



1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 WSPAA Newsletter

## Presidents Message



Hello WSPAA Members:

I hope this finds you all healthy. Wow, what a strange and scary time we are going through, but hopefully it will be over by the time you read this. We will forever have new terminology in our vocabulary. We not only hear the terms “social distancing” and “flatten the curve”, but we know what they mean. The new norm seems to be no handshakes, no hugs, no sporting events, and everyone wearing face masks. Our way of life has been significantly altered. My hope is there will be some return to normalcy or at least be able to buy toilet paper and sanitizing wipes again.

Your Board of Directors has not been able to meet in person lately, but we continue to stay in contact by email or phone. The Board continues to work out details for scholarships. We are looking for suggestions or ideas. If you have any, please, let one of the board members know. We are looking for articles and photos for our newsletters. If you have an interesting story whether it is short or long, please forward it on to Kim at [kimwspaa@gmail.com](mailto:kimwspaa@gmail.com).

Please keep all retirees and current members of law enforcement in your thoughts and prayers. The summer may not look how we originally planned, but we will get through this.

Mary Sander – your WSPAA President

## Other Honor Flight Experiences

**From Orv Froh (2<sup>nd</sup> Recruit class)** - I too was privileged to go on the Veteran's Honor Flight on April 16, 2016 out of Milwaukee.

I went into the Army in 1953 as the Korean War was winding down. I went to Germany for 16 months. When I spoke with Amy Luft, an H/F board member, she said even though not in combat, you should go because you did put in your time. I was so glad I did and met so many veterans with so many stories.

After the flight I was invited to Lincoln Village, a senior housing place to chat with veterans. It was fun with about six vets recalling their experience of their service time.

I then decided to donate my copy of the Honor Flight book I had received to the Lincoln Village for their use.

May God Bless all of our veterans and active military service personnel.



**From Jim Parker (25<sup>th</sup> Recruit class)** - I served as an Air Force Security Police Officer, at Phan Rang Air Base, Vietnam, from August, 1969, to August, 1970.

I was on the 04/20/2019 Badger Honor Flight. My sentiments echo those of Rodney Day. It was an outstanding trip. My escort was my daughter, Jennifer Parker. We both had a wonderful trip.

I would strongly encourage anyone who is eligible for the Honor Flight to sign up for it as soon as possible. I believe that there may be as much as a 2 1/2 year wait for Vietnam veterans. Here is a link to the Honor Flight web site which contains all relevant information regarding the program and where you can download an application.

<https://www.badgerhonorflight.org/>

I am sending just one photo which shows my daughter and me at the Dane County Airport the morning of the flight. Other photos that I have available would mostly be similar to those submitted by Rodney.

Again, let me say that I strongly encourage anyone who is eligible and physically fit enough to make the trip to sign up ASAP!



## WPSAA BOARD Meeting Minutes on 11-19-19

At Wausau Post

**In Attendance:** Mary Sander, Phil Wenzel, Linda Woldt, Kim Hurley, Ray Sondelski, Lyle Sconzert, Dave Collins

**Meeting was called to order by President Sander at 10:17 a.m.** Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**-motion by Dave Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Wenzel

**New Secretary Appointment** -Kim Hurley was appointed as the new secretary replacing Gary Brogan. After several years of doing a dedicated and wonderful job, Gary asked to step down from the secretary's position. We cannot thank Gary enough for all of his dedicated efforts to doing a wonderful job for the membership.

**Regional Representative Changes** – Ruth Tiry is now a NW representative. Dave Collins is now a SW representative.

**Secretary's Report** – Gary has many old files from his years as secretary. It was determined that Gary will meet with Kim to pass on these files. Kim will then bring the files to the next board meeting. At the next board meeting the board will go through these files to determine what is to be kept and what will not be kept. Maybe Diane King can add some of these files to our WSPAA website if deemed appropriate. Board will decide where to keep other files.

**Financial Report** – current balance is \$13,981.68 states Treasurer Linda Woldt.

**Old Business** – A. 2019 Alumni Day Review

-Thank you note was sent to the Ft. Mc Coy Police Dept. Also, thank you email was sent to Academy Captain Matl.

-membership renewals get backed up. After discussion it was determined to keep them located in the same spot of the line.

-merchandise giveaways. Linda believes that she has the numbers of items sold and given away as prizes all matched up.

B. Changes/ideas for 2020 alumni day. Maybe get some prepaid visa cards to giveaway. Discussion on a fire arm raffle concluded with group agreeing not to do one for many reasons.

**New Business** – Member Tim Smith sent in a letter about “retiring the Stetson”. The letter was shared with board members. Tim’s idea was for a Stetson to be given to those retiring. Board decided that was not our decision as we do not purchase the Stetsons. Rather the Stetsons are bought by the Patrol and cost a lot of money. President Sander will get back to Tim with the board’s decision.

-we need regional representatives in the NE and SE regions. Some names were discussed and President Sander will reach out to these individuals.

-President Sander asked about photos for the newsletter. We discussed that we include some in the newsletter, but limit it in order to keep the newsletter from getting too large.

- Keith Young took some nice pictures at alumni day. However, when they were submitted to the Wisconsin Trooper’s Association for inclusion in the 2020 calendar we were advised the pictures were incorrect size and could not be used for the calendar. Discussion was on how we can prevent this from happening in the future. Kim took the sd card with the pictures and will get together with Ryan Zukowski of the Trooper’s Association to see what can be done.

- Phil presented some information he had for the WSPAA to have and offer their own scholarships. Kim had also done some research on the scholarship issue and added that along with some questions for consideration. Also, member Gwen Schneider had told Kim she would be willing to help out the WSPAA with scholarships as she has experience with the Trooper’s Association scholarships. President Sander asked Phil & Kim to work on this scholarship project together.

