WE HONORED 16 OF OUR OWN
AT THE PROJECT 2000 XXIII ANNUAL NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEREMONY
FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012, JUDICIARY SQUARE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Correctional Officer
Jayme Biendl
EOW: January 29, 2011

Correctional Colonel
Gregory Malloy
EOW: February 2, 2011

Correctional Officer
Ronald “RJ” Johnson
EOW: April 12, 2011

Correctional Officer
Buddy Herron
EOW: November 29, 2011

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Corrections Officer IV
Craig Orrell
EOW: May 12, 2011

Agriculture Specialist III
Michael Jensen
EOW: June 2, 2011

Probation/Parole Officer II
Jeffrey Settle
EOW: August 4, 2011

Probation Officer
Tiffany Bishop
EOW: August 31, 2011

Army Staff Sergeant
Ari Cullers
EOW: October 30, 2011
(Son of Correctional Clinical Nurse David Cullers, USP Marion, IL)

From the Past:
Correctional Officer
Ernest Grossguth
EOW: March 26, 1995
Theresa Stevens, CPOF Administrative Assistant, received three (!) notes from Oklahoma, all of them Supporting Members and two of them (C/O Ary and Sgt. Williams) members of the Oklahoma Honor Guard:

**Theresa:**
I am choosing to increase to $15 monthly.
I was not a member until after the Project in San Antonio.
I made it a first priority to sign up upon arriving back to work last year. I never knew what CPOF did before attending in San Antonio. Even after that, returning to Washington, D.C. and seeing it again, it still touches me to know that our family (Corrections) will never forget. It is with great honor that we get the opportunity to be invited to such a great event to show our support for the families and make long lasting relationships with those across the nation in our profession. Thank You for what you do!!!!
HRMS I Travis Ary, Joseph Harp CC, OK

**Theresa:**
I have been swamped but I did want to just say thank you and CPOF for everything you do. I know my assistant Debbie Moore and our Honor Guard love everything we do together. That does not even touch the topic of what you [the CPOF] do for our employees in their time of need. Thank you.
David Parker, Deputy Director
Oklahoma DOC
Division III Institutions

**Theresa,**
I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you for all you do and your generosity toward myself and the Oklahoma Department of Corrections Honor Guard Team while in D.C. for “Project” this year. We never expect anything and rarely ask for much, so the dinner and the shirts were a real treat. It was a pleasure meeting you, and look forward to seeing you again in the future. I believe your records should reflect that I am already a Supporting Member, and I will continue to sing the Foundation’s praises to my co-workers throughout our agency.
Thanks again! Reno 2013!
Sgt. Benjamin Williams
Oklahoma DOC
Division of Internal Affairs

Sgt. Travis Showalter of Okla. State Penitentiary; HRMS I Travis Ary; Honor Guard Commander Lt. Kevin Angel of Howard McLeod CC; Sgt. Benjamin Williams; and Assistant Honor Guard Commander and CERT Training Coordinator Sgt. David Edelman of Lexington Assessment & Reception Ctr.

**Debbie Herklotz, CPOF Representative in Texas since mid-1995, received this heartfelt note from Officer Jessica Boettcher of Wynne Unit, TDCJ:**

**Ms. Herklotz,**
I wanted to take a few moments to thank you and the CPOF for allowing me to attend Project 2000 XXIII and giving me the honor of being an escort for the Orrell family. I had attended the Project in San Antonio, Texas and was greatly impressed by all that the CPOF family does for one another.
It was a great experience that I will never forget to be an escort for a Fallen Family. The Orrells and I became very close over the weekend and it is an honor and privilege to call them part of my second family. I would not have had this chance if it was not for the generosity of the CPOF organization in sponsoring me.
I will be forever grateful for that opportunity you provided me with. I look forward to many more Projects and will be honored to escort any other families in the future. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart and soul. You have forever changed my life with this experience.
C/O IV Jessica Boettcher
Wynne Unit
Texas Department of Criminal Justice, TX
(And see the letter in the left column on the next page.)
Recognized for Bravery “Above and Beyond the Call of Duty”

Sergeant Wesley Baugh & Corporal Gregory James, Central Transportation Unit, Lexington, OK

Corporate Kannon Davis, US Army, son of Correctional Officer Jeffrey Davis, LeBlanc Unit, TX, and Mrs. Davis

Faces of the CPO Foundation Catastrophic Assistance Program at Project 2000 XXIII

Left: Lieutenant Scott Robertson, Federal Correctional Institution-Edgefield, SC

Right: Sergeant Roger Watson, Elayn Hunt Correctional Center, LA

Left: Sergeant Liza Dominguez, Clements Unit, TX

Right: Correctional Officer Adam Jones, Valdosta State Prison, GA

Left: Inmate Systems Specialist Irene Compton, Federal Correctional Institution-Tallahassee, FL

Right: Correctional Officer Tommy Robinson, Union Correctional Institution, FL
California

Mr. Byron Randolph, at left in this photo, is pictured here with his son, Ronald, and wife, Glenda. Glenda passed away suddenly in late February 2012 from an apparent heart attack. At the recommendation of Mr. Brian Gibbons, CCPOA Chapter President at O. H. Close, the CPO Foundation gave Mr. Randolph a check to help with funeral expenses.

