

WISCONSIN STATE PATROL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

3rd Quarter Newsletter

President's Message



I would love for you to join me on September 6th at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy for retiree/alumni day. Sign in starts the day at 9:30 am. It is a wonderful opportunity to see old friends and catch up with one another.

The Superintendent will be giving us the Division update and we will also have our annual meeting with elections. There will be an opportunity to buy some alumni association merchandise. And don't forget the raffle prizes. This year we will have lots of prizes for you to have a chance to win. Some of the raffle prizes are gift cards from Olive Garden, Dunkin Donuts & Dunham's. There will be gift baskets from O'Reilly auto parts, Mullins Cheese, Knowlton House, and Fleet Farm. One lucky winner will win a Camper's World lounge chair or a ½ day guided fishing trip or a 1 night stay at Holiday Inn and passes to Knuckle heads in the Dells. And there will be more raffle prizes in addition to the already mentioned ones.

Please accept my invitation to join me on September 6th by completing the registration form and the Fort McCoy information form. Please send the completed forms to Treasurer Linda Woldt.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Mary S. - Your WSPAA President

National Law Enforcement Memorial 2024 Police Week Wreaths

Purchased by the Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association honoring our fall heroes



Deborah McMenamin



William Schoenberger



Donald Pederson



Gary Powless

Meet your new Southeast Region Representatives



Anne Maxson



Dave Hanson

2024 Spooner CCW Shoot photos



Pictures courtesy of Keith Young

Summer Social at Lambeau Field



Green and Gold Day

I was born to a father who is a true Green Bay Packer fan. He later married my stepmother who turned out to be an even greater Packer fan. So needless to say, I was born and raised to love my Packers. I have also raised my children and now grandchildren to love and cheer for the Packers. So, when I got the invitation from the Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association for the Green and Gold Day, I thought of my son first.

I sent the invite to my son to see if he wanted to go with me. He and his wife are both teachers and would be done with school by that time. My son said he and his family would all love to go. I so looked forward to spending the day with my son and his family along with retired Wisconsin State Patrol employees.

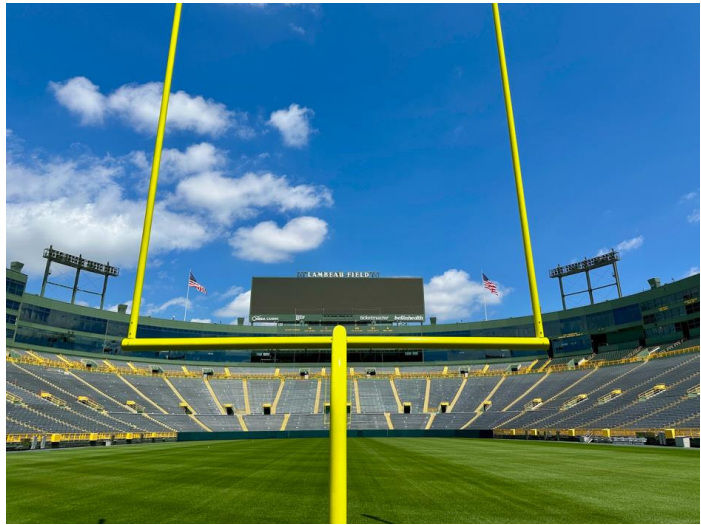
On Tuesday, June 18, I headed to Waukesha to meet up with my family. From there we headed up to Green Bay for an exciting experience. I wanted to go to the Packer Hall of Fame as long as I can remember so I was very excited.

We arrived at 10 a.m. and went to the registration table. Lucy Harvey was at the table greeting us. It was nice to speak with her that day. She made it a point to come and talk with us several times. What a wonderful hostess.

We took the self-guided tour through the hall of fame and enjoyed it at our own pace. Since we had two children in our group, it was nice that they could see all of these things without impeding the flow of others. Then we all met as a group to take the tour through the stadium. We went into a sky box, then down into the lower level by the locker rooms. We then got to experience going through the tunnel out onto the field. It was such a great experience.

I cannot thank the WSPAA enough for organizing this trip for us. What a great family experience we had. Thank you to Ron Wolfe and Lucy Harvey for putting this event together. I don't think I would have ever seen the Packer Hall of Fame if it had not been for this event. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible.

Gwen Schneider



A big thanks to Lucy Harvey, John Wolfe and all those who helped organize the WSPAA summer social event. The Packer Hall of Fame and Lambeau Field tour have been on my bucket list for a long time! My son even gave me a gift card for Christmas several years ago, which said "for the Packer Hall of Fame, Stadium Tour and get a brat too.

The opportunity never came. It was just too far for a day trip, and it was hard to justify a motel for a few hours at the stadium. Then the invitation camethe WSPAA is having a summer social event at Lambeau Field. This is it. I am in, friends, food and fun. Holiday Inn Express booked me for one night in Green Bay!

I arrived in Green Bay around noon, sunny and ninety degrees, so much for the Frozen Tundra. Upon arrival to the stadium, there was Mike, Sandy, Dave, Lucy, John, Jeff, Dave, Brian, Dan, Kim, Dave and others. It was awesomefriends!!

