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Trooper Eric D. Holbrook



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Colonel's Letter



The Patrol has always been, and will continue to be, at the cutting edge of law enforcement techniques, community engagement and taking care of our personnel. Having had the recent opportunity to speak with many of you provided me with a chance to see how passionate and selfless our current workforce and retirees are. The conversations we had, and my subsequent dialogues with senior staff, ignited a flame which is fueling the fire we need to remain a premier law enforcement agency.

My command philosophy is founded on two-way communication and these conversations are critical to our collective success. We are always looking for ways to improve, and consistent communication with our employees, past and present, is key to accomplishing our mission. I look forward to implementing many of the ideas brought forth by all of you. Your suggestions will help us prepare ourselves for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

In December, we opened the new Warren District Headquarters. The open house and ribbon cutting provided a finish line, one we have waited 2.5 years to cross. I am confident that this building will enable us to continue to meet our mission objectives, and serve as an integral member of the Warren community for many years to come. Community engagement and community policing are two concepts that will always be invaluable to the Patrol. It is my hope that all personnel will actively seek new opportunities to engage their communities to make an impact. The influence we have in our communities is real, and we must seize every opportunity ahead of us.

As we begin another year, I want to stress the importance of leadership. Leadership is not a title, it's a presence. It's the result of incredible work by inspired individuals. Patrol personnel, active and retired, were selected by their peers to represent them in the 2019 Leadership Awards. Each of the nominees were outstanding examples of performance, dedication and most importantly leadership. They raised the bar, and inspired others to surpass the highest standard. This devotion to the mission is the heart and soul of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. No matter your role, each of you contributed to the mission and you did this by giving your best each and every day. Your continued efforts are vital to preserve our legacy. Your devotion to duty will continue to make a difference and embolden the lives of those we serve.

Words cannot accurately express how humbling it is for me to serve as your superintendent. This is an unparalleled honor and a tremendous responsibility I do not take lightly. Thank you for everything you do and keep up the solid work that continues to be the pinnacle standard of law enforcement. Be safe, take care of your families, and take care of each other.

Colonel Richard S. Fambro
Superintendent



3. Warren Post Open House

The Warren District Headquarters hosts an open house and ribbon cutting.

4. Leadership Awards

The Patrol celebrates the 2019 Leadership Awards.

12. Around the State

Districts participate in community events around the state.

Warren Opens New District Headquarters

On December 18, local and state officials attended the ribbon cutting and open house at the Patrol's new Warren facility in Southington. The new location is the culmination of a construction project which began more than two years ago. The event was attended by Ohio Senator Sean J. O'Brien, Ohio Representative Gil Blair, Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath, and Patrol Superintendent Colonel Richard S. Fambro.

"Today could not have been possible without everyone working together to achieve a common goal," Colonel Fambro said. "I am confident that this building will enable us to continue to meet our mission objectives and serve as an integral member of this community for many years to come."

The original Warren Post was established in 1935 in a house on Parkman Road. At that time, the state was divided into five districts, with Warren located in District B. George Mingle, who would later serve as superintendent, was the post commander at that time. In 1940, the post moved to U.S. 422 and by that time Harvey Anderson was in command of three patrolmen.

In 1943, Anderson resigned and Corporal Charles Shaw took over command. The next year, the Warren Post moved to Summit Street in Warren. The post employed five troopers, with three patrol cars and two motorcycles. The post moved to its next location in 1951 and was designated as District Headquarters in 1953. In 2006, the Warren Post was dedicated to Colonel Kenneth B. Marshall, the 12th superintendent of the Patrol.

The new Warren Post/Warren District Headquarters opened in November 2019 and houses both the post and district offices. The Warren District encompasses seven counties – Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Portage, Geauga, Ashtabula and Lake.



Trooper of the Year



Trooper Eric D. Holbrook, of the Circleville Post, earned top honors as the 2019 State Trooper of the Year. He was selected from nine District Troopers of the Year across the state. Trooper Holbrook exemplifies what it means to be a trooper and is a leader among his peers.

Trooper Holbrook has established himself as a resource to the Patrol and the community he serves. His strong character, teamwork and leadership are on display during his daily operations. He is always willing to help anyone, no matter the need. Trooper Holbrook is focused on removing impaired drivers from Ohio's roadways. He is a leader in safety belt enforcement, case investigation and enforcement. Trooper Holbrook is actively involved with his church as a third grade teacher in the Sunday school program. He also volunteers by overseeing small group organizations in his church and his community.

Trooper Holbrook joined the Patrol in September 2012 as a member of the 153rd Academy Class. He earned his commission in February of the following year and was assigned to the Jackson Post. In 2018, he earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement. He was selected as Post Trooper of Year twice and District Trooper of the Year in 2019. He earned the Criminal Patrol Award twice. As a trooper, he also served at the Chillicothe Post.

Trooper Holbrook earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Shawnee State University in 2011.

Dispatcher of the Year



Dispatcher Mitchell P. Saunders, of the Jackson Dispatch Center, earned statewide honors as the 2019 Dispatcher of the Year. He was selected from nine District Dispatchers of the Year across the state. His calm demeanor, positive attitude and commitment to service distinguished him from the other nominees.

Communications professionals are often the first point of contact for the public when need arises. Dispatcher Saunders strives to provide the highest level of service to the public, his co-workers and the troopers on his shift. He has garnered praise for his teamwork.

