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Bravery
Above and Beyond
the Call of Duty

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Get ready for
PROJECT 2000 XXIX
Houston, Texas
Thursday, June 14 - Sunday, June 17, 2018
“Moving. Memorable. Heartwarming.” We heard these and similar words from a great many of the over 800 who attended the Project 2000 XXVIII Memorial Ceremony on June 16, including, we are gratified to say, members of the families of the Corrections Professionals honored that day. These are the reactions we always hope to inspire in our guests and attendees. And, better still, after Project as a whole was over we received many comments from attendees about what an uplifting and special experience it had been. We appreciate and thank all of you who expressed your feelings.

We also appreciate the “powers that be” for providing beautiful weather for the duration of Project, to the extent that most nights remained comfortably warm in defiance of San Francisco’s chilly summer reputation!

An impressive number of Honor Guards from across the country participated, and, as has been the case for quite a few years now, we also were delighted to have an Honor Guard from Correctional Services Canada. It was truly a striking sight to see the Honor Guards, one after another, marching over and down a slope to the ceremonial grounds. Honor Guard Commander Steve Dizmon once again displayed his expertise in choreographing the Honor Guards’ movements and placement. Thank you, Steve!

Starting on page 5 at right are the photographs of the 12 Corrections Professionals who were honored at the Project 2000 XXVIII Memorial Ceremony, together with descriptions of the incidents that led to their deaths in the line of duty. Read, reflect and please send good thoughts to their surviving families.

The Annual National Memorial Ceremony is the highlight of every Project 2000 gathering. Here is the complete list of the events and activities of Project 2000 XXVIII:

**Thursday --**
- The Annual Welcome Buffet Dinner

**Friday --**
- The Annual Memorial Luncheon (follows immediately after the Memorial Ceremony)
- Kids & Teens Lunch
- Seminar: Gangs in Prisons
- Seminar: San Quentin 1971
- Youth Counseling Session

**Saturday --**
- Seminar: Repeat of Gangs in Prisons
- Seminar: Women in Corrections Now
- “Time for You” Informal Session for Fallen Family members
- The Annual Recognition Luncheon
- Kids & Teens Lunch
- Seminar: Staff Suicide Awareness
- Seminar: Contraband Cell Phones
- Special Session for Survivors of Assaults and their family members
- Pizza and Ice Cream Sundae Party for Kids 12 and under
- “Teen Night Out”

**Sunday --**
- The Annual “Closing Event” Buffet Breakfast, featuring the Project Kids & Teens “Songfest”
Corrections Officer Lisa Mauldin  
Miller County Sheriff’s Office, Arkansas  
EOW: December 19, 2016

Corrections Officer Lisa Mauldin and another Officer were attacked by an inmate inside the Miller County Detention Center’s kitchen. The inmate stabbed them repeatedly. Both Officers were transported to the local hospital. Officer Mauldin succumbed to her injuries.

Corrections Officer Mauldin had served with the Miller County Sheriff’s Office since 2015. She is survived by her husband, Travis; three daughters, Mandy, Billye and Nikki; son James; stepson, Brandon; parents, Bill and Ann; brother, Jason (who is a Sergeant for Miller County); and eight grandchildren.

Detention Officer Robert Ransom  
Gregg County Sheriff’s Office, Texas  
EOW: September 30, 2016

On September 30 Detention Officer Robert Ransom had completed his shift, picked up his lunch box and was about to leave when a radio call for help came in. An inmate had collapsed on the floor and appeared to be having a heart attack.

Officer Ransom called 911 and retrieved the defibrillator. He returned to the cellblock and began CPR. While another Officer was on the phone updating the 911 dispatchers he was informed that Officer Ransom was down. Officer Ransom was found sitting up against the wall and unresponsive. Officer Ransom was transported to the hospital where he died of cardiac arrest.

Detention Officer Robert Ransom had served with the Gregg County Sheriff’s Office for 11 years. He had previously served with the Porter County Sheriff’s Office in Indiana for 25 years. He is survived by his two brothers, Charles and David.
Corrections Officer David Weaver
State Correctional Institution-Graterford
Pennsylvania Department of Corrections
EOW: September 26, 2016

Corrections Officer David Weaver died from injuries he sustained nine days earlier when he fell and struck his head at State Correctional Institution-Graterford. He was supervising inmates in the prison’s outdoor recreation yard and was attempting to avoid a football that had been thrown in the yard when he fell backward and struck his head on a concrete wall, causing a skull fracture. Officer Weaver was transported to the hospital where he remained until dying from his injuries.

Officer Weaver had served with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections for 13 years. He is survived by his wife, Tara, and adult daughter, Abigail.

Corrections Sergeant Kerry Winters
Ulster County Sheriff’s Office, New York
EOW: September 22, 2016

Corrections Sergeant Kerry Winters was part of the Department’s Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Dive Team. On September 22, while participating in a multi-agency In-Water Rescue Team training dive, Sgt. Winters became separated from his two dive partners.

Sergeant Winters was found a short time later under water and unresponsive. He was brought to the surface where staff performed CPR. He was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. Sgt. Winters had suffered a cardiac event while under water.

Corrections Sergeant Kerry Winters had served with the Ulster County Sheriff’s Office, Corrections Division for 31 years. He is survived by his wife, Michele; and two adult sons, Kerry Jr. and Kyle.

