol Alumni reunion at the State Patrol Academy. Between active duty staff and retirees, nearly 100 alumni joined to be reunited and meet new friends. During these few hours I find myself talking to fellow alumni I had heard of in my entire career but had never actually met before. A good time was had by all.

Following the alumni gathering the Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association, Inc. held its annual business meeting. The WSPAA continues to grow with just under 300 members. I need to remind everyone. **“Alumni “ does not mean retired. Membership is available to anyone who is currently employed or has been employed with the State Patrol. A past member could be re-tired. They could have left state service or transferred to another agency.** Since the beginning of the WI State Patrol, there are literally thousands who have past through our doors. These are all potential members. It is up to all of us to recruit members. Let’s make it a priority for everyone to recruit a new member.

Thank you to all members, regional representatives and officers who have participated in any way. Remember, the WSPAA is an organization for the members.

A number of groups around the state meet regularly for breakfast/coffee. A schedule of these on-going gatherings is attached. I encourage you to attend one or more of these. You may meet some interesting people.

One of the most popular things we do is to distribute newsletters. We try to keep you informed of State Patrol activities and efforts. Thank you to the Division administration for allowing this exchange to take place. We also try to keep the membership informed when another Alumni is seriously ill or has passed away. This process works, most of the time. If you see or hear of some news our members would be interested in, please send that info to Bob Young (bjyoung@charter.net). We will try to fill in the blanks and keep the membership informed. Contact can also be made with any of the members of the Board of Directors. A list of those contacts is included in this newsletter.

I look forward to another successful year. I look forward to more member participation. We do this for “YOU.” If you would like to get more involved, feel free to contact me.

(sgklindemann@charter.net) I am sure we can find some committee, board or project that can use some help. (locally, regional, statewide, short-term or long-term)

My email is always open. Feel free to contact me at any time with questions, comments or concerns. Thank you. Scott

2015 WSPAA ANNUAL MEETING

By Gary Brogan, WSPAA Secretary

The annual meeting of the WSPAA, Inc. was held at the WI State Patrol Academy on September 11, 2015. The minutes include:

President Scott Lindemann called the meeting to order at approximately 2:15 PM., following the State Patrol Alumni Day presentation.

Maynard Stoehr proceeded with the reading of by-laws and the minor changes. A motion to approve the by-laws was made by Dick Kort, second by George Reidel; there were no nay votes, motion approved.

Lucy Harvey showed a wreath that was made for us so if anyone needs a wreath for a special occasion such as a retirement a wreath can be ordered. She said it is weather impermeable and Lucy has the business card for the person who makes these.

Ballots for the elections were distributed before the meeting started. Following the tally, election results were announced by President Lindemann. Linda Woldt has been elected Treasurer for four years, effective immediately. Phil Wenzel has been elected Vice President for four years, effective immediately. Congratulations.

Treasurer Lyle Bliss gave the financial report and the balance in our treasury is \$9,108.55. All of this income is from membership dues, however we do receive a nominal amount from the sale of WSPAA merchandise on the website. This year we received \$264.43 from those sales which is pretty good.

Lyle mentioned our donation to the WTA for Trooper Casper's funeral costs as their expenses were in the thousands of dollars. There were 47 states represented, the City of Chicago sent 19 officers! Everyone agreed it was handled exceptionally well with all the necessary arrangements for lodging, transportation and bussing back and forth plus everyone was served a great meal. We wanted to pay as much as we could to try and offset some of the costs of the WTA so we donated \$1,000.

As he ends his term, Scott offered a huge Thank You to Lyle for everything he has done from the very beginning of the WSPAA.

Secretary Gary Brogan reported that this has been a very good year with a number of meetings around the state with a lot accomplished. Everyone has been exceptionally helpful and cooperative during these sessions and on the various committees and offered a sincere thank you to everyone involved. The completion of our By-laws was our main focus under the initial guidance of then President Tim Heffernan. We succeeded in that area and we couldn't have been this successful without Scott's additional leadership.

Membership Coordinator Mary Sander said "keep the dollars coming". We were happy to sign up a new member today so we have 294 members now. About 20 people haven't paid their dues yet so she will be sending out reminders plus contacting newly retired employees.

Gary said that we keep in touch with most everyone by email however we have approximately 14 that we keep in touch with via the USPS.

Bob Young said he is the individual that sends out the Newsletter at least twice a week plus everything else for our observation. We all gave a huge Thank You to Bob for all his time and efforts!

