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WISCONSIN STATE PATROL 75th ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION

By now, I hope everyone knows the Wisconsin State Patrol will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary in 2014. A planning committee has been appointed and a variety of sub-committees has started planning a number of details for the anniversary. Sgt Scott Lindemann (retired) has been named the WSPAA representative to work with the steering committee. He provides information and names of other WSPAA members who could be of help to the sub-committees.

The WSPAA has developed a portion of our website dedicated to the anniversary. While a lot of planning information is distributed in the weekly "News Briefs", we sometimes forget where we read the info. We wanted to put all the anniversary information in one location so it will be easier to find. That can be found at www.wspalumni.org. Then click on the "WSP 75th" tab.

The Division of State Patrol wants your input and participation. A Commemorative Book is being published. Alumni are encouraged to have their photo taken and displayed in this book at no cost. There are a variety of opportunities to meet with the photographer to have a photo taken. See the web page for more details.

The deadline for the purchase of the Commemorative Book has been extended. Please check on this information in the notes below or on the web page.

Your best source for information about the anniversary activities and planning is to keep looking at the WSPAA web page. Please visit often.

In order to provide you with the latest, we have attached notes from a recent planning committee meeting below as reported by Scott.

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE UPDATE by Scott Lindemann

The sub-committees working on the 75th Anniversary project met May 29th at the State Patrol Academy to go over progress in their individual areas of the book. Lieutenant Voight chaired the meeting.

Trooper Andrew Hyer has asked for our assistance with gathering information, photographs, and stories for the book on the following topic areas:

- UW Madison Anti-War Protests – 1960's to 1970's
- Alexian Brothers/Novitiate Takeover – 1975
- Spearfishing Protests – 1988 to 1991
- UW Oshkosh Campus Riots – 1988 and 2000
- National Governor Association Conference – 1998
- Oktoberfest, LaCrosse – late 90's to 2000
- US Conference of Mayors – 2002
- Halloween Freak Fest, Madison – 2000's
- National Socialist Movement Rally at the Capitol – 2007
- Act 10 Protest – 2011
- State Fair – 2011

If you participated in a smaller event at the regional level, let him know as well. Trooper Hyer can be reached at: Andrew.Hyer@dot.wi.gov

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Just a reminder that Alumni photographs are scheduled to be taken at the Academy on Friday, September 13, 2013 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM as a part of the annual retiree luncheon. The photographer, Luann, will be available to take photos of alumni and family or group photos to purchase if individuals would like.

As a part of the 75th Anniversary Book project, Trooper Jennifer Austin has been tasked with compiling a list of the awards that have been received by Division employees from the creation of the State Patrol until 2014. We have a listing of the Division awards; however, there is no such database for international, national, statewide, regional and local awards. If anyone has any information on awards that Division personnel have received over the years, please send the information to Trooper Austin at: Jennifer.austin@dot.wi.gov

I have been advised by Lieutenant Voight that the deadline to place orders for the DSP 75th Anniversary Book has been extended. The new deadline is July 15, 2013. Please order your copy right away so we can ensure that we have enough pages to document all the material that will be submitted. The final number of pre-orders determines the number of pages allowed at final print. Please do not put this off and place your order today!!!



Sgt John Heffernan (Tim's son), Retired Trooper Tim Heffernan and Retired Inspector Mary Sander (Tim's daughter)

See the story of "Where are They Now" -page 4 in this Newsletter



Breathalyzer training at the Academy



State Patrol Officers personal cars used as Patrol squad cars before the State bought vehicles. Door shields were detachable then, early 1940's.

DSP HONOR GUARD by Sgt Rob Hartson

The unofficial DSP Honor Guard Unit (HGU) began its existence in the mid 80's in then District 3, the Fond du Lac Post. Under the approval of Captain Bill De Guire, Trooper Roger Jones selected a core group of dedicated individuals that trained and performed on very short notice. The primary duties consisted of funeral detail venues. The group saw changes over the years but remained status quo. Primary members and the driving force to continue the details were Troopers Jeff Liethen and Jim Reese. Some years later, there was a resurgence in the need for trained Honor Guard members. The Academy hosted two training sessions with members from around the State to form one statewide group. The initiative, while important and successful, did not fully function properly. In 2003, Sergeant Jeff Liethen assumed the duties as the statewide coordinator of the Honor Guard. A regimented training and selection process was conducted once again at the Academy under the supervision of Liethen, Reese, and other key members including Sgt. Doug Tuttle from the Sheboygan Co. Sheriff's Department. The new face of the HGU took shape. In 2010, the unit saw a change of command, when Sergeant Rob Hartson assumed the duties as primary statewide coordinator. In 2012, the unit was slightly revamped once again and continues with that look today.