Dispatcher Saunders joined the Patrol in March 2011 and was assigned to the Wilmington Dispatch Center. He was selected as Post Dispatcher of the Year three times and District Dispatcher of the Year in 2019. As a dispatcher, he was also assigned to the Athens Post and Jackson District Headquarters.



Ohio Investigative Unit Agent of the Year

Thomas A. Dalton, of the Cincinnati District Office, was selected as State Agent of the Year out of six District Agents of the Year across the state.

Agent Dalton joined the Ohio Investigative Unit in July 2010 and has been assigned to the Cincinnati District Office throughout his career. He enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 2011 and currently serves in the Air Force Reserve.

Robert M. Chiaramonte Humanitarian Award

Trooper J-Vonne D. Humphreys, of the Canton Post, was honored with the Robert M. Chiaramonte Humanitarian Award, which recognizes officers dedicated to humanitarian causes on the highway and in their communities.

Trooper Humphreys created the A.L.P.H.A program, which stands for Accomplishing, Leadership Principles, Honoring, Achievement, with the Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility which houses boy juvenile offenders. The program is centered on four aspects of depth; emotional, mental, physical and spiritual and is a series of weekly conversations led by Trooper Humphreys to get participants to think critically as well as understand various transitions throughout life.

On his own time, Trooper Humphreys visits the facility and teaches the juvenile offenders using relatable examples of manhood, statistics and truth from reliable sources in the curriculum. He also uses visual aids to help illustrate his points and contemporary inputs to keep the experience relevant for the offenders. Empowering titles or monikers

are utilized during the program to help lead the offenders toward greater self-respect and inner strength. He coaches the offenders in communication skills and styles, ultimately seeking to grow troubled boys into men of honor.

Trooper Humphreys joined the Patrol in April 2017 as a member of the 162nd Academy Class. He earned his commission in September of that year and was assigned to the Canton Post. As a trooper, he also served at the Cleveland Post.



Colonel Thomas W. Rice Leadership Award

Sergeant Kyle L. Mackie, of the Lancaster Post, was honored with the Colonel Thomas W. Rice Leadership Award, which is presented to one sworn supervisory officer for outstanding leadership. The award is sponsored by the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association and is in honor of former Patrol Superintendent Thomas W. Rice.

Sergeant Mackie's leadership and enthusiasm was immediately apparent from his first day as a sergeant at the Lancaster Post, and continues to be instrumental to the growth and success of the post. He is eager to accept additional responsibilities and has developed a reputation for doing what is right both on and off duty. He continues to develop his troopers and challenges them to reach their potential and get the most out of their careers. Sergeant Mackie is active in his church as a member of the safety and security team. He participates in several annual community events including the annual backpack giveaway, which provides free backpacks with school supplies for children in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Sergeant Mackie began his Patrol career in June 2005 as a member of the 145th Academy Class. He earned his commission in January of the following year and was assigned to Capitol Operations. In 2010, he earned the Criminal Patrol Award and was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 2013. As a trooper, he also served at the Circleville Post. In 2014, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the West Jefferson Post to serve as an assistant post commander.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from Ohio Dominican University in 2001.



Criminal Patrol Award

Trooper Matthew D. Boyer, of the Warren District Criminal Patrol K-9 Unit, earned the Colonel Paul A. Pride State Criminal Patrol Award for conducting the most felony case investigations with 118, which led to 140 felony arrests in 2019.

The majority of his cases were drug related. Throughout 2019, his criminal seizures included 48 pounds of marijuana, 21 pounds of methamphetamine, 20 firearms, and \$21,000 in cash.

Trooper Boyer joined the Patrol in March 2015 as a member of the 158th Academy Class. He earned his commission in September of that year and was assigned to the Lisbon Post. He earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement twice and the Criminal Patrol Award four times. As a trooper, he also served at the Canfield, Canton and Akron posts.

Trooper Boyer earned an Associate degree in criminal justice from the University of Akron in 2014.



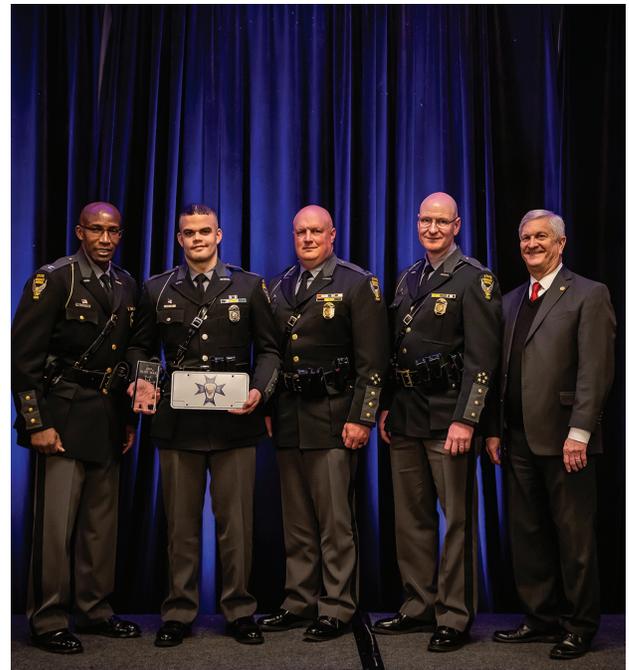
MCEI of the Year



Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Jason L. Whorton, of the Piqua District Commercial Enforcement Unit, was selected as Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector of the Year.