Bob said if anyone wishes to stick around for about 15 minutes, Sgt. Harvey has a revised version of the 75th Anniversary video which is waiting for the Colonel's approval. This is a world premiere of the video to be used to promote the WI State Patrol, use for recruiting, etc. Once approved it will be a link on the web site.

With the help of Keith Young and Diane King, there is a new file on the website of all WSP Numbers, by Recruit class. Some have asked for this access for several years. Go to the WSPAA website at www.wspalumni.org and click the History Tab.

We still have a couple Regional Rep positions that are vacant. We will make an effort to fill these positions.

Thank you to the State Patrol and the State patrol Academy for their cooperation and support.

Motion to adjourn by Dick Kort at 2:36 PM, second by George Reidel. Approved. Meeting Adjourned.

WALL OF HONOR



Law enforcement is a noble, yet dangerous occupation. Since the inception of the Wisconsin State Patrol, six members have been lost in the Line of Duty. The Division of State Patrol is taking steps to be sure these individuals are never forgotten.

In the summer of 2015, the Division began, what is planned to be an annual “Placement of a Wreath” on the grave of our six heroes. This year the events were small but well attended. A short ceremony was held at each site with the Honor Guard and Command staff presenting.

The WSPAA was present at some of these ceremonies. I encourage you to attend in 2016.

Along the same theme, the State Patrol is developing a “Wall of Honor” dedicated to those who have been lost in the Line of Duty. The “Wall” is pictured above as it was first made public on Alumni Day. These “Walls” will be established at State HQ, the Academy and each Regional Post. Each will be almost alike with variations made due to available space.

Be sure to take a look when you are at one of these facilities.

NEVER FORGET!



Honor Guard at wreath laying for Tpr Donald Pederson
May, 2015



Honor Guard at wreath laying for Tpr Debbie
McMenamin—May 2015

WISCONSIN STATE PATROL PRESENTS AWARDS FOR HEROISM, LIFESAVING ACTIONS AND EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Special tributes given to Trooper Trevor Casper and other fallen officers

By WisDOT Office of Public Affairs

Gov. Scott Walker today presented awards during a ceremony in Madison to members of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of State Patrol for their courageous actions and exemplary service.

The State Patrol's two highest awards were presented to the family of Trooper Trevor Casper, who died heroically in an exchange of gunfire with a robbery and murder suspect in March in Fond du Lac.

In addition to the family of Trooper Casper, posthumous Purple Heart awards were presented to the families of three troopers who died in the line of duty before the award was created.

Special recognition also was given to agencies and organizations that assisted the State Patrol after the death of Trooper Casper.

"With the death of Trooper Trevor Casper, we were reminded of the inherent dangers of our profession," said State Patrol Superintendent Stephen Fitzgerald. "Trooper Casper and all law enforcement officers who have given their lives to serve and protect others may no longer be with us physically but they will always be with us in spirit. Therefore, it is our duty to ensure they are not forgotten and their heroic deeds are forever acknowledged. Now and for years to come, we will find inspiration in their courage, sacrifice and selfless devotion to duty."

The following individuals and agencies were honored with awards:

Trooper Trevor J. Casper of Kiel (posthumous Medal of Valor and Purple Heart)—While on patrol in Fond du Lac County on March 24, 2015, Trooper Trevor Casper observed a vehicle driven by the suspect in an armed robbery and subsequent murder of a local citizen. As he followed the vehicle and called for assistance, Trooper Casper was ambushed by the suspect. In an exchange of gunfire, Trooper Casper was shot multiple times but continued to return fire thereby killing the suspect. Succumbing to fatal wounds, Trooper Casper valiantly sacrificed his own life to protect his fellow citizens. For exceptional heroism, Trooper Casper was awarded the Medal of Valor and the Purple Heart.

Trooper Clarissa Justmann of Fond du Lac, Sgt. Andrew Hyer of Madison, and Capt. Anthony Burrell of Milwaukee (Medal of Valor)—Trooper Clarissa Justmann, Trooper Andrew Hyer (recently promoted to sergeant) and Capt. Anthony Burrell responded to assist Trooper Trevor Casper while he was engaged in a gunfight with an armed robbery and murder suspect on March 24, 2015 in Fond du Lac. Arriving on scene at the final moments of the shooting incident, they courageously provided aid to the wounded trooper while still under the threat of possible gunfire from the suspect. For their brave actions while facing grave danger and selfless devotion to their fellow officer, they were awarded the Medal of Valor.