- Update on the Wisconsin State Patrol Memorial - Phil notified the board that the original saying for the memorial has to be changed. New sayings are in the works. Phil stated the State will pay for the base of the memorial and some lighting on the memorial.

- \$500 donation for the WSP honor guard from the WSPAA was made to Lt. Rob Hartson and Sgt. B Wrycha.

- Kim had learned of some new field equipment State Patrol officers now have. Trooper Sampson was kind enough to demonstrate the new tactical vest and ballistic helmet. Trooper Sampson also showed us the IFAK (individual 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit) carried on the tactical vest. Board members each took a turn lifting the new vest and all agreed it is very heavy.

- President Sander asked Kim to contact Diane King for changes to the WSPAA website reflecting the new representatives, new secretary and Ruth Tiry as the merchandise specialist. We are also asking Diane to put the date for Alumni Day 2020 on the website. Diane is also adding the 63<sup>rd</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> recruit classes under the recruit class tab.

## **Committee Reports –**

*Membership* – some members have not received their new membership cards yet. We are looking into this.

*News/Mailings* – nothing new reported by Kim.

*Clothing/Merchandise* – Linda has received the checks from Ruth for all sales. President Sander has asked Ruth to look into possibility of getting a small order of the t-shirts. Discussion was held on getting embroidered hats. A price was given, however Phil Wenzel said he had a contact he wished to get in touch with to see if we could get the hats at a better price.

*Regional Reports* – NW, SW, SE, NC nothing to report

NE – Lyle reported that Dave Catalano has a terminal disease.

**Roundtable** –Linda proposed phone calls to members on their birthdays. She offered to make the calls. First off Linda will come up with an email for Kim to send out to the membership and for the membership to reply to only Linda.

**Next Meeting** – March 24, 2020 10 am at Wausau Post. Any WSPAA member is welcome to attend.

**Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 2:29pm motion by Phil, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave.

## **Abbreviated April 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Due to COVID19 the WSPAA board did not meet in person. However, the board has been keeping in touch via phone and email.

1. Merchandise Report from Ruth Tiry – sales are slow at this time.
2. Memorial Report from Phil Wenzel – Preparation at the site is continuing on during coronavirus. La Crosse monument has asked for photo's all the way around (360 degrees) of a Trooper in

order to make a clay model of the proposed statute. Once the model is prepared it will need to be approved by the WSP monument committee.

3. Treasurers Report from Linda Woldt – current WSPAA balance is \$15,136.43. We still have 23 unpaid members.
4. NWR Report from Keith Young – nothing to report at this time.
5. SWR Report from Dave Collins – retired Colonel Chuck Teasdale and his wife bought a bar in Verona.
6. Secretary Report from Kim Hurley – other than these abbreviated minutes, there is nothing to report.
7. Communications Director Report from Kim Hurley – a newsletter is currently being worked on. Always looking for articles whether small or large to add to newsletters. If you have one or more please send them to Kim at [kimwspaa@gmail.com](mailto:kimwspaa@gmail.com).

### **EVENTS—Regularly Scheduled Gatherings;**

- 1). **2nd Monday of the Month**– Aurora Hospital Cafeteria, 2845 Greenbrier Rd., Green Bay, WI 9:00 am– Join us for coffee. All are welcome. Contact Lyle Sconzert (
- 2). **First Thursday of the Month** - just show up at 9:00 am at the Green Lantern, McFarland, WI.
- 3). **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](mailto:ConnieSalquist@yahoo.com)).

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 [kimwspaa@gmail.com](mailto:kimwspaa@gmail.com) Thank you.

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## WSP Deaths in 2020

1. **Herbert Hoehn** – died 1-19-20, survived by his children; Jim, Lynn, and Jeni. Herbert was a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> recruit class, badge #129.
2. **John M Bartol** – died on 1-30-20, survived by his wife Mary. John was a member of the 6<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #269.
3. **Brian Turner** – died on 2-12-20 at the age of 63. Brian is survived by his 2 brothers and 3 children; Michael Turner, Nathan Gilliam and Stacey Ferkin. Brian was a member of the 36<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #826.
4. **Gary Duffenbach** – died on 2-15-20 at the age of 75. He is survived by his wife Carol, daughter-Degra and Son Christopher. Gary was a member of the 16<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #503.
5. **Jack McMahon** – died on 2-26-20 at the age of 54. Jack is survived by his wife-Margaret, and Daughters Hannah & Maddy. Jack was a member of the 44<sup>th</sup> recruit class badge #'s 1786 & 2199.
6. **Thomas Harris** – died on 3-5-20. He is survived by his daughters Monica, Terie, and sons Thomas, Lance & Patrick. He was a member of the 9<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #326.
7. **Leo Sendelbach** – died on 3-29-20 at the age of 89. Leo is survived by his sons Pete, Mark, Joe, Mike, Tim, and Greg. He was a member of the 7<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #326.

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## The Mind of Retired Cop

### When Cops Retire

When a good cop leaves the 'job' and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. We know in the law enforcement life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet . We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the law enforcement world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing. Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the 'job' and merely being allowed to leave 'active' duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that 'Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called children of God,' and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

POLICE FRIENDS: Will forward this..

There are those that think they understand. And then . . .  
There are cops.

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL**

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

**Membership year runs from January 1, through December 31.  
Deadline for renewal of your 2020 membership is March 31, 2020.**

***Please provide all information requested on this form. Thanks.***

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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.*

**Amount Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make your check payable to: WSPAA, Inc. and return this form along with your check to: Linda Woldt, 3120 Breeze Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590.**

*For Inquiries on your Membership, please contact:*

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## 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**