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From the Director's Desk

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In September of 1958, Colonel John Ferguson officially created the Delaware State Police Canine Unit. Trooper First Class Thomas E. Everett was designated as the first commander of the unit. The initial unit consisted of Everett and

his partner, Captain, teamed with Troopers James L. Ford (Chinook) and Joseph Rowan (King).

Although 1958 is the year designated as the formation year of the unit, the historic roots of the unit can be traced to 1925. One of the newest additions to the museum honors the humble beginnings of the canine service within the Delaware State Police.

It was during 1925 that Francis V. DuPont, a member of the State Highway Commission and great friend of the State Policemen, brought four German Shepherds back from Europe. He presented a dog to each of the stations, except Bridgeville. The dogs, mascots at first, quickly caught on to the routine of police work and would help guard the stations, as well as, keeping the on duty officers company.





On occasion, when an officer was lucky enough to have one of the Highway Department cars assigned to him for patrol, the police dog went along for the ride. A picture of Judy and her pup, Ike, riding in the sidecar of Private Sullivan was published in a Dover newspaper. Although various dogs were kept by officers as mascots through the years, it would not be until 1958 that the Delaware State Police would formally establish an operational K-9 corps.



The DSP Canine Unit certainly had humble beginnings. Today, the Delaware State Police has 31 canine teams. Most of the teams serve a dual purpose. Twelve teams are trained for patrol and narcotics scent detection. Eight teams are certified for patrol and explosive scent detection. The other eleven teams are trained for a single purpose. Of those eleven,



five are trained for explosives scent detection, two for narcotics scent detection and there are four single purpose patrol teams. The State Police canine training cadre also

instructs nineteen municipal canine teams.



Historically and presently, the Delaware State Police Canine Unit has always had a reputation for being one of the premier units in the United States.



Kevin

Information for this article was obtained from the Delaware State Police 50th Anniversary Book and the Arcadia publication- Images of America, Delaware State Police.



From the President's Pen

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I would like to start my message by wishing everyone good health and a safe and happy New Year. We continue to be busy with our on-going projects, some of which are now completed. We have completed the Phase I Renovation Project. As you may recall this project was initiated around the requirement of placing a newly acquired 1973



Plymouth in the Annex. It also involved relocation of our motorcycle and Trooper Dan displays. We are pleased to announce that it has been completed. The new configuration houses all the vehicles, excluding Trooper Dan, in the Annex.





The Annex now displays the Divisional fleet from 1925 to 1998.



A full-sized German Sheppard statue

was added to the office area of the



replica troop as we learned that the first Divisional

dogs were donated around 1925, long before the addition of our official K-9 Unit and we thought it fitting to display one.

The Training Room has been outfitted with new furniture and new electronic capabilities. Combined



with the original Theater Room in the Annex, we have created a first-class

training and meeting facility. We hope that increased use by the Division and other agencies will foster relationships that will ultimately attract more visitors.



With the help of our great volunteer force, we initiated a project to clean up and reorganize the Museum artifacts. It also affords us an opportunity to evaluate our collection, re-evaluate them, and clean up our storage areas. In that process we have made some other changes to allow us to display even more of our wonderful collection.

I think that that we have made positive strides in the care, preservation, and presentation of our Museum. This year will include the election of Board members whose terms have expired and the election of new Officers as required by our by-laws. We hope that we continue to have interested members who wish to continue the work we started.

Thank you for taking the time to vote.



I would like to thank everyone who has made this a terrific year. Thank you to our financial donors, volunteers, the



Delcastle High School auto body shop, the companies who help to maintain and service our building, PHB Contracting who completed our renovation project professionally, on-time and under

budget, and my fellow Board members, without whom all these initiatives would not have succeeded. Finally, I would like to thank our Executive Director, Kevin McDerby for his fund-raising efforts and the coordinating of many of these activities. I am looking forward to 2017 and the next step on our journey.