Training for the Unit has varied over the years. Some members have attended formal training, like the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department Honor Guard School and the Wisconsin Honor Guard Association Basic Training. Others have obtained basic training from their military experience. Still others have received training in-house at Honor Guard in-service training sessions at the Academy. Currently, the HGU schedules four training sessions throughout the year that take place at the Academy. Training at these sessions include basic drill and ceremony, flags and rifles, parade formations, and casket postings. Training sessions are usually 8 hours in length, broken into two days allowing for travel time to and from the Academy.

Today, the Honor Guard Unit is 28 members strong with representation in each Region of the State. The main purpose of the HGU is to represent the DSP in ceremonial events. The HGU is an excellent public relations tool that shows exactly what the State Patrol is all about: honor, respect, and excellence as a premiere law enforcement agency.

The events are chosen, in large part, by what gives the DSP the greatest exposure. Functions such as agency conferences, highway openings, law enforcement graduations, parades, sporting events, and law enforcement memorial ceremonies are some of the details to which the HGU has been assigned. Some of the more notable events include: The Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial Sunrise Guard Mount and Ceremony, The Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony in Washington, D.C., The Association of American Motor Vehicle Administrators Conference, The National Governor's Association Conference (August 2013), Flag Day Parades, Milwaukee Bucks and Brewer's games, and numerous other outside agency events, as well as DSP and outside agency funerals.

In 2012, the HGU has made some significant accomplishments in several areas. These areas include: more frequent training opportunities, regional out-of-state representation at line-of-duty death funerals, the procurement of DSP's own agency flag (furnished by a donation from the Wisconsin Troopers Association), as well as participating in 30 details throughout the State in 2012.

Goals for the future include: continued and more regular training, new member recruitment, new uniforms, additional equipment, continued and expanded representation of the DSP by the Honor Guard at out-of-state line of duty deaths, a rifle and casket team, and the establishment of HGU Policy and Procedure guidelines.

The future of the DSP Honor Guard Unit is bright. As exposure to the public grows, more requests come in from outside agencies and entities. These agencies see the pride, respect, and honor put forth by the Honor Guard Unit and want that displayed at their events. The members of the HGU are proud to serve in this capacity, representing the DSP and all that it stands for in Wisconsin.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW

by Bruce Bishop

There are several instances where fathers and sons have made the State Patrol their careers. But in Cumberland, where Trooper Tim Heffernan spent the majority of his service, residents and friends joked that for the Heffernan family, the State Patrol was the family business.

Born eighty years ago in Cumberland, Tim graduated from high school, worked on small farms before becoming a Standard Oil delivery route man and from there becoming a State Trooper. He graduated with Academy 6th Recruit class in August of 1957 and was assigned WSP #273. His first assignment was in District #1 in Madison followed by District #5 in Medford. He settled in for the rest of his career in Cumberland where he and Carole, his wife of 48 years, took over the old Heffernan family farm. They updated the farm to accommodate themselves and proceeded to raise seven children, (six daughters and one son). Tim retired in July 1993 after 36 years of service.

But that wasn't the last of Heffernan Troopers. Thirty years after his Dad's graduation, son John, was a member of the 38th Recruit Class. He is WSP number #2082 and is currently a Sergeant on the Academy staff. Not to be outdone, daughter Mary graduated with 40th Recruit Class in November 1990 with WPS #2114. She recently retired after 22 years of service that included assignments in St. Croix and Pierce Counties, then to the Hudson Scale.

Tim has always been active in Cumberland community activities and in the Barron County Fair serving first as a volunteer and now in retirement as the full time Fair Manager. As a charter member of WSPAA, Tim serves on the Advisory Board and is also the Regional Representative for the Northwest Region. He and Carole enjoy hobby farming and being Grandparents to 16 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Tim marks his years on the road as being fulfilling and uncomplicated, made that way by good assignments, great associates, and working for reasonable and understanding supervisors.

We also chatted with John and Mary to get a little insight into what it was like to be a Trooper's child in a small town. Here are a few of their comments:

QR: What was it like growing up as a policeman's daughter in a city of 2,000?

MARY: First of all in Cumberland, with seven kids, the State Patrol was considered a family business and we loved it. Dad was looked up to in the community and we were well aware of that recognition. It made us proud.

QR: Do you think your Dad really liked his job?

JOHN: All I know is we never heard him say he didn't want to go to work today.

QR: Was Tim a tolerant and understanding father or a "toe the line or else" type?

JOHN: Not in the least, he gave us lots of rope, but we never knew where the end of it was.

QR: Along those lines, did that affect your behavior and make you careful not to sully the family name as teenagers might carelessly do?

JOHN & MARY: We never gave it a thought. We were raised to respect the laws and social morals.

We just weighed things in those family values. Tim, happening to be a Trooper, was just an extension of that.

QR: Did your Dad push you into becoming State Troopers.

JOHN & MARY: Not really, but his satisfaction with the job made it an easy choice. John knew from the time he was a teenager that he wanted to be in some type of law enforcement; state, county or local. His Dad's guidance, not Tim's insistence, caused him to choose the State Patrol. Mary's story is much the same backed up by the fact that her husband, James Sanders, is a St. Croix County Sheriff's Deputy.

