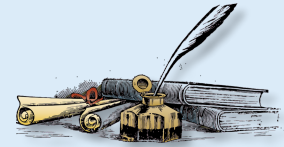




Delaware State Police Museum & Education Center

From the President's Pen

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In my March 2020 message, it was noted that the DSP Museum officially closed its doors to the public on the morning of Tuesday, March 24, 2020, following Governor Carney's emergency order regarding the coronavirus pandemic. Despite the closure, there is good news at the Museum, as we have been able to complete several important projects, including the "LED lighting project," the removal and replacement of all shrubbery on the Museum grounds, and the refurbishment of our Memorial Wall.

The Building and Grounds committee, led by Rich Foskey, has done an incredible job completing projects and making the Museum look amazing.

Although our Museum continues to be closed to the public and our Executive Director, Peggy Anderson, works remotely on most days, the Museum has been able to host several small meetings for DSP personnel.

Our next DSP Museum Board meeting is set for Tuesday, August 4, and our plan is to conduct the meeting in the Museum Annex, where we can adhere to social distancing and safety considerations.

Our Board of Directors is anxious to show everyone the "new look" of the Museum, but we'll have to wait just a little longer during these difficult days.

As we continue to negotiate these times of uncertainty, anxiety, and hardship for so many, we send our best wishes to all Museum members, all our supporters and their families – please be vigilant and stay safe. In closing, let's remember the COVID-19 victims and their families, all our public safety personnel, and our healthcare workers and volunteers who deserve our total support and continued prayers.

John Miller

*From the Executive
Director's Desk
Peggy L. Anderson*



I hope that this newsletter finds everyone safe.

On June 1st, Governor Carney allowed non-essential businesses to reopen their doors. While the Museum has this option, we will remain closed to the public to continue the maintenance work that Rich Foskey and his Building & Grounds Committee have been working on during the full closure. DSP Personnel asking to use the Museum for meetings/trainings are being considered on a case by case basis. If you wish to make a purchase from this Quarter's Sale (see flier in this newsletter), or from our regular line of items, call or email me to make arrangements to do your summer shopping.

The Wills For Troopers presentation, presented by Mr. Kevin Baird, Esquire and Ms. Judi Pflaumer (Wealth Management Group), originally set for April 22nd then re-scheduled for June 17th, has been cancelled and re-scheduled for October 21st with two sessions; 0900 – 1100 & 1300 – 1500. If you had signed up for the April or June event, please send me an email letting me know your status on attending the October event and which session. For more information on this event, please see the flier in this newsletter.

The Summer Day Program for DSP kids has been cancelled for this year. This was a tough decision, but we want to consider the health of our children and their families.

Looking forward to showing off the "face-lift" that the Museum has received during the closure. Make plans to visit soon.

*Stay Safe My Friends,
Peggy*



VOLUNTEER CORNER



**Thanks
to Our
Volunteers!**

A huge "Thank You" goes to RICH FOSKEY, CAPTAIN JASON SAPP, and BILL BRYSON for all their efforts over the last few months. The Volunteers took advantage of the "quiet time" around your Museum to make repairs/improvements/upgrades. Rich and Bill managed and assisted with the total replacement of interior and exterior lighting with "daylight" color LED lights. The results are not only fantastic in appearance, but will save greatly on energy consumption and cost, adding to the aesthetics of displays. They eliminate the adverse effects of ultraviolet radiation and "ballasts" from old fluorescent lighting fixtures as well as enhancing visitor and staff environmental conditions in meeting rooms and exhibit halls. Exterior lighting was addressed and LED lighting with floodlights, added to

the mix. The contractor, JIM FIBELKORN, of Bayside Electric, went above and beyond normal expectations, giving much of his personal time and



energy to accomplish the lengthy project. The "return on investment" in energy savings alone will pay dividends.

As if not already making great strides, RICH and BILL

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VOLUNTEER CORNER Cont.

completely cleaned and painted the interior spaces of the Main Floor exhibits. Their work, along with the new LED lighting, make the display cases extraordinary. Overhead lighting is impressive. Note the lighting on the Black Granite wall of the entry foyer, location of our "Fallen" gallery of Trooper photographs. CAPTAIN JASON SAPP and RICH FOSKEY spent WEEKS painstakingly removing the photographs, cleaning and polishing the granite and replacing them in an array that provides improved arrangement and an orderly presentation.

BOB HAWKINS, DSP Major Retired, HAWKINS TREE REMOVAL SERVICE removed six trees and stumps in a significant upgrade of our grounds, using professional expertise and volunteer time.