We had great tour guides, Rick and Linda, both retired teachers. This is what I learned; 1) Lambeau Field is more than twenty stories below street level, 2) the aluminum benches will not be replaced with single chairs because the change would reduce the seating capacity by 8,000. Not a single season ticket holder would be willing to give up their seat. 3) Bryan Vergin likes to

hunt and fish, 4) Dave Collins rides a zillion miles on his bicycle, 5) Mike Klingenberg is still camping at Minong, 6) Dan Grueble is busy with his kids sport schedule, 7) Sandy and Dave Huxtable did not bring their son to the event, it was their grandsons (oops}, and 8) Lucy Harvey is looking for a different car (Subaru).....etc.etc.

Lunch was at Kroll's. Which is close to the stadium with easy access. The food and service was wonderful. Kroll's is known for their home cooking and generous portions.

What a fun day..... ☺ Jeff Lorentz

June 11, 2024 WSPAA Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance; Mary Sander, Phil Wenzel, Linda Woldt, Kim Hurley, Ruth Tiry, Keith Young, Ray Sondelski, Dave Collins, Dave Hanson, and Anne Maxson.

Excused: Paul Matl, Joseph Jakubicz, Ron John Wolfe

Meeting called to order at 9:58 AM

Motion to accept agenda made by Ray, a 2nd was by Linda, motion passes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Secretary's Report – we are still at ten snail mail members. Some are those without email addresses and some have had difficulty receiving our emails. Kim mentioned getting a business account at Office Depot where we would get discounts on items needed for the executive board & history committee. Board said Kim should get the business account. Motion by Dave C. to accept the secretary's report and 2nd was made by Ray. Motion passes.

Scholarship Report – Kim reported that six applications packets had been sent in. However, one of the individuals was disqualified and was notified of their disqualification. Motion by Linda to accept the scholarship report and a 2nd was made by Anne. Motion passes.

Financial Report - Linda reported that there are 33 people signed up for the summer social at Lambeau field. She also said our expenditures are more than what we are

taking in. Our checking balance is a \$2222.85. Motion made by Dave C. that excess monies for Green Bay go to the general fund. A 2nd was made by Dave H., motion passes.

Our by-laws state that there should be an annual audit of our checking and savings accounts. The last audit was done two years ago. Linda will check with Gwen Schneider and Janet Sabatke to see if they will assist her again. Mary asked that it be done by alumni day.

Linda brought up lifetime memberships as a member had said something to her. After discussion it was agreed upon that it will be brought up at alumni day and we'll see what the membership thinks. At the next board meeting the amount will be finalized.

Merchandise Report – Ruth advised that the vendor states we need to have a minimum order of 24 shirts in an order. Mary & Ruth worked on the numbers of shirts and hats that would be ordered for alumni day. We have enough in stock of the other items. Ruth has been having trouble in receiving emails from Queensboro promotions. Kim asked if we should promo our items in Queensboro to the current recruit class and the answer was yes. Motion made by Kim to accept the merchandise report. A second was made by Ray, motion passes.

Alumni Day giveaways – Ray needs our tax exempt number for some of the donors he has spoken to. He has 3 committed donors so far – from Mullins Cheese, Knowlton House distillery and a fishing guide. Phil will contact some vendors in the Dells area.

History Committee Report – Dave C. sent an email to Tim White (who is the representative for the Troopers Benevolent Fund) to clarify that we want three storage cases and one wardrobe closet. The WTA is willing to spend up to \$10,000 to buy these items for us. We probably will not have them by alumni day. Mannequins have been ordered and cost us about \$700. They will be delivered to Joseph's house. Dave Harvey will get us a thumb drive of photos that will be used on the t.v. in the lobby area for alumni day. Motion by Ray to accept the history committee report was made and a 2nd by Phil. Motion passes. Submitted by Secretary Kim Hurley.

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 9:00am at the Green Lantern, McFarland, WI.
- **Last Thursday of Even Numbered Months** - WISDOT/DNR Retiree Breakfast at 9:30am at "The Prime" in Trego, WI. Contact Connie Salquist, ConnieSalquist@yahoo.com.

2024 Deaths

1. Phillip M McCoy, age 70 died on February 13th. He is survived by his wife Susan and stepdaughter Richelle. Phillip was a member of the 32 recruit class, badge numbers 986 & 1551.
2. Bonnie Burghaus, died on 3-25-24. 32nd recruit class, badge numbers 992 & 1541.
3. James Smetana, age 92 died on 4-25-24. He was a member of the 4th recruit class, badge #236. He is survived by his children James, Paul, and Randolph.
4. Roger Steiner, died on 4-30-24. He was a member of the 13th recruit class, badge #434. He is survived by his kids Allen & Natalie.
5. Wally Landree, died on 6-17-24. He was a member of the 31st recruit class, badge numbers 978 & 1524. He is survived by his wife – Donna, children – Kodie, Krista, Kelsie & Adam.
6. Mike Moe, age 76, died on 6-4-24. He worked in the radio shop in Madison. He is survived by his wife – Deborah and children – Bryan & Mathew.
7. Don Dionne, age 78, died on 7-14-24. He was a member of the 18th recruit class. He is survived by sister – Mary, brothers – John & Mike.

See you all on September 6th at the Academy