Correctional Officer Mark Ricker of California Correctional Institution in Tehachapi is pictured here with his family. His wife Diana was diagnosed with cancer in late May 2012 and given just two weeks to live. Sadly, the prognosis was very close to accurate: Diana passed away about three weeks later. The CPO Foundation assisted the Ricker family with funeral expenses.

Dear Char,

Robert (Bob) Reinhart passed away 6/14/12 after a long fight with Hepatitis “C.” Bobby was a friend from my childhood (a bratty little brother) and a co-worker at CIM.

His wife Patti is not handling it well, even though she knew this was coming, but I’m trying to hold her hand through it all. I’ll be going up after our Retired [Chapter] meeting in Sacramento to help her go through Bobby’s stuff and find things. I think it would help if someone from CPOF contacted her with whom to call, etc. ...

Thanks, “kiddo!”

Mary Lockwood,

Mary Lockwood is a Retired CPOF Supporting Member from California Institution for Men (CIM) in Chino, CA, as was Correctional Officer Bob Reinhart. We indeed immediately contacted Robert’s widow, Patti, and provided her with assistance for Robert’s funeral and related expenses. Here is her thank-you note:

Dear Charleene Corby and CPOF members,

I would like to say thank you all so very much for your generosity. The check will help me so much in taking care of costs I have incurred with Bob’s passing.

You all have come to help me more than once and I can’t thank you enough for all you have done for Bob and me.

Sincerely,

Patricia Rinehart, Las Vegas, NV

The Reinharts had retired to Las Vegas, Nevada. Bob had been a Supporting Member since mid 1994.
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Right: Jay presents an assistance check to Carol Lovely, wife of C/O Allen Lovely of Riverview Correctional Facility who passed away from a heart attack. Also in the photo is Penny Jock, Assistant Superintendent of Riverview, and the CPOF’s contact at the facility, C/O Tim Rivers. Carol will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Left: Jay presents an assistance check to C/O Eugene Pelkey of Bare Hill Correctional Facility. At the time, C/O Pelkey’s wife Joanna was undergoing treatment for a recent heart attack and other serious medical issues. The CPOF will keep both in our thoughts and prayers.

Right: Jay presents an assistance check to C/O Patrick Varden of Adirondack Correctional Facility. C/O Varden was diagnosed with lung cancer.

Left: Jay presents an assistance check to C/O Jim Sheehy from Downstate Correctional Facility. At the time, C/O Sheehy’s wife Amy was undergoing numerous medical treatments for cancer. Also in the photo is C/O Selena Decicco, who is the CPOF’s contact at Downstate and initiated the assistance application process. Amy will remain in our thoughts and prayers during her battle.

Readers, you will have noticed here and on other pages in the CPO Family that recipients of assistance checks are often holding envelopes much larger than actually needed to contain a check. That’s because the envelope also contains a personal letter and a poem of comfort and inspiration, and we like to present both of these unfolded. And, the larger size of our CPOF Star and “Taking Care of Our Own” motto make for a better “photo op!”
Remembering Wayne “Cotton” Morgan

On Wednesday, August 1, 2012 the Morgan County Correctional Complex, along with the family, friends and community of Wartburg, Tennessee, held a Memorial Dedication Service in honor of Wayne “Cotton” Morgan. “Cotton” Morgan was murdered on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, outside of the Roane County Courthouse by the wife of one of the inmates he was escorting. Officer Morgan was honored by the CPO Foundation in St. Louis in June 2006.

The Memorial to “Cotton” is located at the base of the flagpole at the entrance to the Morgan County Correctional Complex. This facility was not built when Cotton died but his Correctional family and his community have not forgotten him. The rock, on which is inscribed, “In Honor and Memory of the Service and Sacrifice of Wayne ‘Cotton’ Morgan 08/08/77 – 08/09/05” (see photo), came from the Brushy Mountain Correctional Complex, now closed, where Cotton served as a Corrections Officer. The dates on the rock are those of Cotton’s length of service. The rock is mounted on granite purchased with funds donated by the staff of the new facility. On this very warm August morning, the beautiful setting among green Tennessee mountains paled in comparison to the words of love and appreciation spoken about the character and integrity of this cherished friend, husband, father and Christian.

I was honored to be able to again share hugs with family members and to participate in this remembrance. The family shared fond memories of their Project experience and other Correctional personnel thanked me for what the CPO Foundation has done for their loved ones. I was able to remind all in attendance that our motto is, “Taking Care of Our Own,” but we also continually “Remember Our Own,” including their friend, Cotton Morgan.

Judy Dease, CPO Foundation Representative for South Carolina (pictured above)

* The inmate and his wife have been sentenced to life in prison.

Right: Cathy Posey, Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Corrections.
My name is John Williams, retired Sergeant from Putnam Correctional Institution in Florida. Unfortunately (or fortunately, as I look at it) I learned about the Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation after the murder of my son, Jerome, in July of 1995. The next year, my family and I were invited to Sacramento, California for a Memorial Ceremony held for Jerome and other Correctional Officers killed or who had died in the line of duty the previous year. This was Project 2000 VII. My wife, Dorothy, and the rest of the Williams family made many new long-lasting friends.

Project 2000 XXIII is discussed in great detail in this issue and I hope many of my fellow Floridians will plan to attend Project in 2013.

The bench here was built in honor of my son, Correctional Officer Jerome Williams, EOW 7/26/95, and is proudly displayed at Putnam C.I. It was dedicated on the 16th anniversary of Jerome's death, July 26, 2011.

The road sign was put up in 2004.