PRO-CUT Tree Service, WILLIAM DARBY, provided professional service and volunteer efforts in removing a large, diseased and damaged tree that sat as a potential hazard to people and vehicles. JIM DENHAM, of Denham and Son landscaping, removed all the aged and overgrown



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shrubs, replacing them with new, hearty specimens. The shrub beds were totally cleaned out, new landscaping fabric installed, and new river-rock replaced, along with new metal edging in the front bed. Shrubs Removed, the work of HAWK and JIM DENHAM is a beautiful sight.

Pending projects include Refurbishment of two dormers; refurbishment/replacement of columns; replacement of handicap access walkways, access and curbing; and Security enhancements.

The team is reviewing opportunities for future projects. Considerations include: Upgrade of the "Crime Scene" exhibit; Helicopter and Aviation

exhibit; Memorial Brick patio; painting of complete interior and painting of exterior trim. The interior painting will require Volunteer presence.

We will announce the opportunities as they arise.

Thank You to the many who volunteered their time and professional skills. Much was accomplished and the improvements add to your Museum, with significant future costs being shaved from our Operating budget. You have good reason to be proud of your friends and associates who volunteer in so many ways. Please consider joining us with a few hours of your time.



Contact: RICH FOSKEY or ED MARTIN



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"WILLS FOR TROOPERS"

(and Civilian Employees)

The Delaware State Police Museum is hosting an estate planning presentation on Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Medical Directives, Living Wills and Financial Planning.

Invitees: All active and retired Troopers and DSP civilian employees

Presenters: Mr. Kevin Baird, Esq.

Ms. Judi Pflaumer– Wealth Management Group

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 0900-1100 & 1300-1500

After the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to schedule an appointment with Mr. Baird to draft and file a will and related documents. This service is being provided, free of charge, by Mr. Baird in appreciation and support of the first responder community. Kevin Baird has law offices in Dover, Wilmington, Georgetown and Lewes.

Ms. Pflaumer will also be available for individual appointments involving financial planning.

For planning purposes and to gauge space requirements, please make the following contact to reserve a seat:

Peggy Anderson – Museum Executive Director

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3rd Quarter Sale

July 1 - September 30

T-Shirts

Regular Price - \$10

Sale Price - \$8.50



Belt Buckle

Regular Price - \$10

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Book – Images of America

Regular Price - \$15

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\$11



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Heroic Policeman is Cited to Commission

09/15/1925

State Highway Body Informed of Bravery of
Knecht in Gas Rescue

Although State Policeman William Knecht, who was overcome by poisonous gas fumes Wednesday night in a heroic attempt to save the life of George Stevenson, who was killed by gas in a 50-foot well, is still at his home today. Superintendent of the State Highway Police C.C. Reynolds and other members of the police department are not unmindful of Knecht's gallantry.

A letter of commendation will not only be sent Knecht but it is proposed to bring this form of heroism before the State Highway Commission, it was stated.

Yesterday afternoon Superintendent Reynolds personally visited the bereaved family of Stevenson at their home on state highway, between Hare's Corner and Newport. According to Superintendent Reynolds, the praise voiced by Mrs. Stevenson, the mother of the dead man, as a result of Knecht's bravery, was indeed creditable.

Good Work by Highway Police

Evening Journal - 07/21/1925

Our State Highway Police have always enjoyed a good reputation for efficiency and devotion to duty. They richly deserve it.

An illustration is the quick capture by Policeman Zeigler and Carpenter of an accused murderer and his companion within ten minutes after they had been notified to be on the lookout. The man was charged with slaying a farmer near Whaleyville, MD. The capture was made during the night and the officers showed rare courage, sound sense and judgement. The persons arrested were turned over to the Maryland authorities.

The entire proceeding, we think, shows the alertness of both Maryland and Delaware authorities. Had it not been for that, Baker and his companion in a motor car driven by an unsuspecting officer of Laurel would have It is no wonder, then, that the Delaware officers were highly commended by Superintendent Reynolds, of the State Highway Police. The skill of the State Highway Police has been common talk.

Carpenter and Zeigler are shining examples of the manner in which this department performs its duties. They are a credit to the force and to the State.



Mark your calendar for our upcoming events

**Museum Board of
Directors' Meetings**

Tuesday - August 4th, 10:00

Tuesday - October 6th, 10:00

Tuesday - December 8th, 10:00

Meetings are held at the Museum



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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.

Memorial Brick - \$100.00

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In Memorium

*Our Fallen Heroes
Lest We Forget*

Christopher Shea
1972 - 2004



July 18, 2004



William F. Mayer
1927 - 1955



August 1955



Robert H. Bell
1942 - 1993



September 7, 1993





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*Our Fallen Heroes
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**Gerald T. Dowd
1962 - 1990**



September 11, 1990



**Eugene B. Ellis
1926 - 1967**



September 11, 1967