Trooper Donald C. Pederson of Green Lake (posthumous Purple Heart)—Trooper Donald Pederson was shot and killed in the line of duty while on patrol in Green Lake County by a motorist he had stopped and cited earlier in the evening of Aug. 26, 1972. For making the ultimate sacrifice in fulfilling his law enforcement duties, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Trooper Deborah M. McMenamin of Bloomer (posthumous Purple Heart)—Trooper Deborah McMenamin died after being hit by a passing vehicle while she was conducting a traffic stop in Eau Claire County on Oct. 26, 1989. For sacrificing her life in performance of her duties, she was awarded the Purple Heart.

Trooper Nicholas D. Erickson of Neenah (Meritorious Service)—While on patrol in Winnebago County, Trooper Nicholas Erickson responded to a 911 call of an active shooter on the Trestle Trail Bridge in Menasha on May 3, 2015. Upon arriving at the scene, he observed a wounded victim. Though unaware of the location and status of the shooter, he provided security and medical attention to the gunshot victim while exposed to potential danger. For his courage and dedication to duty, Trooper Erickson received a Meritorious Service Award.

Trooper Daniel L. Hester of Appleton (Meritorious Service)—In response to a 911 call of an active shooter on the Trestle Trail Bridge in Menasha on May 3, 2015, Trooper Daniel Hester assumed a tactical position at the scene. He provided security for the other responders attending to the gunshot victims until the threat was resolved. For his courageous and effective actions, Trooper Hester received a Meritorious Service Award.

Law Enforcement Dispatcher Jessica L. Swinford of Madison (Commendable Service)—While on duty at the communications center at the State Patrol DeForest Post, Law Enforcement Dispatcher (LED) Jessica Swinford handled a call from a suicidal and possibly homicidal subject in Richland County on Dec. 24, 2014. She contacted the Richland County Sheriff's Department while continuing to talk to the subject for more than 30 minutes. Her ability to calm the subject allowed a deputy sufficient time to reach the residence and intervene successfully. For her composed and compassionate actions that helped prevent a tragedy, LED Swinford received a Commendable Service Award.

Sgt. Steven M. Tape of Eleva (Commendable Service)—Sgt. Steven Tape while serving as a pilot in the Air Support Unit from 2005 to 2015 logged more than 1,000 flight hours. His missions included searches for missing persons and fugitives in remote areas and aerial traffic safety enforcement to prevent crashes. He also assisted federal, state and local law enforcement agencies by identifying the locations of marijuana grow operations. For his dedicated service, Sergeant Tape received a Commendable Service Award.

Law Enforcement Dispatcher (LED) Colleen M. Keough of Oshkosh, LED Julie A. Schneider of Fond du Lac, and LED Andrew K. Thone of Fond du Lac (Commendable Service)—While on duty at the communications center at the State Patrol Fond du Lac Post, the three law enforcement dispatchers received reports of a critical incident that began with a bank robbery and subsequent murder in Marinette County on March 24, 2015. They relayed FBI information that the suspect was in Fond du Lac County. When Trooper Trevor Casper made contact with the suspect, the dispatchers used radio contact and a traffic camera to monitor movements of the trooper and suspect. They expertly coordinated with the Fond du Lac Sheriff's Office and Fond du Lac Police Department to request that all officers respond to the scene where Trooper Casper and the suspect subsequently exchanged fatal gunfire. For their professionalism and teamwork during an extremely stressful and tragic event, LED Colleen Keough, LED Julie Schneider and LED Andrew Thone received the Commendable Service Award.

Trooper Anthony J. Borostowski of Tomah and Trooper Steven A. Frantal of Wisconsin Dells (Lifesaving Award)—Troopers Anthony Borostowski and Steven Frantal responded to a 911 call regarding a male subject who was not breathing and had no pulse at a residence in New Lisbon on Jan. 28, 2015. They were the first to arrive at the residence and began two-person CPR on the subject. They continued CPR until a pulse was restored and the subject began breathing on his own. The subject was then transported to a local hospital. For their effective and professional response that saved a man's life, Trooper Borostowski and Frantal received a Lifesaving Award.