MCEI Whorton began his state career with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction in October 2010 as a correction officer at the London Correctional Institution. He joined the Patrol in January 2016 as a motor carrier enforcement inspector and has been assigned to the Piqua District Commercial Enforcement Unit throughout his career.

Blue Max Award



Trooper Tyler L. Boetcher, of the Chillicothe Post, earned the Blue Max Award for recovering the most stolen vehicles of any trooper in 2019. Throughout the year, he recovered 13 stolen vehicles valued at \$212,000, which resulted in the apprehension of 12 suspects.

Trooper Boetcher joined the Patrol in September 2015 as a member of the 159th Academy Class. He earned his commission in March of the following year and was assigned to the Lebanon Post. In 2017, he earned the Criminal Patrol Award. He has also earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement three times.

Employee Recognition Award



Administrative Professional 1 Michelle A. Hall, of the Milan Post, received the award presented annually to recognize excellence by a professional employee.

She joined the Patrol in October 2005 as a secretary and was assigned to the Norwalk Post. She served in the United States Marine Corps from 1998 to 2002.

Police Officer of the Year



Police Officer 2 Matthew L. Roaden, of Capitol Operations, was selected as Police Officer of the Year. Officer Roaden joined the Patrol in February 2008 and was assigned to the Shipley Building. In 2009, he was promoted to a Police Officer 2 and transferred to the Expo Center.

Ohio Trooper Recognition Award

Trooper David A. Norman, of the Cleveland District Criminal Patrol Unit, earned the Ohio Trooper Recognition Award. He was selected from nine district recipients across the state. The award recognizes excellence among troopers who are assigned to specialty positions. He joined the Patrol in February 1994 as a member of the 126th Academy Class. He earned his commission in July of that year and was assigned to the Mansfield Post. In 1999, he was selected as Post and District Trooper of the Year. In 2009, he earned the Trooper Recognition Award. He earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement three times. He also earned the Criminal Patrol Award four times. As a trooper, he also served at the Wooster and Ashland posts, and the Bucyrus and Warren district criminal patrol units. Trooper Norman earned an Associate of Arts degree in education from the University of Akron in 1993.



Family Member Recognition Award



Cheryl L. Robison, Piqua District, was awarded with the Family Member Recognition Award. She is the wife of Sergeant David Robison and is heavily involved in her community. She devotes much of her time serving others and often takes mission trips to other countries to assist those with basic needs. She volunteered a large part of her time during the Memorial Day tornado outbreak, with Red Cross and many other organizations.

Distinguished Retiree Award



Retired Staff Lieutenant Morris L. Hill Jr., Bucyrus District, was awarded with the Distinguished Retiree Award. Retired Staff Lieutenant Hill was with the Patrol for 29 years and after retiring, he became an associate pastor. His compassion, work ethic, integrity and love for others is genuine. His legacy in retirement has been about serving others which personifies the Patrol's core values.



ET of the Year Award

Electronic Technician 3 Joshua J. Goins, Jackson District Electronic Technician Unit, was selected as Electronic Technician of the Year. An Electronic Technician 3 supports the Division by testing, maintaining, aligning and programming many types of communications and electronic equipment. Such equipment consists of radios, radars, lasers, facility video security systems and all electronic related equipment within a facility or vehicle.

Electronic Technician 3 Goins joined the Patrol in July 2007 as a Clerk 1 assigned to the Wilmington District Driver Exam Station. In 2011, he served as a Stationary Load Limit Inspector with the Wilmington District Commercial Enforcement Unit. In 2012, he was promoted to an Electronic Technician 1 and transferred to the Electronic Technician Unit. In 2015, he was promoted to an Electronic Technician 2 and transferred to the Jackson District Electronic Technician Unit. In 2017, he was promoted to an Electronic Technician 3 and remained at the Jackson District Electronic Technician Unit.

