



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Members,

I hope this finds you all healthy and happy. It has been a challenging 2020, to say the least, I am so ready for it to be over. 2020 has been the year of postponements, cancellations, and rescheduling. We had to cancel our alumni/retiree day at the Academy this year, but hope to try to and schedule one in 2021. We will keep you posted. Your Board has not met since the corona virus hit, therefore, we have not made much progress in our endeavors. The scholarship committee was put on hold due to schools being remote, now that some schools are back in person, we hope to move forward on it. We are always open to suggestions for your association. Please contact us and let us know what we can do for you. We have merchandise for sale, go to our website [wspalumni.org](http://wspalumni.org), click the merchandise tab, there are photos of what we have available and an order sheet.

I am saddened to see the lack of respect towards Law Enforcement Officers today. I'm guessing most of us were threatened or falsely accused of something during our careers, but we continued to do our jobs. We all had that person that tried to intimidate us so we wouldn't write the ticket, or the person that cried and blamed us for ruining their life. I don't think any of us thought we would be liked all the time, but we didn't expect to be targeted and ambushed for no other reason than we wore a uniform. I am not naïve enough to believe all cops are good, or they can do no wrong, because they have a badge, but I know the majority of officers I have known are honest, caring, and have good ethics. We as retirees need to support our current Troopers/Inspectors. We need to let them know, that it is a hard time to be in law enforcement, but we understand and respect what they are doing. We all are The Thin Blue Line.

Stay healthy and be good,

Mary

## ***THE OLD HILLFARMS STATE OFFICE BUILDING STORY***

### ***A BIT OF HISTORY ABOUT THE STATE PATROL'S VARIOUS CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS LOCATIONS AND 60 YEARS AT HILLFARMS.***

WHEN KIM HURLEY ASKED ME TO WRITE ABOUT THIS SUBJECT, I'M SURE THAT SHE DIDN'T KNOW THAT I GREW UP A SHORT DISTANCE FROM HILLFARMS.

LET'S START WITH OUR FIRST HDQTRS. THAT WAS DURING WWII WHEN THE "BOW" WAS IN ITS FULL WORKS. THE BADGER ORDINANCE WORKS WAS A GOVERNMENT MILITARY MUNITIONS PLANT LOCATED ON HWY 12 BETWEEN SAUK CITY AND BARABOO. APPARENTLY IT WORKED WELL TO HAVE OUR HDQTRS THERE BEING CENTRALLY LOCATED AND MOST OF OUR PATROL OFFICERS WERE ASSIGNED THERE WORKING ESCORTING, ETC DETAILS AS PART OF THE WAR EFFORT. I HAD RELATIVES WORKING THERE AND RECALL THE TALK OF MANY AN EMPLOYEE QUICKLEY FIRED HAVING BEEN FOUND WITH SMOKING MATERIALS ON THEIR PERSON.

WHEN THE WAR ENDED AND BOW CLOSED DOWN, THE PATROL HQ MOVED TO THE WILSON STREET STATE OFFICE BLDG IN MADISON. MY FATHER WAS AN OFFICER (THEY CALLED THEM GUARDS THEN) WITH THE CAPITOL POLICE DEPT FROM 1945 TO 1975. I REMEMBER BEING WITH HIM AT WORK AND WALKING THE UNDERGROUND STEAM PIPES TUNNEL FROM THE CAPITOL TO THE WILSON ST BLDG.

IN 1961 THE STATE BUILT THE HILLFARMS STATE OFFICE BLDG TO HOUSE THE MOTOR VEHICLE DEPT ON SHEBOYGAN AVE AT SEGOE RD ON MADISON'S FAR WEST SIDE. IT WAS CALLED HILLFARMS, BEING ON A HILL AND IT WAS A FARM FIELDS AREA. THE PATROL MOVED IT'S HQ THERE IN 1964. THE PATROL ALSO OPERATED A CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS ROOM THERE, RESPONDING TO THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS COMM CENTERS.

I GREW UP WITHIN A MILE OF THERE IN A HOUSE MY FATHER BUILT IN 1940 ON PARK WAY ST NEAR ROSA RD. THE HILLFARMS AREA WAS IN THE CITY OF MADISON, BUT A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY WHERE WE LIVED WAS IN THE TOWN OF MADISON. BETWEEN US AND HILLFARMS WAS KNOCH'S GROCERY STORE AND JACK AND JOE'S TAVERN. I VISITED BOTH, BUT PROBABLY SPENT MORE TIME AT THE TAVERN - WITH DAD OF COURSE. ACROSS FROM HILLFARMS AND UNIVERSITY AVE WAS THE PRIVATE BLACKHAWK GOLF COURSE WHERE I DID A LOT OF CADDYING TIME.

