

# WISCONSIN STATE PATROL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## SPRING NEWSLETTER



### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE 07/02/2021**

Greeting Members,

The world is slowly moving back to pre-pandemic times. It is so nice to be able to see friends and family. I for one couldn't be happier. I was reflecting on what made me happy and I remembered this from my days of patrolling the Interstate. I was clearing my sector one day and saw one lonely sunflower growing in the middle of a crossover. It made me smile that day and every day the rest of the summer. I found it somewhat ironic that on this concrete slab a little sunshine brightened my day in the form of a sunflower. The world and the Interstate can be a cruel & cold place, but if we stop to enjoy sunflowers and each other, life just might be a little brighter.

One thing that was worked on during the pandemic was our scholarship program. The committee members are Kim Hurley, Lucy Harvey, Janet Sabatke, and Phil Wenzel. They worked hard and fast to get the program up and running, so that the recipients could use it for the 2021 fall semester. They along with, our webmaster, Diane King designed very professional looking forms. We did get one applicant and she will be getting our first ever scholarship (more on that later). We hope, because we have a longer lead up time, we get a lot of applicants for the 2022 fall session. You can learn more about the scholarship program criteria and eligibility by going to our website at [wspalumni.org](http://wspalumni.org).

The Board is having a meeting on September 21, 2021 10 a.m. at the Wausau Post. You are all welcome to come. It's been 2 years since we were able to meet, so we will have some catching up to do. Should you have anything you would like to see your board work on please contact me.

Mary



**Inaugural WI State Patrol Alumni Association Scholarship Winner**



Pictured is Joseph Jakubicz (newest WSPAA board member) congratulating Gracie Reese on winning the inaugural WSPAA memorial scholarship.

The winner of the inaugural WI State Patrol Alumni Association (WSPAA) Memorial Scholarship is Gracie Reese. Gracie will receive \$500 from the William Harvey Memorial Scholarship and \$500 from the Bruce Bishop Memorial Scholarship. Help us in congratulating Gracie.

Gracie is the daughter of Trooper James Reese. Gracie graduated from Oostburg High School with a grade point average of 3.723. Gracie will be attending Marian University in Fond du Lac where she will be studying forensic science. Gracie's goal is to become a member of the FBI's evidence response team. Gracie has wanted to go into the criminal justice field since she was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Gracie wants to live a meaningful and impactful life by growing her relationship with God and serving society by making the world a better & safer place.

Below is Gracie's essay on the question of "The role of Law Enforcement in Society Today".

“While many people’s views of the role of law enforcement have changed in the past couple of years, in my opinion, it is still fundamentally the same. Law enforcement professionals have a duty to protect and serve their communities in order to make the world a safer place. That is the oath that they swore to uphold when they raised their right hand and pinned a badge on their chest. While completing this mission, the men and women of law enforcement have to remember to treat their customers with dignity and respect. Hard work, dedication, and flexibility play a role in the many different duties they have. For example, depending on the situation a police officer may need to act as a social worker, a mechanic, or a doctor/paramedic. They wear whatever hat(s) the public needs them to in order to get the job done. They rely heavily on their training and experience to help them accomplish their mission. The ultimate goal of any peace officer is to make it home safely at the end of their shift. Sadly, this is not always the case and being an officer of the law requires one to be ready to accept their fate, should that be God’s plan for them. The men and women of law enforcement help our society to run properly. Without police officer’s and other law enforcement professionals, society would fall apart. The work that law enforcement does help create and sustain peace in communities that otherwise wouldn’t have it.”

We wish to thank Gracie for taking the time to put together her application materials and submit them for our inaugural scholarship. Again congratulations Gracie. Good luck to you in achieving your professional goal.

I would also like to thank Lucy Harvey & Janet Sabatke for their tremendous help in getting this inaugural scholarship off the ground. They were instrumental in creating the scholarships with their wisdom and insight. And it was accomplished in a very short time. I also want to thank our judges for their time and assistance in evaluating the applicant’s materials.

In February 2022 we will put out information on our website ([wspalumni.org](http://wspalumni.org)) for the 2022 scholarship(s).

Kim – Secretary

One of Jim Ford's good buddies sent in the "Scale Diagram" of fleet accident, Car 158 vs. Deer:



A couple segments from 1970's Roadrunner bulletin.