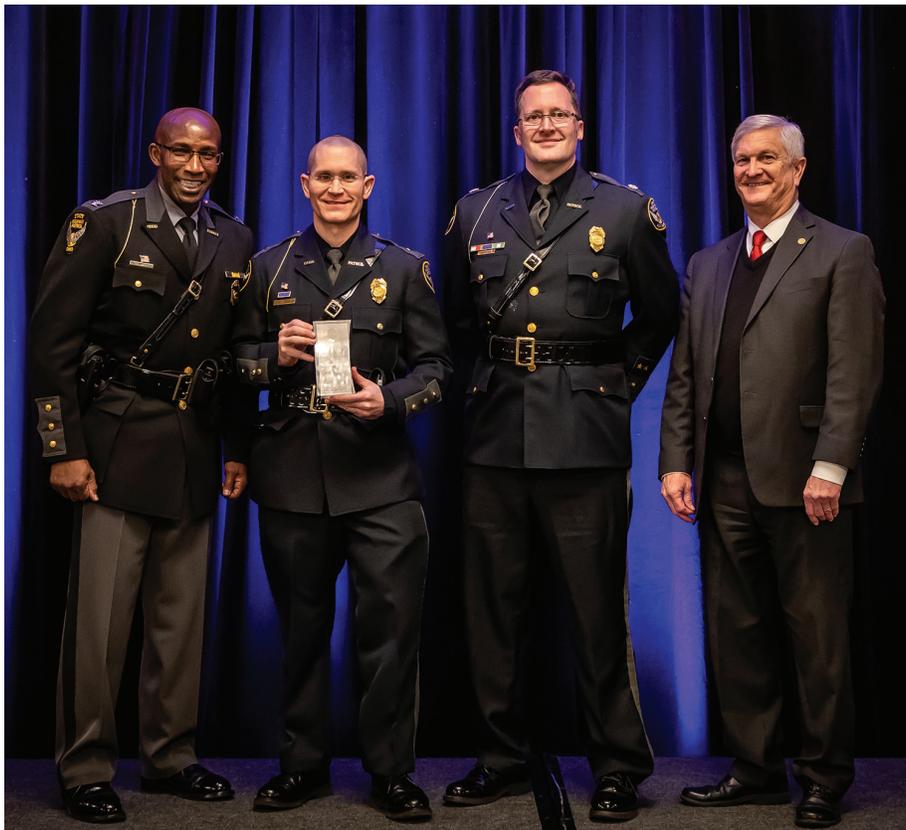
Auxiliary Officer of the Year



Auxiliary Sergeant Joshua J. Jordan joined the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary in February 2018 and has been assigned to the Circleville Post throughout his career.

In 2019, Auxiliary Sergeant Jordan volunteered 986 hours of his time in assisting with Patrol duties. This time included riding on patrol, assisting at the Ohio State Fair, The Ohio State University football game details, sobriety checkpoints, traffic details and recruitment.

William J. Duffy Award of Excellence



The William J. Duffy Award of Excellence requires a minimum of 300 volunteer hours per year over three consecutive years.

Auxiliary Lieutenant Eric W. Dill joined the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary in September 2012 and has been assigned to the Circleville Post throughout his career. He was promoted in 2005 to sergeant and lieutenant in 2017.

He has volunteered 1,658 hours during the last three years riding on patrol, assisting at the Ohio State Fair, The Ohio State University football game details, sobriety checkpoints, and traffic details.

Leadership Award Nominees

DISTRICT TROOPER OF THE YEAR

Trooper Chad A. Recker Findlay District
Trooper Craig B. Overly.....Bucyrus District
Trooper Alejandro GiraldoCleveland District
Trooper Brandon M. MillerWarren District
Trooper Spencer D. Groves Piqua District
Trooper Eric D. Holbrook..... Columbus District
Trooper Dustin PayneCambridge District
Trooper Tyler S. Ross.....Wilmington District
Trooper Ryan N. Miller..... Jackson District

DISTRICT DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR

Dispatcher Patrick P. Bowsher..... Findlay District
Dispatcher Carrie L. WolfordBucyrus District
Dispatcher Amanda H. HermannCleveland District
Dispatcher Kayla A. DeWitt.....Warren District
Dispatcher Douglas W. Webb Piqua District
Dispatcher Tammy L. Newport..... Columbus District
Dispatcher William L. CourtrightCambridge District
Dispatcher Angela K. JohnsonWilmington District
Dispatcher Mitchell P. Saunders Jackson District
Dispatcher Megan R. HowardGHQ

OIU DISTRICT AWARD WINNERS

Agent Joe C. Chamberlain Akron District
Agent Robert M. Mar Hoover Athens District
Agent Thomas A. Dalton..... Cincinnati District
Agent Kevin J. Cesaratto Cleveland District
Agent Patick L. O'Dowd..... Columbus District
Agent Stephanie N. Bowman..... Toledo District

CHIARAMONTE AWARD NOMINEES

Trooper Katie L. Keller Bucyrus District
Trooper J-Vonne D. Humphreys Cleveland District
Trooper Jerome A. ThomasPiqua District
Sergeant Melanie L. Provenzano Columbus District
Trooper Timothy R. Cunningham Cambridge District
Trooper Brett M. Lee Wilmington District
Trooper Derek L. MaloneJackson District

RICE AWARD NOMINEES

Sergeant Adam M. Brincefield Findlay District
Sergeant Timmothy J. Hoffman Bucyrus District
Sergeant John R. Nemastil Cleveland District
Sergeant Larry P. Jones..... Warren District
Sergeant Brent D. JohnsonPiqua District

RICE AWARD NOMINEES CONT.

Sergeant Kyle L. Mackie.....Columbus District
Sergeant Garic B. Warner.....Cambridge District
Sergeant Bryan J. Cook.....Wilmington District
Sergeant Glendon H. Ward.....Jackson District
Sergeant Gamel S. Brimah.....GHQ

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

MRW2 Robert E. Elling..... Findlay District
AP Michelle A. Hall Bucyrus District
AP1 Ann Gambert..... Cleveland District
AP1 Margaret M. Sharp..... Warren District
MRW2 Randy L. InglePiqua District
AP1 Teresa J. ElswickColumbus District
AP1 Jill B. Lee..... Cambridge District
MRW2 Ricky D. McCloud Wilmington District
MRW2 Carl R. McGlone Jackson District
PA2 Linda J. Carson..... GHQ

TROOPER RECOGNITION AWARDS

Trooper Gerald L. Gibson..... Findlay District
Trooper Colt W. Browne..... Bucyrus District
Trooper David A. Norman Cleveland District
Trooper Michael D. Royko..... Warren District
Trooper Russell Davis.....Piqua District
Trooper Bruce A. McLaine Cambridge District
Trooper Daniel R. Brown Wilmington District
Trooper Matthew T. Atwood..... Jackson District

PATROL FAMILY RECOGNITION AWARD

Taylor Teal..... Findlay District
Melissa ThomasBucyrus District
Cheryl Robison..... Piqua District
Colleen Davis..... Columbus District
Casie Johnson..... Cambridge District
Derria Kelley..... Jackson District