So if you want to visit with a happy, but busy retired Trooper and his wife stop in at 1025 8th Ave. in Cumberland or call them at (715) 419-0630. Better yet, visit the Barron County Fair in July and ask to see the General Manager.

Thank you to the Heffernan family for many years of service to the State Patrol. Be sure to see the family photo elsewhere in this newsletter.

**WISCONSIN STATE PATROL
ALUMNI LUNCHEON**



Wisconsin State Patrol alumni and their families are cordially invited:

WHEN: Friday, September 13, 2013

TIME: 11:30 a.m. Lunch (cafeteria)
1:00 p.m. Program (Multi-purpose Room)

WHERE: Wisconsin State Patrol Academy
95 South 10th Avenue
Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5168

Cost for lunch is \$8.50 per person
Payable to: Department of Transportation, prior to August 30, 2013
VISA and Mastercard credit cards accepted the day of luncheon

- Return this portion-
The cost for the luncheon is \$8.50 per person.
Please respond no later than August 30, 2013

Make your check payable to: Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Number in attendance: _____ x \$8.50 = Amount enclosed: _____

Name(s): _____
(Print)

Return this portion to: Amy Kiernan
Wisconsin State Patrol Academy
95 South 10th Avenue
Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5168

WSPAA ANNUAL MEETING:

The 2nd WSPAA Annual Meeting will be held in the Multi-purpose Room at the Academy following the program presented by the Division. The agenda has not been finalized yet. Included will be the election of several officers, association reports, etc.

We encourage members and anyone interested to plan to attend. Get involved. Become a regional rep and/or an officer. This is your organization.



WSPAA TOUR OF BELOIT SCALE (Safety and Weight Enforcement Facility)

WEDS., JULY 10, 2013

10:00 – Tour with 1:00 Luncheon



Over 6,000 northbound heavy trucks pass this weigh station daily on average, about 22 percent of total northbound traffic.

The LaPrairie SWEF located near Beloit is the newest SWEF and has the latest in technology and an enclosed two lane inspection bay. Sergeant Eric Beine will give us a tour of the facility and explain new techniques for overseeing truck and public carrier enforcement.

The weigh station's spacious inspection garage has two inspection bays with pits that allow inspectors to walk under the truck's entire length.

Afterwards we'll go to Road Dawg Family Restaurant for lunch & socializing.

Beloit SWEF

Hwy I-39/90 MP 180

Town - La Prairie, Rock County

Traffic direction - North

Sergeant Eric Beine

Phone: (608) 758-6740

Road Dawg Family Restaurant

2956 Milwaukee Rd, Beloit, WI

(608)362-0777

To learn more about the scale, check out the Janesville Gazette's article:

<http://gazettextra.com/news/2008/jun/30/weigh-station-looks-tip-scales-toward-safety/>

Please notify W401@aol.com if you plan to come so we can make reservations for you.

Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association Summer Social

WISCONSIN MARITIME MUSEUM

Monday, August 5, 2013



Pack your periscopes and curiosity, and let's visit the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, the Great Lakes' premier maritime museum. We'll explore the rich history of surrounding Wisconsin's lakes and the Great Lakes region. Then we will learn about the sailors, shipbuilders, and submariners who made history. We'll even head down into the USS Cobia submarine !

The Plan:

10:00 – Sub tour and museum. Group tour price \$10.

75 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc WI 54220

(920)684-0218 or (866)724-2356

www.wisconsinmaritime.org

Noon - Sub sandwiches (self-pay).

1:00 – 2:00 Finish touring the galleries

2:00—4:00 Head to the renowned Harborside Restaurant for food and socializing. We will order from the lunch menu (no checks accepted there)

701 York St., Manitowoc; (920)684-5711

Please reserve your spot with Lucy Harvey (715) 848-3545 or LOIS3545@aol.com

EVENTS

Regularly Scheduled Gatherings:

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.

Last Thursday of Even Numbered Months - WISDOT/DNR Retiree Breakfast at 9:30 am at "The Prime" in Trego, WI. Contact Tim Heffernan (tprtim@charter.net).

Monthly— ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) - contact Larry Doxrude for date, time, and location. Everyone welcome. Larry Doxrude: ldoxrude@charter.net

Second Tuesday of each month—Retiree Breakfast at 7:30 am at the Hwy 51 Truck Stop ((I39 & CTH Q) south of Merrill. Contact Bill Harvey at lois3545@aol.com If you are attending.

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 bjyoung@charter.net. Send items in as soon as you hear of them. Thank you.

WSPAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ New Member OR

Street address: _____ Renewal

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Current DSP Assignment: _____ Retired/Separated: _____

Highest Rank: _____

Dues Paid : _____ Full Member OR Associate Member
\$15/year - (Check one)

Return to: Lyle Bliss, 1749 Mango St. NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905-3336

Membership Contacts: Mary Albedyll at mgalbedyll@yahoo.com OR

Lyle Bliss at LRBliss57@gmail.com

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