Greg



Museum display at the Dover Public Library



From the Archives



Officer Is Pinned Under Upset Car

Every Evening

Lieutenant Henry C. Ray Has Narrow Escape in Accident

When a coupe in which he was riding yesterday, became balky, skidded and turned turtle twice, on the du Pont Boulevard near State Road, Lieutenant Henry C. Ray, of the State Highway Police, escaped serious injury only by the closest margin. Although held prisoner in the wrecked car, Lieutenant Ray maintained his position at the wheel and escaped with a few minor bruises and a severe shaking up.

The accident occurred while Lieutenant Ray was on his tour of inspection. In some manner the brakes locked causing the car to skid and overturn. Word of the accident was sent to Patrol Station No. 2, at State Road, and troopers soon extricated their officer.

Several days ago when Lieutenant Ray, after a tour of inspection, released the radiator cap on the same automobile, the water squirted about twenty feet into the air. At that time Ray said he was driving a "trick" machine. It belongs to the State Highway Department.



Motor Driver Held On Two Charges

10/17/1925

S.J. Ham of Dover Gives Bail in Conrad Accident Matter

Dover, Oct. 16 - S. J. Ham of Dover, whose automobile is alleged to have collided with the motorcycle of State Highway Police Officer John Conrad yesterday, on the state road north of Dover, resulting in the breaking of Officer Conrad's left leg, was arraigned here today before Magistrate W.D. Burton.

He will have a further hearing two weeks hence. He was required to give \$1000.00 bail on a charge of assault and battery and \$100.00 bail on a charge of reckless driving, which he gave in both cases.

Update: Officer Conrad lost his leg as a result of the accident; however he was then fitted with a prosthesis and returned to serve the Delaware State Police.





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In Memorium

Our Fallen Heroes

Lest we Forget

Ronald L. Carey
1943 - 1972



January 5, 1972



David C. Yarrington
1948 - 1972



January 6, 1972



LeRoy L. LeKites
1914 - 1950



January 13, 1950

William C. Keller
1947 - 1971



January 22, 1971





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*Our Fallen Heroes
Lest We Forget*

**Frances M. Collender
1962 - 2001**



February 6, 2001



**Thomas H. Lamb
1901 - 1944**



February 22, 1944



*Miss Me but let me go,
for this is a journey we all
must take, we each must go alone for
all is part of the MASTER'S PLAN,
a step on the road
to Home*

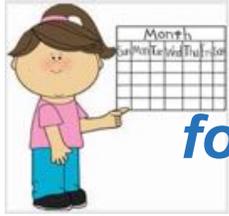


**Kevin John Mallon
1965 - 1990**



March 20, 1990

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



*Mark your calendar
for our upcoming events*



**Museum Board of
Directors' Meetings**
February 7th, 1000 hrs.
May 2nd, 1000 hrs.



both meetings will be held at the Museum

*To those who are Irish and to
those who wish you were -*

*Happy St.
Patrick's
Day*



March 17, 2017



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Memorial Brick Walk

Memorialize your service or those who supported you during your career. This is an excellent way of acknowledging your parents, spouse, sibling, children or another trooper. Show them that they are an important part of the DSP family and your life.

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<https://www.facebook.com/dspmuseum>

We reached our goal - 1,005 likes. Thanks to everyone!!!





“Looking Back...”

do you have old photographs you'd like to share; then email or send them to the Museum Director.

Building a Legacy

The Passing of Delaware State Police Pioneers



Sgt. Lewis H. Pinkett, Jr.

Sgt. Lewis H. Pinkett was a member of the 34th Recruit Class. The diversity of that class reflected the first concerted attempt by the Delaware State Police to recruit qualified applicants who would allow the organization to reflect the population diversity of Delaware.

DIVERSITY



34th Recruit Class



AVIATION



Lt. Charles E. Nabb



Lt. William A. Wiley



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