DISTRICT DISTINGUISHED RETIREE

R/Staff Lieutenant Morris L. Hill Jr. .. Bucyrus District
R/Trooper Charles R. Abbuhl Cleveland District
R/Trooper Louis W. Gliozzi Jr. Warren District
R/Sergeant Paul R. Weber Piqua District
R/Captain Robert W. Markowski ... Columbus District
R/Trooper Stephen W. Roe Cambridge District
R/Dispatcher Anita Burtosky-Mays ..Wilmington District
R/Trooper Hal A. Hardiesty Jackson District

Findlay District



Lieutenant Shaun J. Robinson, Toledo Post, Sergeant Shawn G. Fosgate, Bowling Green Post, and Sergeant Christopher Fitzgerald (Toledo Post) participated as judges in the Regional SkillsUSA contest which was hosted at the Penta Career Center in Wood County on the 14th of February. The SkillsUSA contest is a competition for vocational high school students to see who is most skilled in their future occupation.



Sergeant Alec Coil, Lima Post, and his son Riley Coil enlisted in the Ohio Air National Guard, 200th Red Horse Squadron on February 2. Sergeant Coil has served in the United States Marine Corps and the Indiana Army National Guard. After a 13 year break in service, he chose to join the Air National Guard with his son. The oath of enlistment was given by Major Ryan E. Purpura (OSHP Sergeant – Bowling Green Post). The swearing-in ceremony was held at the 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield. Alec's wife, Kristal, and their two younger sons, Gavin and Harrison, were present for the momentous occasion. Their daughter Miah is currently serving on active duty with the U. S. Air Force. Also present was Technical Sergeant Evan Stevens (OSHP Sergeant – Norwalk Post), 149th Academy classmate.

Bucyrus District



On August 23, 2011, Sergeant Jeffrey A. Kaess was driving through Elyria when he noticed a commotion in the roadway. He was immediately summoned by several people to assist with a 9-year-old female pedestrian that was just struck by a vehicle and was badly injured. Sergeant Kaess immediately began treating the most serious injury until he was relieved by paramedics. He continued to follow up and maintain contact with the victim for years following. Katherine Salsbury had undergone 19 surgeries in an attempt to save her lower right leg. Sergeant Kaess was informed that Katherine had decided to have her lower right leg amputated to avoid further surgeries and complications. He then obtained permission from her mother to come visit her in the hospital after her 20th surgery. On February 5, 2020, Sergeant Kaess met with Katherine at University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland. He learned from Katherine and her mother Colleen, that he was credited with saving her life. They explained to him that even the Life Flight crew praised what he did and how that kept her alive by slowing down the blood loss.

Cleveland District



Elyria Post employees purchased toys in support of Lorain County Children Services “Kinship” program. With North Eaton Christian Church, they prepared holiday care packages which included food baskets, clothes and toys for 14 children and their families. Troopers from the post delivered the packages on December 20 and 21.



Elyria Post troopers participated in the annual Shop with a Cop program in partnership with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 3. After a pizza party, children from Lorain County had a police escort to a local Walmart where they went shopping with their law enforcement guides.



Trooper Timothy P. Hummel was deployed for a year in 2019. Co B 638th ASB deployed with the 244th ECAB to Kuwait and Iraq, although he was only in Kuwait. He left to go to Ft. Hood, Tx. in February and then shipped overseas to Kuwait in April for a total of 11 and a half months.

Warren District



The 2019-2020 Canfield High School hockey team participated in a PSA with the Youngstown 910th Airlift Wing called “Check your phone later.” Participating was Trooper Brian J. Cowles, an Airlift Wing reserve; Joey D’Apolito, Canfield’s hockey captain, son of Canfield Dispatcher Anthony D’Apolito and grandson of Retired Lieutenant Rudy Zemelka; Conner Homrighausen, son of Sergeant Troy J. Homrighausen; and Ben and Ryan Janik, sons of 910th Commander Joe Janik.



Retired Sergeant Harold “Pappy” Heinz graduated as a member of the 43rd Academy Class on December 16, 1954, and is currently the oldest retiree. Sergeant Heinz celebrated his 100th birthday on January 24, 2020. In honoring his centennial birthday, the Canfield Post and Warren District hosted a breakfast.

Piqua District



Troopers from the Dayton Post met with second and third graders at Madison Park Elementary School in Trotwood. Troopers spoke with close to 125 students to remind them of the importance of integrity, making good decisions, and following rules. Students were talked to about the importance of coming to law enforcement officers if they ever need help.



Trooper Sheldon A. Goodrum, Dayton Post, was invited to speak at the monthly Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) meeting held at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center. The Patrol was invited to speak to approximately 110 juniors and seniors to talk about distracted driving and offer tips to the new drivers.



Troopers from the Springfield Post attended Southeastern High School to give a presentation to the students. They discussed the dangers of distracted driving, talked about driving in inclement weather and gave tips about safe driving. Troopers also shared stories about the impact distracted driving can have on others and the community. Students then had an opportunity to ask questions and share their own experiences.

Columbus District



On December 16, the Patrol participated in a charity basketball tournament benefiting the Ronald McDonald House. First responders from the Columbus Division of Police, Columbus Division of Fire and Franklin County Sheriff's Office also took part in the tournament.



On February 5, troopers from the Columbus District traveled to Centerburg Local Schools to celebrate Centerburg's first Trojans and Troopers day. Troopers were invited to participate in a fun-filled day packed with reading, friendly conversations, and spent the day with the students as they went from class to class and lunch.

Cambridge District

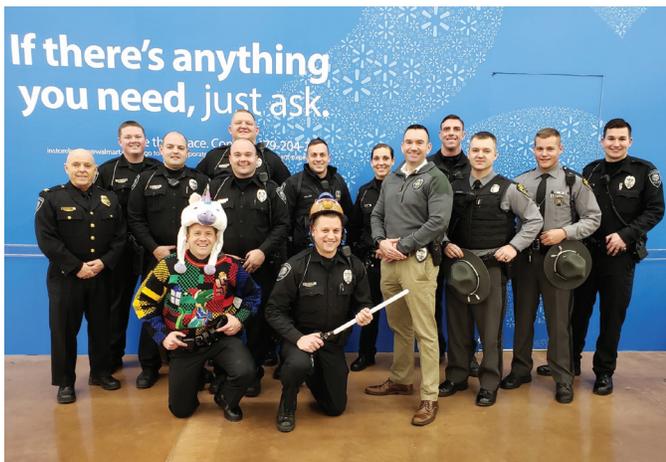
Cambridge District personnel participated in the Buying with Bears event at the Walmart in Cambridge on December 14. The program pairs children and their families with law enforcement officers to buy necessities. Many of the children in attendance benefited and were able to shop for gifts and toys for the holidays. Special thanks to McDonalds and the Walmart on Southgate Road.



Wilmington District



The Hamilton Post participated in Heroes Day at a Miami University Basketball Game. Trooper Jessica A. McIntyre kicked off the event by singing the National Anthem followed by Trooper Aaron M. Shade presenting the game ball.



Troopers Patrick E. Wright and Kyle J. Aubry from the Lebanon Post partnered with the Lebanon Police Department for the annual Shop with a Cop. Approximately 119 children benefited from the event which took place at the Lebanon Walmart.



Trooper Benjamin J. Kirby of the Lebanon Post participated in Honesty Day at Hunter Elementary School in Warren County. As part of the event, Trooper Kirby spoke to students about his career in law enforcement and what the job entails.

Jackson District



Troopers and dispatchers from the Portsmouth Post participated in Shop with a Trooper at Walmart. The program pairs children and their families with law enforcement officers to buy necessities. Many of the children in attendance benefited and were able to shop for gifts and toys for the holidays. Thank you to the Sunshine School of Evangelism, Leigh Greene State Farm in Wheelersburg, New Boston Walmart, District 9 Ohio Department of Transportation, local area residents and Teddy Trooper for participating and helping make the program a success.



Lieutenant Timothy J. Karwatske, Chillicothe Post, presented Gloria Naas, widow of retired Sergeant Fred Naas, with a new highway patrol jacket in December. Fred and Gloria's son, Dale, contacted Lieutenant Karwatske about visiting Gloria.

Academy



On December 4, the Patrol's Training Academy hosted its first Chili Cook-Off. Seven people provided a chili submission for the event and voting was open to all Academy staff and visitors. Sergeant Archie L. Spradlin was named the 2019 Patrol's Training Academy Chili Cook-Off Champion after receiving 39.3% of the total votes.

Over the Hill



Congratulations to the new members of the Patrol's "Over the Hill" club. The remaining active members of the 119th Academy Class achieved 30 years of service on January 15. Back row (L-R): Trooper Kenneth T. Worner, Trooper Daniel R. Brown, Staff Lieutenant John S. Carrico, Trooper Rebecca Y. Missig, Trooper Ronald J. Dudley and Lieutenant Joseph A. Gebhart. Front row (L-R): Trooper Matthew T. Whims, Trooper Todd C. Thomas, Lieutenant Stanley A. Jordan, Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Lieutenant Colonel Marla K. Gaskill, Sergeant Nelson J. Holden and Sergeant Christopher Colbert.



166 Academy Class Graduation

The Patrol's 166th Academy Class graduated on January 17 after 30 weeks of intense training. Remarks were provided by Ohio Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted, Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath and Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol Superintendent. The Oath of Office was issued by Judge Peter B. Abele, Fourth District, Court of Appeals. Courses completed by the 166th class included; crash investigation, criminal and traffic law, detection of impaired drivers, firearms, physical fitness, self-defense, and emergency vehicle operations. Trooper Emily S. Coakley, Zanesville, was selected as class speaker and thanked the Academy and cadet family members for being supportive during their training. Each of the graduates reported to their posts on January 19. The graduates' first 70-working days will be a field-training period under the guidance of a veteran officer. The new graduates are assigned to 24 of the Patrol's 59 posts.



Patrol introduces new Chaplains

On February 1, the Patrol introduced two new Chaplains to the Columbus District.



Chaplain Tamaul Boston has four children - three boys and one daughter - ages 27, 19, 17 and 15. He was born and raised primarily in and around the East side of Columbus. He graduated from Columbus East High School in 1991 and after he served eight years active duty military and two years inactive reserves. Chaplain Boston has two bachelors degrees, one in Network Engineering and the other in Biblical and Theological Studies. He is currently obtaining his Masters of Divinity in Chaplaincy at Liberty University, and is also one of the Associate Ministers at Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church serving under Senior Pastor Bishop Donald J. Washington. "I look forward to working and being of service to all of you who serve and protect our state. God Bless you all."



Chaplain William A. Pellum is a graduate of Christian Life College in Stockton, California. He has been the Senior Pastor at Cornerstone Christian Church in Circleville for 20 years. In July 2019, he was also elected as Pastor at The Church Triumphant in Columbus, where he grew up. He also has 30 years of experience in youth ministry. Presently, he is serving as Senior Pastor at both locations. In addition, he serves in several positions on a local and state level with a global church organization. He is a compassionate leader with strong convictions and is dedicated to serving the community. He has partnered with Job and Family Services of Pickaway County on the development of faith-based initiatives. He is currently serving on the Pickaway County Community Emergency Response Team. He and his wife, Jane, just celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary. They have been blessed with four children; Natalie, Brooke, Logan, and Olivia.

ACE/Criminal Patrol Awards



Congratulations to the winners of Ace and Criminal Patrol Awards who were recognized on January 27. These troopers and dispatchers worked diligently to look "beyond the plate" in order to remove drugs from Ohio communities and return stolen vehicles to their rightful owners.

K9 Graduation



Eight K9 officers graduated on January 27 from the Ohio State Highway Patrol. All the K9 officers were trained in-house and will become instrumental in continuing the mission to remove drugs from Ohio's roads and neighborhoods. Graduates include: K9 Sahara with Trooper Kyle E. Pohlbel from the Piqua District, K9 Titus with Trooper Matthew D. Boyer from the Warren District, K9 Aira with Trooper Adam J. Hartford from the Findlay District, K9 Robie with Officer Samuel Holbrook from the Lorain County Sheriff's Office, K9 Max with Kristy Duke from the Mechanicsburg Police Department and K9 Roy with Officer Shea Adkinson with the Loraine County Sheriff's Office. Not pictured: K9 Cliff with Sergeant Kevin Myers from the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office and K9 Luke with Officer Robert Libscomb from the Napoleon Police Department.

Retirees' Association



Retirees welcomed Colonel Richard S. Fambro at the 33rd annual retirees' Snowbird Reunion March 6 and 7 at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary. It was a time of fellowship, remembering good times with updates from Colonel Fambro and OHPRS Executive Director Carl Roark. Active members and retirees are encouraged to attend and enjoy retiree gatherings throughout the year.



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Manage My Account Online	Online/Mobile App/Phone
Deposit a Check	Mobile App/Main Branch
Apply for a Loan	Online/Phone
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B. Gene Smith

Major B. Gene Smith, Office of Planning, Research and Development, retired on December 23, 2019, after 27 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1992 as a member of the 123rd Academy Class. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Lima Post. He was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 1996. As a trooper, he was also assigned to the Traffic Drug Interdiction Team. In 1997, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Defiance Post to serve as an assistant post commander. As a sergeant, he also served at the Lima Post. In 2001, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Van Wert Post to serve as post commander. As a lieutenant, he also served at the Findlay District Commercial Enforcement Unit. In 2010, he was promoted to the rank of staff lieutenant and transferred to the Findlay District Headquarters to serve as an assistant district commander. In 2015, he was promoted to the rank of captain and remained at the Findlay District Headquarters to serve as district commander. In 2017, he was promoted to the rank of major and transferred to the Office of Criminal Investigations. As a major, he also served in the Office of Planning, Research and Development. Major Smith completed the Administrative Officer's Course at the Southern Police Institute in 2003.



Nicholas M. Malo

Trooper Nicholas M. Malo, Marion Post, entered disability retirement on December 20, 2019, after 18 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in September 2000 as a member of the 136th Academy Class. He earned his commission in March of the following year and was assigned to the Marion Post. In 2004, he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year and earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement. He earned the Criminal Patrol Award five times. As a trooper, he also served at the Bucyrus Post, Bucyrus District Criminal Patrol Unit and the Special Response Team.



Kenneth M. Robbins

Trooper Kenneth M. Robbins, Canfield Post, retired on December 6, 2019, after 27 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1992 as a member of the 123rd Academy Class. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Warren Post. In 2016, he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year. As a trooper, he also served at the Lisbon Post and in the Office of Personnel.



Rosalee Swart

Trooper Rosalee Swart, Bucyrus District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on December 20, 2019, after 24 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in May 1995 as a member of the 127th Academy Class. She earned her commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Wooster Post. In 2008, she earned the Trooper Recognition Award. As a trooper, she also served at the Bucyrus Post.



Paul J. Terrion

Trooper Paul J. Terrion, Cleveland District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on December 20, 2019, after 25 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in February 1994 as a member of the 126th Academy Class. He earned his commission in July of that year and was assigned to the Medina Post. As a trooper, he also served at Cleveland Operations and the Warren District Commercial Enforcement Unit. Trooper Terrion earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Cleveland State University in 1991.



Retirements in this issue of the Flying Wheel include those employees who retired from December 2019 - February 2020.

Steve J. Stocker

Enforcement Agent Steve J. Stocker, of the Cleveland District Office, retired on January 31, 2020, after 22 years with the Ohio Investigative Unit. He began his career with OIU in December 1998. He was assigned to the Cleveland District Office. He was also assigned to the Toledo District Office. Agent Stocker received the Ohio Department of Public Safety Special Recognition Award in 2000. He graduated from the Cleveland Heights Police Academy in August 1998. Prior to OIU, Agent Stocker served as a Corrections Officer with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department from 1997 to 1998. Agent Stocker served in the United States Army from 1979 to 1982 and the United States Coast Guard from 1986 to 1997.



Thomas B. Faris

Dispatcher Thomas B. Faris, Springfield Dispatch Center, retired on January 3, 2020, after 19 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in April 2000 as a Dispatcher assigned to the Xenia Post. As a Dispatcher, he also served at the Springfield Post. Dispatcher Faris served in the Ohio Army National Guard from 1969 to 1977.



Randall L. Gilbert

Dispatcher Randall L. Gilbert, St. Clairsville Dispatch Center, retired on February 28, 2020, after 40 years of public service. He began his service in February 1980 with the Harrison County Sheriff's Office as a dispatcher. In 1990, he joined the Patrol as a dispatcher assigned to the Steubenville Post. He was selected as Post Dispatcher of the Year 12 times.



Jennifer A. Swisher

Dispatcher Jennifer A. Swisher, Van Wert Dispatch Center, retired on February 29, 2020, after 17 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in July 2002 as a Dispatcher assigned to the Springfield Post. As a dispatcher, she also served at the Dayton, Lima, Piqua and Wapakoneta posts and the Piqua Dispatch Center.



Michael J. Miller

Portable Load Limit Inspector Michael J. Miller, Columbus District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on December 20, 2019, after 28 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1991 as a Maintenance Repair Worker 2 assigned to the Patrol's Training Academy. As a Maintenance Repair Worker 2, he also served at the Marysville Post. In 2006, he was promoted to a Portable Load Limit Inspector and transferred to the Columbus District Commercial Enforcement Unit.



John V. Trittschuh

Electronic Technician 2 John V. Trittschuh, Piqua District Radio Shop, retired on January 3, 2020, after 34 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in December 1985 as an Electronic Technician 1 assigned to the Piqua District Headquarters. In 1988, he was promoted to an Electronic Technician 2 and transferred to the Piqua District Radio Shop. He received the Electronic Technician of the Year Award in 2006. Electronic Technician 2 Trittschuh earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in electronics from Edison State Community College in 1986.

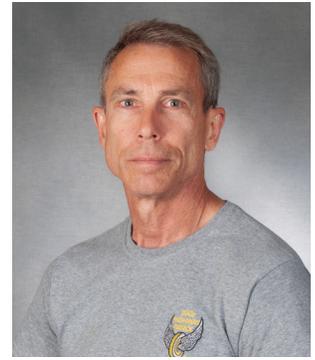


William A. Karvois

Database Administration Specialist 2 William A. Karvois, Computer Operations, LEADS, retired on January 31, 2020, after 40 years of state service. He began his service in 1977 as a laborer with the Ohio State University. In 1984, he transferred to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services as a Statistician 1. While with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, he also served as a Publications Editor, Publication Specialist 2, Programmer Specialist Supervisor, and a Management Analyst Supervisor 2. In 2001, he transferred to the Ohio Department of Development as a Programmer/Analyst 4. While with the Ohio Department of Development, he also served as a Software Development Specialist 2. In 2015, he transferred to the Patrol's Computer Operations, LEADS as a Database Administration Specialist 2.

**Joseph E. Miller**

Maintenance Repair Worker 2 Joseph E. Miller, Columbus District Headquarters, retired on February 28, 2020, after 5 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in December 2014 as a maintenance repair worker 1 assigned to the Patrol's Training Academy. In 2015, he was promoted to a maintenance repair worker 2 and remained at the Patrol's Training Academy. As a maintenance repair worker 2, he also served at the Columbus District Headquarters.



2020 Retiree Events

- **June 12**

**Retiree's Cookout
Academy - Canceled**

- **August 8**

**North Coast Sunbird Reunion
Sandusky, OH**

- **November 7**

**Annual Dinner & Meeting -
Aladdin Shrine Center, Grove City,**



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Chaplain's Comments



The other day I was in a restaurant where the waiter handed me a very large tri-fold menu and then very quickly asked what I would like for lunch. With so many different items, I told him that I would need time to look over the menu and then make my decision. Then again, how could I know without seeing and even tasting the various items. That is the benefit of a cafeteria but I still prefer table service.

Decided that I could not make a mistake with beef-vegetable soup and a grilled cheese sandwich. As I enjoyed the taste source of energy, I thought of the critical decisions we are called upon to not only make once, but to constantly reaffirm.

At the very beginning of man's relationship with his Creator, the Bible presents the choice in a very clear way. "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."

And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die" (Genesis 2:15-17). A very simple and clear choice to make.

Accept the gift of freedom of choice but let God the Creator be the controlling factor and basis for all your other choices and decisions.

Affirm that relationship with our Creator every day with trust and obedience.

Many generations after Adam and Eve were called upon to make a choice between good and evil, the prophet Elijah challenged the people of Israel to affirm

their relationship to the Creator. On Mt. Carmel the prophet stood alone before the 450 prophets of Baal and hurled a challenge at the people of his day, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him" (I Kings 18:21). We read the fact that the people said nothing. Silence can be a deadly response. The prophet Elijah called for fire from heaven to remind the people of the importance of their relationship to God. We do not rely upon such a demonstration, but we do need to look to and rely upon the faith of our founding fathers.

Those who have gone before us blazing the trail of freedom did so without fear of criticism. They were proud to be part of a nation that put its trust in God and made choices based upon the guidance given so clearly in His Word. The challenge comes to each one of us as individuals. There is the foundational choice as to how we will relate to the Creator God Who calls us into a relationship where through commitment to Him we have the basis for all the other decisions in life.

All the District Chaplains join with me in claiming the Lord's guidance and blessing for all each of you do each day to make Ohio a safer place to live.

Respectfully,

Richard D. Ellsworth
State Chaplain

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