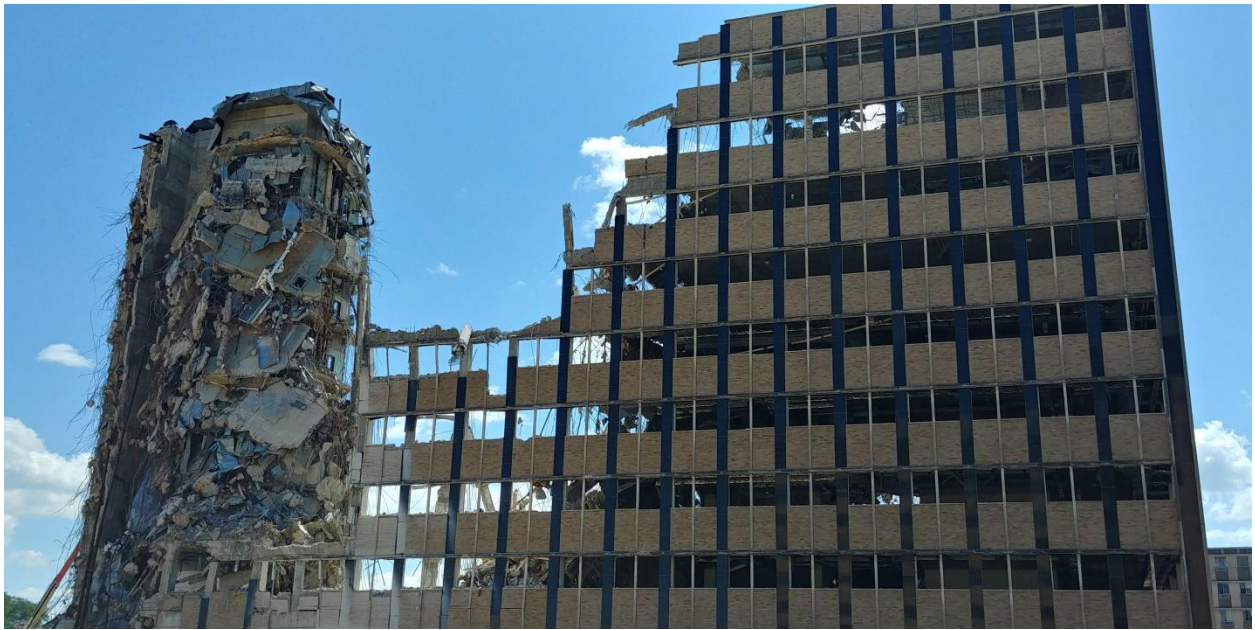
BACK TO THE PATROL -AFTER SOME 60 YEARS, IN 2018, THE OLD HILLFARMS BUILDING WAS DEMOLISHED AND THE NEW STATE OFFICE BLDG WAS CONSTRUCTED . OUR CENTRAL HQ IS THERE TODAY. THIS NEW BUILDING IS 600,000 SQ FT AND EMPLOYS 2,000 WORKERS FROM 10 DIFFERENT AGENCIES. IT HAS ITS OWN ADDRESS NOW AT 4822 MADISON YARDS WAY.

Mike Jennings

The destruction of central headquarters, built in the early 1960's.







Water cannons used to keep dust down during the destruction.



And then it was gone.

The Hill Farms State Office Building was built in 1962 & 1963 and completed for occupancy in January of 1964. The Motor Vehicle Department left the One West Wilson Street State Office Building beginning in January, 1964. The Enforcement Division (also known as the Wisconsin State Patrol) under the direction of Director/Colonel L. E. Beier, moved into either the third or second floor of the HF SOB in mid-January of 1964. Through the years we were on both floors and also got moved to the fifth floor. The name was also changed a few years later to Division of Enforcement and Inspection.

The State Patrol Radio Room on the 11th floor of the Wilson Street SOB also moved onto the same floor as the Enforcement Division in the new Hill Farms SOB in 1964. Later when District No. 1 was built in De Forest, the entire Radio Room moved out there, but some antennas and communications equipment were left and housed on top of HF SOB.

Other State agencies also moved into the new HF SOB--Public Service Commission was one of them, but cannot recall some of the others. A number of years later, the State went through a reorganization and the Department of Transportation was established which gave the Wisconsin State Patrol the new name of Division of State Patrol in February of 1980. Then Hill Farms SOB was renamed the Hill Farms State Transportation Building as the Department occupied the entire building.

Today one would not know there was an eight store office building on that site. That building never had a good heating or cooling system in it. Some parts of the building were like sitting in a freezer winter and summer, and other parts were passable. Maintenance never got the system running well.

Janet Sabatke

**Anniversaries** - EACH YEAR AT THE RETIREEE REUNION AT THE ACADEMY WE TRY TO HONOR THE 50 & 60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ALLUMNI ASSOC. MEMBERS. THERE WAS NO ACADEMY CLASS IN 1960. SO, THERE'S NO 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.