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DICK ZYLMAN, REPLETE WITH  
HIS TAM, BEARD AND GREEK  
OOHMPAUL PIPE, WAS A GUEST  
OF THE BUREAU IN LATE  
MARCH--DICK, IN CASE YOU  
DIDN'T KNOW, IS PROBABLY  
THE BEST BRATWURST-FRYER  
TO COME OUT OF SHEBOYGAN  
SINCE ORV FROH.....

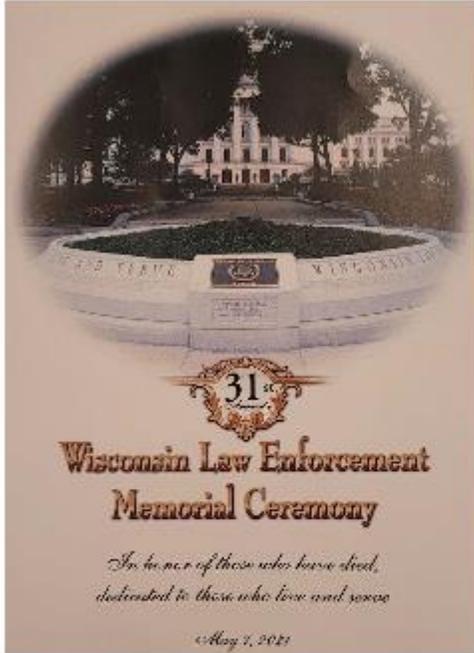
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# Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony

Madison, Wisconsin

May 11, 2021



Photos by Dave Collins

## **2021 Deaths**

1. Margaret Kmiotek – died on 2-5-21 at the age of 100. She was a secretary at Hill Farms. Survived by her children; Stephanie, Michael, and Linda.
2. Don Bloedow – died on 2-10-21 at the age of 86. Don was a fleet manager for 25 yrs. Survived by his son Steve, Don's brother – Robert and Don's sister – Ruby.
3. Jerome Klug, died on 2-11-21. He was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> recruit class, age #96. He is survived by his daughters Kathee & Lynda, and his son-Douglas.
4. Gerald Buss, died on 3-11-21 and is survived by 9 children.
5. Lloyd Vollmar, age 57, died on 3-14-21. He was a member of the 39<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #'s 1716 & 2158. He is survived by his wife Cheryl and daughters-Laura & Shahaley.
6. Erwin Bullette, age 97 died on 4-4-21. He was a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> recruit class, badge #157. He is survived by daughters Nancy, Linda and Lisa, and his son-Tim.
7. Arlene Kirschesh, age 88 died on 4-9-21. She is survived by her sons Craig & Brad.
8. James Waydick, age 92, died on 4-9-21. He was a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> recruit class, badge #63. He is survived by his wife-Janice and children-Shari, Sue, Stephanie, Jeff, Stacey, Jim, Tammy, and Teresa.
9. Leon Long age 86, died on 5-7-21. He is survived by his wife-Caroline and his children-Julie, Steven, Larry and 6 grandchildren.
10. Scott Erdman, age 51, died on 5-27-21. He is survived by his wife Beth, and his children-Alyssa, Ben & Jake.
11. Scott Lindemann, age 72, died on 6-14-21. He was a member of the 23<sup>rd</sup> recruit class, badge #748.

No meeting minutes to report as the board has not met in almost 2 years. However, we will be meeting on 9-21-21 at the Wausau Post.

Merchandise report from Ruth is that sales are currently slow. And that we have no gold challenge coins at this time.

Treasurer's report: Checking account balance on May 31<sup>st</sup> was \$19,033.75.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL

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*New Member*       *Membership Renewal*

**Membership year runs from January 1 through December 31  
(the deadline for renewal of your membership is March 1)**

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

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

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Return this form along with your check to:

Linda Woldt  
3120 Breeze Drive  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

*For inquiries on your membership, please contact:*

Membership Coordinator: Mary Sander ([mamabear6615@gmail.com](mailto:mamabear6615@gmail.com))  
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Visit our website: <http://wspalumni.org>



# 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					\$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: LINDA WOLDT

3120 BREEZE DR  
 SUN PRAIRIE, WI 53590

PLEASE ALLOW 4 – 6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY