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From the Director's Desk

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RECORDING AND PRESERVING HISTORY

*Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-Five:
Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year.*

April 18, 2018, marks the 243rd anniversary of the historic ride of Paul Revere. On that night, in 1775, Revere rode to warn Patriots Samuel Adams and John Hancock that 700 British troops were marching to Concord, Massachusetts to arrest them. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," recounts that famous ride. The American Revolutionary War began one day later on April 19, 1775. Obviously there are many ways to record and preserve historic events. Wadsworth chose poetry.



On April 28, 1923, Governor William D. Denney signed legislation that, by law, established the Delaware State Police. In 2018, we will celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Division and the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the DSP Museum. While Wadsworth chose a poem to preserve a chapter in American history, the Delaware State Police Museum has a different mission.

From our website:

“The Delaware State Police Museum was built for and dedicated to the preservation of the proud history of the Delaware State Police. This history includes solemn chapters recalling the life and death of Troopers whose lives were cut short while in service to this great nation. We are an organization whose mission is to provide an educational experience that supports an understanding of the role of law enforcement in a society that is governed by the rule of law.”

Within the walls of the museum are stories of Honor, Heroism, Valor, Adventure, Compassion and Tragedy. The final chapter of the Delaware State Police history will never be written. Prior to the dedication of the museum, twenty Troopers were remembered on the Memorial in front of the academy. Since the museum's opening, Troopers Frances Collender, Christopher Shea and Stephen Ballard were killed in the line-of-duty. Additionally, Trooper Ronald Williams died in an off-duty traffic crash and Troopers Anthony DiAlessandro, Richard Long and Rodney Bond's lives were cut short due to health reasons. During that same period, three of the division's support personnel, Janet Vetter, Adel Gibbs and Scott Quillen, were taken from us prematurely. Because of everyone's investment in the DSP Museum, the service, sacrifice and memories of those who have gone before us will never be

forgotten.

As we move forward, may the tragic chapters of our history be few and the great chapters of accomplishment be many.

Thanks to all who have served (sworn and non-sworn) and to those who continue to serve. You have written and continue to write an amazing history.

Kevin

Heroism

Honor

Valor



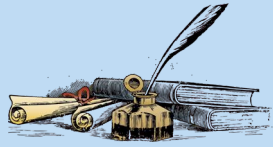
Adventure

Compassion

Tragedy

From the President's Pen

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I hope that all is well with our readers. Several projects are moving along as we continue our efforts to update the Museum displays which take us back through the last twenty years. One of the most important projects we have completed is the recognition of our former civilian employees for all they did to contribute to the success of the Division. The Board undertook this project because we felt it was important to honor them.

These last two decades highlight the key roles played by our civilian colleagues as they assumed many tasks for which our uniformed members were initially responsible. Gradually, their hard work allowed our uniformed members to do more policing – work they were trained to do. The Division was able to move forward while the civilians became responsible for tasks such as administrative assistance, crime lab work, records storage and vehicle maintenance. Their support was invaluable, and we are now including these tremendous members in the Museum's Roll Call Kiosk where they will be added in the "Support Staff" Icon.

The icon will include their picture (if available or supplied) and biographical information about their employment. If former civilians wish to be included, they can go to the Museum website (dspmuseum.com) under "Civilian Recognition" and follow the directions for completing and sending the "Civilian Recognition Form". The Board hopes that many former civilian employees will take advantage of this opportunity.

We are also in the early stages of possibly adding new Units in our display areas. Several Units, such as the Honor Guard, Mounted Unit, Pipes and Drums, and Maritime Unit, were not in existence when the Museum was completed and we are anxious to include them as well.

We hope to make our Museum more visible to the

public. Changes in signage and possible partnerships are being explored that would increase the number of visitors to our wonderful facility. Both efforts will take some creative thinking, and I believe that there is plenty of talent to accomplish it.

We have a lot going on and will soon implement some creative fundraising initiatives to help fund these projects. We will strive to continue to make the Museum one of the finest around and you will be updated in subsequent Newsletters.

Thank you.

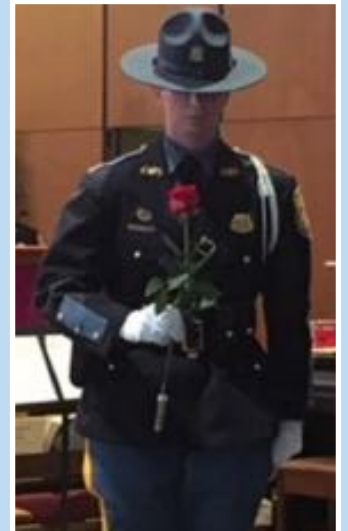
Stay healthy, safe and God bless.

Greg Sacco, President

Civilian Recognition Reception at the Museum ~ April 25th - 1000

DSP Memorial Service

All Gave Some Some Gave All



DSP Memorial Service (Academy) and FOP Police Memorial Service (Legislative Mall, Dover)

May 2nd- time to be announced.



From the Archives



Trooper's Condition

Poor

Journal
01/25/1950

The condition of Trooper Harvey Gregg, Newark, who was struck by a truck Sunday while on traffic duty at Wilmington Manor, is called "serious" by Delaware Hospital attaches today. Gregg was operated upon last night by Dr. Raymond A. Lynch for an internal injury which was discovered after he went to the hospital. He sustained no fractures when struck by the truck.



Trooper Resumes Duties

After Injury in Dover

Journal
02/08/1950

Dover, Feb. 8 - (Special)

Trooper James T. Vaughn, attached to the Dover troop of the state police, resumed his duties on Monday after being on the injured list since Dec. 23 when he suffered a severe should injury in an auto accident here.

The police car driven by Trooper Vaughn was in a collision with an automobile operated by James Dear at Division and Kirkwood Streets. Dear was fined \$50 and costs by Magistrate John H. Conrad on a charge of failing to stop at a sign in Kirkwood Street.





Dedicated Selfless Proud



In Memorium

*Our Fallen Heroes
Lest We Forget*

Sandra Marie Wagner
1968 - 1996



April 5, 1996



Harold B. Rupert
1928 - 1962



April 19, 1962



*"When someone
you love
becomes a
MEMORY, the
memory
becomes a
Treasure"*



Stephen J. Ballard
1985 - 2017



April 26, 2017



Collectable Challenge Coin

Only 20 gold coins remain.

All of the silver coins have been sold.

\$15.00

STATE TROOPER ROSARY

20 remain in stock

\$40.00



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendar for our upcoming events

Museum Board of
Directors' Meetings
May 1st, 10:00 AM

Meetings are held at the Museum

MUSEUM CLOSED:

Easter Monday
April 2nd



Memorial Day
May 28th



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.

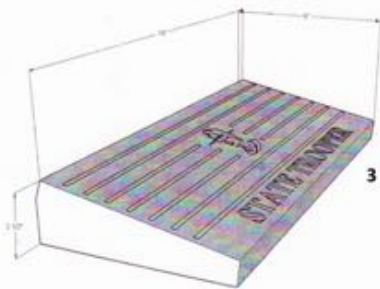
Memorial Brick - \$100.00

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Project in Progress Challenge Coin Stand



3 STAIN CHOICES:

- Maple
- Cherry
- Mahogany

TWO SIZES:

Serious Collector- 18" X 8" X 2.5" - \$65.00

Casual Collector- 12" X 8" X 2.5" - \$55.00

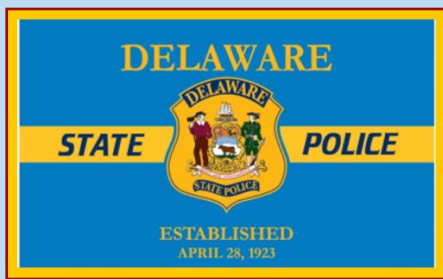
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DISPLAY STAND**

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"Looking Back..."



Building a Legacy