Trooper John W. Schick of Baraboo (Lifesaving Award)—While patrolling in Sauk County on May 22, 2015, Trooper John Schick was advised that a motorist on the interstate was experiencing a medical emergency. He responded and observed a pickup in the median. A subject near the vehicle had no pulse and was not breathing. Along with an officer from the Sauk County Sheriff's Department, Trooper Schick used his lifesaving training by administering CPR and employing an automated external defibrillator (AED). The subject's pulse returned by the time paramedics arrived and transported him to a hospital. Trooper Schick not only helped save the man's life, he also showed tremendous concern for the victim's family at the hospital. For his compassionate response and expertise under stressful conditions, Trooper Schick received a Lifesaving Award.

A COLLECTION OF PHOTOS FROM THE AWARDS CEREMONY



Gov Walker



DOT. Dep Secretary Hammer



Family of Tpr Casper



Family of Tpr Pederson



Family of Tpr Powless



Family of Tpr McMenamin





State Patrol Honor Guard (Unit Citation)—The Wisconsin State Patrol Honor Guard during 2014 and 2015 distinguished itself by representing the agency and the State of Wisconsin at 74 events around the nation including the National Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony in Washington D.C., the National Governors' Association Conference, the National Troopers Conference, and the State Patrol 75th Anniversary Banquet. In addition, the Honor Guard was an integral part of many services and ceremonies honoring fallen law enforcement officers. The following Honor Guard members were awarded the Unit Citation: Trooper Lynn Coulson of Durand, Trooper Kelly Lynch of Sullivan, Trooper Michael Larsen of Sparta, Sgt. Jason Holtz of Tomah, Sgt. Jeremy Foster of Tomah, Trooper Richard Torrez of Cambridge, Trooper David Hanson of Oak Creek, Trooper Edward Schofield of Fond du Lac, Trooper Jamie Kahkola of Green Bay, Sgt. Luke Kraemer of Madison, Sgt. Bryan Wrycha of Tomahawk, Trooper Kristin Suthers of Tomahawk, Inspector Gary Koski of Park Falls, Inspector Greg Venne of Eau Claire, and Sgt. Robert Hartson of Merrill.

At this year's ceremony, the following agencies and organizations that provided assistance to the State Patrol in response to the death of Trooper Casper were honored: Dodge County Sheriff's Department, Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department, Fond du Lac Communications and Emergency Management, Fond du Lac County District Attorney's Office, Fond du Lac Fire and Rescue, Fond du Lac Police Department, Kiel Area School District, Kiel Police Department, Law Enforcement Death Response Team, the Wisconsin Honor Guard Association, Wisconsin Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors, Wisconsin Department of Justice, Wisconsin Troopers' Association, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Thank you and congratulations to the award recipients.

HELP WANTED:

Your WSPAA wants to become more involved in assisting the State Patrol maintain its history as well as that of the WSPAA. If you have an interest in doing this type research or maintaining this type of information, please let me know. We can always use this type of help. It makes a good winter project. If interested contact Scott at: sgklindemann@charter.net

ALUMNI



ASSOCIATION

EVENTS—Regularly Scheduled Gatherings

Second Monday of the Month– Aurora Hospital Cafeteria, 2845 Greenbrier Rd. 9:00 am– Join us for coffee. All are welcome.

First Thursday of the Month - Anyone retired from the State Patrol is invited. This is an informal gathering, no reservations needed, just show up at 9:00 am at the Green Lantern, McFarland, WI.

First Thursday of the Month - DOT Retiree Lunch at 11:30 am. Held at Monona Garden Family Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Road, Monona. No reservation needed.

Last Thursday of Even Numbered Months - WISDOT/DNR Retiree Breakfast at 9:30 am at "The Prime" in Trego, WI. Contact Connie Salquist (ConnieSalquist@yahoo.com).

Monthly — ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) - contact Dennis Schroeder for date, time, and location. The location varies but is generally in the North Central portion of the state. Everyone welcome. dennis@charter.net

Second Tuesday of each month — Retiree Breakfast at 7:30 am at the Hwy 51 Truck Stop (I-39 & CTH Q) south of Merrill. Contact Bill Harvey at lois3545@aol.com if you are attending.

Every Thursday — Eau Claire Retired Law Enforcement Breakfast Group, at 8:00a.m., any retired law enforcement officer welcomed. Held at VFW Post 305, 1300 Starr Avenue, Eau Claire, WI.

If you know of additional events or gatherings of State Patrol alumni, please let us know so we can post it for all to see or attend. Send these items to byoung@charter.net. Send items in as soon as you hear of them. Thank you.

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Full Membership: Any retired member or current employee (sworn or non-sworn) of the WSP Patrol who has successfully completed their initial probation or has honorably terminated his or her employment with the WSP

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