THE 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS FROM THE CLASS OF 1970 ARE;

GERALD BLOEDOW, OSHKOSH, WSP 649

WILLIAM DOXRUDE, STEVENS POINT, WSP 651

RICHARD LINDBECK, WEST BEND, WSP 660

JAN STEINBERGS, EAST TROY, WSP 675

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL.

Mike Jennings

Another Honor flight story from one of our WSPAA members-Terry Stewart.

### My Badger Honor Flight

I joined the Marine Corps on July 8, 1952 with a three year enlistment right out of High School. I spent one year in Korea.

Starting in 1959 I worked as a PRO-1 (Police Radio Operator One) and later as an Administrative Assistant, both with the Enforcement Division of the Motor Vehicle Department at the 1 West Wilson Street Office. I was 5 foot 8 inches tall and did not meet the 5' 9" minimum height requirement necessary to become a State Patrol Officer. It sometimes puzzled me when issuing new patrol cars I could look some Patrolmen straight in the eye (and even one of the two Majors). That height requirement has long since been changed.

On April 30, 2016 I was fortunate to go on a *Badger Honor Flight*. My daughter paid \$500.00 for the "privilege" of going as my Guardian. When I found that out, I reimbursed her the fee. It was an honor and a privilege to go and to have my daughter as my guardian. It was an overcast day, but fortunately it did not rain until we boarded the buses to return to the airport. We had four tour buses and two police motorcycle escorts. When we traveled from one place to another we went in a hurry with lights and sirens. It was a long and tiring day but a great day none the less. Like all the others who have gone on a *Honor Flight*, I was truly honored and very impressed. I will never forget the experience.

We were at the Tomb of the Unknowns for the noon hour changing of the guard. There was a very large crowd and many were vets in wheel chairs. The sentries were tall thin young soldiers armed with my old favorite, the M-1 rifle. But they had a bayonet fixed (attached). I had experienced rifle inspections many times but never with a fixed bayonet. It amazed me that the Sergeant conducting the ceremony was much shorter and a female. (the height thing again) All were extremely professional and full of "spit and polish". I was extremely impressed.

Shortly before the changing of the guard, the sentry walking his post stopped, turned, went to port arms and very loudly "chewed out" four young ladies in the stands near us who were whispering, giggling and not maintaining proper silence and respect. After that you could hear a pin drop as far away as the Potomac River.

During that noon hour changing of the guard two different civilian parties placed wreaths at the memorial. All were done with the aid and guidance of the sentries. The ultimate in dignity and respect was maintained at all times. The sounding of Taps always kind of brings a tear to one's eye, but that bugler was so good he could make you outright cry.

Like many others, I was very impressed by the Korean War Memorial. The life-like statues in combat gear walking in the brush was kind of eerie. And maybe the overcast day added to the scene. It brought back memories, some good and some not so good. A wreath was present at the site and we were told a Korean representative places a wreath there every day, rain or shine.

One of the largest crowds was at the Lincoln Memorial. And this old duffer walked up all those steps only to find out there was an elevator. Those in wheel chairs needed it more than I did. And we had lots of guys in wheel chairs. The two lady vets in our group were able bodied and needed no help.

The size of the crowd that welcomed us back to the Dane County Regional Airport was unbelievable. And the old style dance band was great. My kind of music!

It was a day I will never forget.

Stewart, Terrance W, Sgt USMC, 1318421, Sir!

Thank you for your service Terry.





## WSPAA MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Description	Size		Color	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
	ADULT	M/L/XL/XXL				
EMBROIDERED T-SHIRT	ADULT SIZES		HEATHER SPORT ROYAL		\$15.00	
11 OZ. CERAMIC COFFEE CUP					\$7.00	
20 OZ. TRAVEL MUG (Tumbler)					\$13.00	
CHALLENGE COIN - GOLD					\$10.00	
CHALLENGE COIN - SILVER					\$10.00	
WINDOW DECAL					\$5.00	

**Total**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: WSP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**SEND ORDER FORM TO: RUTH TIRY**

N8486 HAY CREEK ROAD  
WILLARD, WI 54493

**PLEASE ALLOW 4 – 6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL**

\_\_\_\_\_ *New member*      \_\_\_\_\_ *Membership Renewal*

**Membership year runs from January 1, through December 31.  
Deadline for renewal of your 2021 membership is March 1, 2021.**

***Please provide all information requested below. Thanks.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Current DSP Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_ Retired/Separated (Date): \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Rank/Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Recruit Class # \_\_\_\_\_ Badge# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Member: \$15.00/year or \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Member: \$15.00/year

***If you wish to pay multiple years, you may do so by multiplying the number of years by \$15.00.***

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