Each year at Project 2000 a table is set up to inform new attendees about how our Catastrophic Assistance Program (CAP) works. It works because of you. If you know of a Correctional Employee at your facility/jail having a difficult financial time due to a recent catastrophic event in their life, please be the one to contact us and submit your co-worker for assistance. To begin the process at our end, a simple one-page form will be emailed to you. When completed, fax or email it back. The CPOF Board of Directors reviews cases each week and when they approve an assistance check to be provided, you will be informed. Thanks for assisting CPOF in “Taking Care of Our Own.”

-- Charleene Corby
Correctional Officer Kenneth Bettis  
William C. Holman Correctional Facility  
Alabama Department of Corrections  
EOW: September 16, 2016

On September 1, 2016 Correctional Officer Kenneth Bettis was attacked by an inmate and stabbed in the head several times. The inmate attacked Officer Bettis because he was denied an extra tray of food during the prison’s lunch service.

Officer Bettis was flown to the hospital where he remained until succumbing to his injuries on September 16 with his family by his side.

Correctional Officer Kenneth Bettis had served with the Alabama Department of Corrections for seven years. He is survived by his wife, Theresa; adult daughters, Kendra and Jessica; and adult son, Jarvis.

Correctional Officer Kristopher Moules  
Luzerne County Correctional Facility - Pennsylvania  
EOW: July 18, 2016

Correctional Officer Kristopher Moules was handing out dinner trays in the cellblock when an inmate approached him and started a heated discussion. Officer Moules tried to move the inmate out of the cellblock area to avoid a confrontation in the vicinity of other inmates.

The inmate began assaulting Officer Moules, grabbing him and pulling him backward toward the cellblock elevator. Officer Moules and the inmate hit the elevator door, the base of the door gave way, and Officer Moules and the inmate plummeted 70 feet down the elevator shaft. Both Officer Moules and the inmate died from their injuries.

Officer Moules had served with the Luzerne County Correctional Facility for 10 months. He is survived by his parents, Ken and Kitty; and his brother, Kenny.

Each year at Project at the Friday Memorial Luncheon members of the CPOF National Honor Guard present the Missing Officer Table. Commander Steve Dizmon, retired from the California DOC, reads the meaning of the objects on the Table to the attendees.* The Table remains in place until Sunday at the Farewell Breakfast when the same CPOF National Honor Guard members retrieve the objects and retire the Table. The placement of the Missing Officer Table and its retirement are impressive sights to see.

*For information on the Missing Officer Table, go to our website: cpofo.org and click on “Project 2000.”

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Correctional Officer Marianne Johnson
Robertson Unit, Texas Department of Criminal Justice
EOW: July 16, 2016

Correctional Officer Marianne Johnson was murdered by an inmate inside the Robertson Unit. Staff found Officer Johnson on the floor unresponsive near the prison’s kitchen at approximately 3:00 am. The Officers immediately provided medical aid until Officer Johnson was transported to a medical center, where she was pronounced dead.

Correctional Officer Johnson had served with TDCJ for seven years. She is survived by her adult sons, Nicholas, Thomas and Dominque; and her sisters, Margaret and Leni.

Berrien County Trial Court
Security Supervisor Joseph Zangaro and Court Officer Ronald Kienzle
Berrien County Sheriff’s Office, Michigan
EOW: July 11, 2016

Security Supervisor (Head of Courthouse Security) Joe Zangaro and Court Officer (Bailiff) Ron Kienzle were shot and killed inside the Berrien County Courthouse by an inmate who was attempting to escape.

A Court Officer was told by Officer Kienzle that the inmate wasn't needed in court at that time and to escort him back to the holding cell. After the Officer and inmate were behind the holding area closed door, the inmate attacked the Officer and gained control of his handgun. The inmate shot at the Officer but missed. When Officer Kienzle heard the commotion he came into the holding area and the inmate shot him. The inmate then went into the courtroom and shot Supervisor Zangaro. The inmate then took civilians and Staff hostage. Using them as shields, he forced them into a hallway. The hostages were able to escape; the inmate exchanged gunfire with two other Court Officers and was killed.

Security Supervisor Joseph Zangaro had served with the Berrien County Trial Court for 10 years and had previously served with the Michigan State Police for 25 years. He is survived by his wife, Karen; daughters, Katie and Emily; and five grandchildren.

Court Officer Ronald Kienzle had served with the Berrien County Trial Court for 10 years and had previously served with the Benton Township Police Department. He is survived by his daughters, Heather and Amy; and grandchildren, Halie, Kayla, Raymond and Alana.
Jail Administrator/Training Officer Martin Sturgill II  
Humphreys County Sheriff’s Office, Tennessee  
EOW: June 30, 2016

Jail Administrator and Training Officer Martin Sturgill, along with two other Officers of the Humphreys County Sheriff’s Office, were developing a new physical assessment test for the Department’s Emergency Response Team at the local high school track field. The Deputies had just completed a walk and jog around the track and were about to run the stairs when Officer Sturgill suddenly collapsed. He had suffered a cardiac arrest and was airlifted to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Officer Martin Sturgill had served with the Humphreys County Sheriff’s Office for 12 years. He is survived by his wife, Deborah; sister, Cathy; grandchildren, Jillian, Sydney, Brianna and Braden; nephew, Billy; and niece, Kaitlin.

Correctional Sergeant Jorge Ramos  
South Florida Reception Center  
Florida Department of Corrections  
EOW: May 1, 2016

Correctional Sergeant Jorge Ramos was taking part in a statewide Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) competition at Sumter Correctional Institution.

During the obstacle course Sergeant Ramos suffered an injury to his right knee. He attempted to finish the course but collapsed. Sergeant Ramos was airlifted to the hospital where he remained until passing away two days later.

Sergeant Jorge Ramos had served with the Florida Department of Corrections for nine years. He is survived by his wife, Milagros; and seven-year-old daughter, Mila.

Newly appointed Missouri Director Anne Precythe, flanked by the North Carolina Honor Guard, has made it her goal to acquire a payroll slot for the CPO Foundation in Missouri. Ms. Precythe is from North Carolina where she saw the great work CPOF did not only with the recent horrific flooding there but also with our many, many catastrophic assistances in North Carolina. CPOF is truly just an email or phone call away when a Correctional Staff needs a “hand up.”

Acquiring a payroll slot will make it much easier to increase our Supporting Membership in Missouri. Thank you, Director Precythe, for making this your goal.
Transportation Officer Dennis Toombs II  
Stafford Diversion Center  
Virginia Department of Corrections  
EOW: February 14, 2015

On February 14 Officer Toombs arrived at an inmate work site to pick up nine inmates from work duty. The inmates loaded into the Virginia Department of Corrections work van to return to the Stafford Diversion Center. Officer Toombs suddenly started coughing and then lost consciousness. The van drifted off the road and went down an embankment, hitting a tree. Officer Toombs came to and was alert enough to call for help but was trapped inside the van. When help did arrive Officer Toombs was transported to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Transportation Officer Dennis Toombs had served with the Virginia Department of Corrections for four years. He is survived by his wife, Melissa; seven-year-old daughter, Haley; mother, Tamela; sister, Amy; and 17-year-old niece, Alexis.

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Each year, sadly, our “Wall of Honor” grows. You can see just how much space the Wall takes up. Those that attend Project truly see the impact that losing “one of our own” makes. This is especially true when you see the child or children of a parent that was killed or died in the line of duty gazing up at their parent’s picture on the Wall. I would like to quote C/O David Gonzalez from CRC in California, a past Fallen Family member who attended Project in San Francisco and whose brother, Manny Gonzalez, was murdered on January 10, 2005. David said that in looking at the Wall he was reminded of how much CPOF does for its members and was very thankful.  

-- Charleene

The Wall of Honor
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CPOF Arkansas Representative Annie Norman accepted the Flag and Plaque on behalf of the Family of Corrections Officer Lisa Mauldin ~ Arkansas

CPOF Texas Representative Cathy Stokes accepted the Flag and Plaque on behalf of the Family of Detention Officer Robert Ransom ~ Texas

Family Members of Corrections Officer David Weaver ~ Pennsylvania

Family Members of Correctional Sergeant Kerry Winters ~ New York

CPOF Alabama Representative Carolyn Kelley accepted the Flag and Plaque on behalf of the Family of Correctional Officer Kenneth Bettis ~ Alabama

Family Members of Correctional Officer Kristopher Moules ~ Pennsylvania
The Honored Families of Project 2000 XXVII

CPOF Tennessee Representative Cheryl Thorpe accepted the Flag and Plaque on behalf of the Family of Training Officer Martin Sturgill II ~ Tennessee

Family Members of Correctional Officer Marianne Johnson ~ Texas

Family Members of Court Officer Ronald Kienzle ~ Michigan

Family Members of Security Supervisor Joseph Zangaro ~ Michigan

Family Members of Correctional Sergeant Jorge Ramos ~ Florida

Family Members of Transportation Officer Dennis Toombs II ~ Virginia
Honor Guards of Project 2000 XXVIII

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Honor Guards of Project 2000 XXVIII
Mr. Kevin Murphy, VP of the U.S. Deputy Wardens Association, is pictured above with Halie, Kayla and Alana, granddaughters of Ronald Kienzle (see page 8). At every Project 2000 gathering, Mr. Murphy gives out wheeled carry-on travel bags crammed with toys, games, sports equipment, stuffed animals and many other fun items to the current year’s kids and teens. These bags are generously donated each year by the U.S. DWA, and are always a big hit!

The traditional and always delightful “Group Sing” by the Kids and Teens at the Sunday Closing Breakfast. Also a tradition at the Sunday Breakfast: The first display of the banner announcing next year’s Project 2000 event.

Handmade “Thank You” cards to donors to the Kids & Teens Room. The kids love making these, and we hope they’re hanging in many a facility or corporate office all across the country!

The Kids and Teens have a great time at their pool parties at Project, usually held on Friday and Saturday afternoons.

“Teen Night Out” this year was at a nearby K1 Speed Kart Racing facility.
Survivors of Assaults

At the Project 2000 Recognition Luncheon each year, we recognize certain Corrections Professionals who have survived savage inmate assaults and Corrections Professionals who have acted “above and beyond the call of duty.” We also salute a few Correctional Officers or Families that have triumphed over severe catastrophic events. Here, we are proud to present this year’s award recipients.

Catastrophic Recognition

Left, C/O Vern Watson, California Correctional Center, CA, with wife Kathren; and, right, Sergeant Shannon Siota, Centinela State Prison, CA. Kathren was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent a particularly arduous course of treatment, while Sgt. Siota suffered a heart attack and had several surgeries and the placement of four stints in her heart during her recovery.

Assault Survivors

Above right: C/O Donald Gaines, CSP-Los Angeles County, CA, and C/O Carolos Solorzano (who could not attend) were savagely attacked by two inmates. Blows and kicks to C/O Gaines’s head caused him to briefly lose consciousness before being revived by Officers who had arrived to assist.

Left: C/O Clarence Wade, Jr., Caledonia CI, NC, was stabbed 37 times by an inmate using an ice pick shank. C/O John Rook ran to C/O Wade’s assistance, pulling him out of the cell and into safety. C/O Rook undoubtedly saved C/O Wade’s life, and was recognized for action above and beyond the call of duty (see page 22).

Warden Ron Davis of San Quentin State Prison, CA, accepted awards on behalf of C/O Marcellino Moreno and C/O Gonzalo Hernandez. C/O Moreno had removed one handcuff from an inmate whom C/O Moreno had escorted to the shower. As C/O Moreno was removing the second cuff the inmate suddenly grabbed C/O Moreno’s wrist and began cutting him with a homemade weapon. C/O Hernandez was attacked by an inmate also using a manufactured weapon during a medical examination at which C/O Hernandez was providing coverage. C/O Hernandez suffered severe facial lacerations.

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Survivors of Assaults

Above: Sergeant Darren Preston, Lieutenant Sims McRae and C/O William Young, Lanesboro Correctional Institution, NC, were all seriously injured in an incident that involved trying to subdue an unruly and disturbed inmate. The inmate was attacking staff members who were trying to control him and during this process another inmate came up from behind with a homemade weapon and began assaulting the staff. Sgt. Preston, Lt. McRae and C/O Young all suffered multiple stab wounds.

Right: C/O Shane Biancaniello, Columbia Correctional Institution, FL, was struck several times by an inmate using a manufactured weapon. C/O Biancaniello suffered multiple stab wounds to his head and right cheek, and a broken jaw. He also injured one of his knees during the attack.

Left: Corporal Brandon Petet, Tecumseh State Correctional Institution, NE, was attacked by two inmates who punched and kicked him in the head and neck. Cpl. Petet sustained a concussion and severe bruising on his face. He also had to have 14 stitches in his mouth.

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Above: Lieutenant Clarissa Johnson, Mississippi State Penitentiary, MS, was attacked by an inmate with a broom handle. The attack was to retaliate for the disciplinary action Lt. Johnson had just ordered for him. Lt. Johnson suffered injuries to her hand that required seven stitches, fractured bones in the sinus area, and injuries to her right eye and right shoulder.

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Right: Intelligence Captain Christopher Connelly, Tecumseh State Correctional Institution, NE, was assaulted by two inmates wielding padlocks attached to belts. Captain Connelly was hit in the head and hands several times. He suffered a broken hand and injuries to his head and ear that required several staples.

Above: Lieutenant Justin Farst, Lieber Correctional Institution, SC, was in the process of removing an inmate from his cell in order for the inmate to receive his insulin shot when the inmate suddenly assaulted Lt. Farst with a metal object.
Survivors of Assaults

Left: A member of the North Carolina Honor Guard accepted the award on behalf of C/O Antoine Lyons of Central Prison, NC. C/O Lyons suffered lacerations to his face and left ear, and major swelling of his head, during an inmate attack.

Left: Warden Michele Farrell of Riverside Correctional Facility, Philadelphia Prison System, PA, accepted the award on behalf of C/O Jamie Harris of the House of Correction. C/O Harris was the victim of an unprovoked attack by an inmate who struck C/O Harris several times on the left side of her face. C/O Harris suffered severe lacerations that required plastic surgery.

Right: After Project and back at the House of Correction, C/O Harris received her award during a roll call. Pictured are Captain Joe Browne, C/O Jaime Harris and many of her fellow Officers from the House of Correction. From the House of Correction: “C/O Harris is very thankful for all of the support from CPOF.”

Lieutenant Timothy Wallace and Captain John Lewis, FCC Victorville, CA, saved the life of their Warden, Calvin Johnson, when he was brutally attacked by an inmate who slashed Warden Johnson’s chest. Warden Johnson was not able to attend Project 2000 XXVIII, so the award being held by a California Officer in the photo at left was sent to FCC Victorville. It was then presented to Warden Johnson by David Woodham of FCC Oakdale, as seen in the photo at right.

Above: C/O Steve Rossiaky, Boyd Unit, TX, was assaulted by an inmate who attacked from behind. During the attack C/O Boyd fell to the concrete floor and broke his hip.
Lieutenant Christopher Gainey, Pender Correctional Institution, NC, rescued by boat several neighbors who were stranded by flood waters in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. He also made many boat trips carrying local law enforcement officials back and forth, thereby greatly assisting in their assessing the flood level and checking on the well-being of animals and people who refused to evacuate, etc.

Lieutenant Gainey’s actions exemplify the unselfish service that state employees provide whenever there is a need.

Sergeant Mark Barra, Calipatria State Prison, CA, saved the life of a four-month-old baby who was choking and could not breathe. Sgt. Barra was on his way to work when he saw a vehicle parked on the side of the road containing a frantic couple and their suffering baby. Sgt. Barra rushed to their aid and managed to clear the infant’s airway. While waiting for medical assistance to arrive, he held and soothed her until she was breathing normally and had regained her normal skin color.

Warden Montgomery of Calipatria SP was quoted as saying, “Sergeant Barr’s actions are a true display of selfless service to our community. He is an excellent example of the great employees we have working at Calipatria and CDCR.”

Lieutenant John Mendiboure, Avenal State Prison, CA, saved the life of a young man trapped inside his car as the result of an accident. The vehicle was wedged beneath the back of a semi truck and smoke was curling up from the hood. With his wife, Carey, Lt. Mendiboure rushed to the vehicle and found the driver unconscious with a severe gash on his head. Carey went to their own vehicle to retrieve their travel trauma kit, which the Mendiboures keep in their vehicle always, and returned to the wrecked vehicle and tried to help the injured young man. Lt. Mendiboure tried, to no avail, to pry open the vehicle’s doors. He then pulled off what was left of the windshield, reached inside and stabilized the victim’s head. He and Carey tended to the head wounds to slow the bleeding until paramedics and safety crews arrived and used the Jaws of Life to extract the victim. This is the second time that Lt. Mendiboure has been honored by the CPO Foundation for his bravery above and beyond the call of duty.

C/O John Rook of Caledonia Correctional Institution, NC, rescued his co-worker, C/O Clarence Wade, Jr., from a vicious stabbing attack by an inmate (see page 19).
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ CREED

To speak sparingly … to act, not to argue … to be in authority through personal presence … to correct without nagging … to speak with the calm voice of certainty … to see everything, know what is significant and what not to notice … to be neither insensitive to distress nor so distracted by pity as to miss what must elsewhere be seen …

To do neither that which is unkind nor self-indulgent in its misplaced charity … never to obey the impulse to tongue lash that silent insolence which in times past could receive the lash … to be both firm and fair … to know I cannot be fair simply by being firm, nor firm simply be being fair …

To support the reputations of associates and confront them without anger, should they stand short of professional conduct … to reach for knowledge of the continuing mysteries of human motivation … to think; always to think … to be dependable … to be dependable first to my charges and associates, and thereafter to my duty as employee and citizen … to keep fit … to keep forever alert … to listen to what is meant as well as what is said with words and with silences …

To expect respect from my charges and my superiors yet never to abuse the one for abuses from the other … for eight hours each working day to be an example of the person I could be at all times … to acquiesce in no dishonest act … to cultivate patience under boredom and calm during confusion … to understand the why of every order I take or give …

To hold freedom among the highest values though I deny it to those I guard … to deny it with dignity that in my example they find no reason to lose their dignity … to be prompt … to be honest with all who practice deceit that they not find in me excuse for themselves … to privately face down my fear that I not signal it … to privately cool my anger that I not displace it in others … to hold in confidence what I see and hear, which by the telling could harm or humiliate to no good purpose … to keep my outside problems outside … to leave inside that which should stay inside … to do my duty.

“A few strides inside the James A. Thomas Center, just beyond the entrance door of this former penitentiary on Rikers Island, the hallway wall on the right displays 1,649 characters carefully painted in 1995 by an inmate artist acting under supervision of the then detention facility’s administration.

“Beneath the title Correctional Officers’ Creed, the characters form 364 words on a parchment-like scroll, also painted on the wall.

“The author’s name, Bob Barrington, appears at the bottom, as does the year painted, 1995.

“Robert Barrington was a professor at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. A member of the university’s Department of Criminal Justice Studies, he died of cancer in 1992.

“Prof. Barrington personally knew of what he wrote. He also had close ties with correctional officers. His essays often dwelt on the challenges they face in carrying out their jobs and on the lack of public understanding of their profession.

“By far, Prof. Barrington’s best-known essay is Correctional Officers’ Creed.

“It has had widespread circulation in print media and on the web as well. Besides being ‘moralized’ on Rikers Island, the words have been adopted and adapted by various correction agencies into their officer training programs.”

• Excerpted from Words on Rikers JATC Wall: Correctional Officers’ Creed. For complete article, go to http://www.correctionhistory.org/html/chronicl/murals/jatcwallcreed.html
Members of the CPOF National Honor Guard

Note: Ranks pertain to the hierarchy of the National Honor Guard. They are separate from the ranks held by National Honor Guard members at their places of employment.
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Not present for front cover bridge photograph:

Robert Denniger, Piper New York

Brain L James (PA)

Francisco Villegas (TX) Sergeant

Buddy Rein Piper Florida

Jim Noone Piper New York

Sedrick Cornell Jane (CA)

Vanessa Elaine Lee (MS)

Howard Dowdell (CA)

Linda Dizmon (CA) Media

Steven Perrine (NY)

Dee Lee Starks (MS)
C/O Bao Nguyen is a Supporting Member in the Division of Adult Parole. He received a bereavement assistance check after his wife, Anh Ngoc Cao, passed away from breast cancer in March 2017. At left: The Bao Nguyen family.

C/O Tony Mooney of California Men’s Colony is pictured at right with his family at the high school graduation of his son, Cody. We are very sad to say that Cody passed away unexpectedly at age 22.

C/O Keith Van Heusen of CMF had surgery in April of 2017 and was off work for several weeks recovering. He is pictured above with his family.

C/O Ardella Vanzuiden, Retired from the CDCR, is pictured here with her husband, Jeffrey, and their sons, Nicholas and Tyler. Jeffrey passed away from cancer in June 2017.

Dear Christina,

Thank you so much for your generous gift. To be told that my brain tumor had come back after conquering the first surgery [in the fall of 2012] was hard to hear, but I knew that I couldn’t give up. I have to “believe” that doing chemotherapy this time [will mean] it won’t come back.

God bless,
Michelle Sherrick

C/O Cal Sherrick is a Supporting Member at Pelican Bay State Prison. His wife, Michelle, was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2012. The tumor returned and Michelle underwent surgery to remove it in February 2017. After surgery she underwent chemotherapy and had many follow-up doctor’s visits.
Warden Dave Baughman  
California State Prison-Sacramento  
Represa, CA  95671

Warden Baughman:

The purpose of this letter is to personally acknowledge and express our appreciation for the proactive action and life-saving efforts of Correctional Officer Nicholas Voron. Due to Officer Voron’s efforts our son, Ryan Yamamoto, is alive.

On the morning of December 22, 2016, Ryan drove to work without incident. When he arrived at the inside prison parking lot, he suddenly become ill. Ryan said his arms were becoming numb and he had shortness of breath. Ryan returned to his car and attempted to drive home. When he arrived at the Entrance Gate, Officer Voron noticed Ryan was not looking well. Officer Voron stopped him and while speaking with him, Ryan stated he was not feeling well. Officer Voron immediately offered to assist him and to make a call on his behalf.

Within a few moments, Ryan lost consciousness and slumped over the steering wheel. Officer Voron called for assistance. Correctional Sergeant James “Cody” Lewis responded, and he and Officer Voron immediately removed Ryan from his vehicle and placed him on the ground. Due to the quick action of CSP-Sacramento’s staff, Ryan was medically transported to Folsom Mercy Hospital accompanied by Sergeant Lewis.

Ryan’s initial prognosis was not very positive. However, all of the doctors have attributed the proactive actions of Officer Voron to saving our son’s life.

In addition, as parents we are heartened to know that Officer Voron displayed sincere compassion in keeping our son comfortable. We are also sincerely grateful for the professionalism and human kindness displayed by Correctional Sergeant Cody Lewis.

We will be forever indebted to Officer Voron and Sergeant Lewis.

Respectfully,
Rick and Vivienne Yamamoto, Retired CDCR  
Granite Bay, CA

C/O Rudy Romo is a Supporting Member at CMC. His wife, Gabrielle, gave birth to their third son at 21 weeks gestation; the baby did not survive. Rudy had been off on FMLA caring for his wife during her high risk pregnancy. He received a CPOF bereavement assistance check after the baby’s death. Rudy is pictured above with Gabrielle and their sons, Ezra and Caleb.

C/O Cynthia Sanchez of Kern Valley State Prison, pictured here with her daughter, had an emergency liver transplant. She was in an ICU for a week. After release from the hospital C/O Sanchez had to travel to UCLA at least twice a week for follow-ups and treatments, a trip of 155 miles each way.

She received a CPOF assistance check to help with her travel-related expenses.
Georgia

Lieutenant Annie Byrd, a Supporting Member at Women’s Probation & Detention Center, was out of work for many months as she had to have follow-up surgery and radiation after having a tumor removed. Her recovery process included wound-vacuum therapy and at-home health care.

C/O John Nixon of Valdosta State Prison received an assistance check to help with extra expenses when his wife, Clara, was out of work for many months due to a lengthy illness.

C/O Shamarell Allen of Valdosta State Prison received an assistance check after her husband, John, was in a car accident and suffered several injuries.

C/O Jessica Jones, a Supporting Member at Johnson State Prison, had a liver transplant on August 7, 2016. She was off work for over five months recovering and eventually lost all of her time. Officer Jones sent us this nice Christmas picture of herself with her daughter, Jayceon.

On June 14, 2017 C/O I Chad Thompson of South Central Correctional Center suffered a fatal heart attack while on his way to CERT training. His wife, Melinda, is pictured here receiving her bereavement assistance check.

To the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation,

I want to let everyone there know how much I appreciate the assistance check. You have no idea how much this helped me.

Thanks again,
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The Offield and Zinn families would like to send our thanks for the grievance memorial [donation] in Shelley Offield’s memory. We applied that thoughtful donation to the Llena and Sophia education fund. Shelley and Nathan would want nothing more than that their daughters be taken care of in their memory. Thank you for such a thoughtful memorial.

God bless.
The Offield & Zinn Families, Marshall, MO

P/O II Shelley Offield of Missouri DOC Probation and Parole was killed along with her husband, Nathan, in a motorcycle accident on April 14, 2017. Shelley’s brother, Corey Zinn, is her beneficiary and after Shelley’s death set up a trust fund for her two stepdaughters, Llena and Sophia.
Sergeant Tom Gallagher, a Supporting Member at Upstate CF, had a life-threatening injury in January of 2012 for which he still receives medical treatment. The treatments are very costly and Tom has to travel to receive them. Pictured: CPOF New York Representative Jay West; Tom; Tom's wife, Anne; and their son, Quinn.

C/O Rich Adams, a Supporting Member at Ogdensburg CF, had surgery on his ankle and suffered a severe infection which led to gangrene at the surgery site. He was hospitalized for eight days and underwent therapy and skin grafts. He was expected to be off work for four to six months. Officer Adams is pictured above receiving a CPOF check while proudly holding his first granddaughter, Evalyn. Also pictured: Jay West; Officer Adams's wife, Lisa; and their daughter, Andrea.

Jay presented a check to C/O Leonard Martin of Clinton CF who was assaulted at the facility on March 20, 2017. He suffered a broken nose and fractured cheekbones. C/O Martin will be taking a medical retirement.

Jay West presented a check to C/O Roger Roberts of Altona CF whose son, Zachary, was enduring severe viral infections in his heart valves. Zachary spent 10 days in the hospital in March 2017. His condition at the time required 24-hour monitoring.
NEW YORK

Sergeant Jim Hillman, a Supporting Member at Hudson CF, received a CPOF check from Jay West during the time when Sgt. Hillman was recovering from a severe case of gangrene in his leg. He had skin grafts and other therapies at Albany Medical Center. Also pictured is Hudson CPOF contact C/O Charlene Supina.

Jay presented a check to C/O John Tuttle, a Supporting Member at Bare Hill CF, whose sons, Daimon (6) and Seeley (4), both have medical issues that require travel to Michigan for special therapies. Also pictured is CPOF contact C/O Brandy Smith.

C/O Craig Smith, a Supporting Member at Franklin County Jail, received a CPOF check to help while his father was recovering from a kidney transplant. C/O Smith is his father’s caregiver and during this recovery period was responsible for taking him for blood testing twice a week. With C/O Craig Smith and Jay is C/O Brandy Smith.

Sergeant Dennis Livermore, a Supporting Member at Elmira CF, received a CPOF check while he was recovering from heart problems he suffered in March. He underwent treatment and several weeks of physical therapy and rehabilitation. Also pictured is his granddaughter, Jacky.
C/O Mario Castro, a Supporting Member at Taconic CF, sustained serious injuries in a car accident earlier this year. He is continuing with rehabilitation therapies.

C/O Todd Adams of Coxsackie CF had open heart surgery and received a CPOF check to help with extra expenses. He has an excellent prognosis for a full recovery.

Here’s Jay presenting a check to C/O Zach Millett of Cape Vincent CF whose son, Jamison, was hospitalized at Syracuse Medical Center for eight days with an infection. Also pictured are C/O Millett’s wife, Sarah, and Cape Vincent CPOF contact, Gene Paul Brennan. As evidenced by the photo, ALL are healthy and happy.

Jay presented a check to Sergeant Chad Lavalley of Clinton CF while he was recovering from severe back and abdominal injuries he sustained in a car accident on March 10, 2017.

Jay presented a check to C/O Heather Wright, a Supporting Member at Midstate CF, who was assaulted at the facility in April 2017. Also pictured: Heather’s husband, Rick (also a C/O), and Midstate CPOF contact, C/O Terrance Kehrli.

Jordonna Spina, daughter of C/O Joe Spina (at right) of Marcy CF, received one of the 177 CPOF Scholarships that were given to immediate relatives of CPOF Supporting Members nationwide. Jordanna will be entering her senior year at Sienna College in Albany.
Kentucky

Northpoint Training Center (NTC) held a golf scramble on Saturday, May 13, 2017, to raise money for the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF). The scramble was a huge success and Warden Don Bottom (right) was able to present Kentucky DOC Deputy Commissioner and CPOF Board of Directors member Kim Potter-Blair (center) and CPOF Kentucky Field Representative Wayne Bowdry with $5,000.00 to become the first institution in Kentucky that is a Lifetime Facility Sponsor of the CPOF. Congratulations and many thanks to Northpoint Training Center!

I want to thank the CPOF for your help during our time of loss. Your generosity will never be forgotten.
Lieutenant Truoiolo, Springfield, MA
Lieutenant Pasquale Truoiolo of Osborn CI received a bereavement assistance check after his wife, Jenna, passed away from complications of ovarian cancer.

Counselor Stacy King of Cheshire CI, pictured here, passed away in her sleep in May 2017. Her husband, Jason, received a CPOF bereavement check.

C/O Nicholas Daigle, also of Cheshire CI, also passed away in May 2017. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He had just recently moved back home to take care of his parents. C/O Daigle's sudden death meant that his parents were responsible for the funeral expenses. They received a bereavement assistance check.
C/O James William Berkley, a Supporting Member at Western Regional Jail, suffered a fatal heart attack on April 22, 2017. Above: Officer Berkley’s widow, Michelle, receives a CPOF bereavement assistance check. Also pictured: Captain Carl Aldridge, CPOF Representative Ray Wagoner, Officer Brent Blevins and Sergeant Chris Fleming. Officer Blevins performed CPR on Officer Berkley until EMS arrived.

Below: Loading the casket.


Below: Same personnel as top photo, here with Supervisor II Billie Slonaker, a Supporting Member whose husband, Charles, passed away on May 13, 2017 due to complications from diabetes.

Central Regional Jail CPOF scholarship recipient Megan Stoffel (third from right) with Associate Warden of Security Joseph Wood, Deputy Warden JD Sallaz, Warden Anne Thomas, Captain Howard Stoffel, and Ray Wagoner

Another Central Regional Jail CPOF scholarship recipient is Allison Ramsey, pictured at left with Ray; Allison’s mother, Mary; and Captain Davis.

To Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Stephanie Barone and Staff,

Thanks for your assistance in our time of loss. The passing of Lisa hasn’t been easy but with God’s help we will get through it.

Michael Alligood and Family,
Belington, WV

C/O Alligood is a Supporting Member at West Virginia’s Huttonsville Correctional Center. His wife, Lisa, passed away from cancer after a long battle.
Hi:

This is Guy Morris, a CO IV Field Officer (horseback) at Stringfellow Unit in Rosharon, Texas. You recently sent a check to me for a catastrophic event. I was severely injured as I was driving to work at 5:20 AM on December 20, 2016. My 1999 Saturn LS2 was hit head-on while I was in a left turn lane on FM 521. This initial impact knocked me into unconsciousness, deployed air bags in my car and pushed my car backwards where it was hit from behind by another car. I was a patient at Jenny Sealy Hospital at UTMB-Galveston from December 20 to 25, 2016. I’m on medical leave from Dec. 20, 2016 to March 20, 2017.

Thank you,
Guy Morris, Clute, TX

C/O IV Guy Morris, a Supporting Member at Stringfellow Unit, suffered several injuries in his auto accident, including brain hemorrhaging. His car was totaled and, as stated in his letter, he was off work for three months.

From the Estelle Unit:

On Monday March 20, 2017 Sergeant Richard Pustka was presented a check from the CPO Foundation at the W.J. Estelle Unit by Captain Jody Vincent and CPOF Representative Cathy Stokes. Sgt. Pustka is extremely appreciative of the check. We thank the CPOF Foundation for the assistance and support that you continually provide to the Correctional Community.

Sgt. Pustka was on medical leave for a time but was able to return to work not long after the accident. Sgt. Pustka is a Supporting Member. He was thrown from a horse and then the horse fell on top of him. He sustained a broken hip requiring the insertion of several screws and metal plates.

C/O III Larry Jobe, a Supporting Member at Clements Unit, lost his life in a fatal accident en route to work on March 14, 2017. His widow, Debbie, received a CPOF bereavement assistance check, as shown in this photo.

FSM II Janet Whitworth, a Supporting Member at San Saba Transfer Facility, was diagnosed with bilateral breast cancer/bone metastases on February 24, 2016. She was on FMLA starting December 19, 2016 and retired several months later, on May 1, 2017.

The family is still well represented at San Saba: Janet has both a son and a granddaughter employed at the facility.
Dear Ms. Barone,

We wanted to thank all for your generosity and assistance to Lt. Casas and his family while they are dealing with the devastating diagnosis for his seven year old daughter, Emily. They couldn't be more appreciative of all the thoughts and prayers and the financial help. I have no doubt they are facing some daunting medical bills. I know this donation will help them tremendously.

Enclosed is a picture of Lt. Casas receiving the check from Warden Pharr. Thank you once again for your assistance. If we can ever be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you,
Edward Pharr
Senior Warden, John Montford Unit

Dear Ms. Barone,

On behalf of the Administration of the Choice Moore Unit, I would like to thank the CPOF for your generous donation to Correctional Officer Sharon Summers. Officer Summers is undergoing treatments for breast cancer.

Attached is a photo of Senior Warden Tovi Butcher and Assistant Warden Rodger McDonald presenting Officer Summers with the assistance check from CPOF.

Once again, thank you very much for your assistance to Officer Summers.

Sincerely,
Tovi P. Butcher, Senior Warden, Cole/Moore Complex

As of July 31, 2017, 17,306 Texas Corrections Professionals were Supporting Members of the CPO Foundation. As of that same date, the CPO Foundation had assisted 7,315 Texas Corrections Professionals through our Catastrophic Assistance Program.
C/O V Robert Foster is a Supporting Member at Beto Unit. Robert’s wife, Carmen, was diagnosed with cervical cancer in April 2017. Robert and Carmen had to travel to Cancer Center of America in Tulsa, OK (336 mi one way) where Carmen underwent surgery.

Above photo: Beto Unit Warden Norris Jackson presents C/O V Foster with a CPOF assistance check.

Dear Stephanie,

I wish to thank you and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for your assistance for one of our own, Ms. April Williams, HR Clerk III here at the Huntsville Unit. Your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated during this difficult time.

The Huntsville Unit Correctional and Administrative Staff wish to thank everyone at the CPOF for their dedication and support during our time of need.

Sincerely,

James Jones, Senior Warden
Huntsville Unit

Clerk III April Williams suffered a stroke on February 14, 2016 and lost the majority of her eyesight. She suffered another stroke a year later on February 19, 2017 and went for two weeks of rehabilitation therapy in The Woodlands. April became a Supporting Member effective March 31, 2017.

Lieutenant Adan Garcia, a Supporting Member at Goree Unit, is pictured above receiving a CPOF assistance check. His baby daughter, Raelynn, was in the NICU at the Women’s Hospital in Houston for several weeks.

Thank all of you for your generous contribution and check towards my wife’s funeral expense. It will be a long road ahead but with CPOF and TDCJ it will be much easier, knowing I have a second family to help me through the toughest times in my life.

David Ramsey, Mabank, TX
C/O V David Ramsey is a Supporting Member at Coffield Unit. His wife, Patty, passed away from kidney failure on April 15, 2017.

LM II William Turner, a Supporting Member at Beto Unit, was off work and on LWOP for several weeks owing to persistent back problems. He is pictured here receiving a CPOF assistance check from Beto Unit Assistant Warden Mike Owens.
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C/O I Sherry Lambrecht of Sterling Correctional Facility is pictured here with Colorado CPOF Representative Guy Edmonds. Sherry’s son, Gunnar, was hospitalized at Children’s Hospital in Denver (128 miles from home) for almost two weeks in December 2016 to be treated for blood clots in his brain. Gunnar underwent two surgeries and was expected to be on blood thinners for two to five months. He also had a PICC line inserted into his arm to continue with antibiotics. The family had a home nurse come in every week to change the dressing for the PICC line, thereby incurring extensive out of pocket medical expenses.

C/O Natale Delucio, a Supporting Member at Sterling CF was diagnosed with stage IV bladder cancer in late January 2017 and was scheduled to travel to and from Denver for four to six months for treatment. Natale had to place his wife, Ruby, who has MS, in a nursing home six years ago after caring for her for nine years. Natale was struggling financially with the nursing home bills and incidental expenses incurred by his cancer treatments. At right, Natale receives a CPOF assistance check from Guy Edmonds.

Lieutenant Lisa Jaros, a Supporting Member at Fremont CF, was off work for four months recovering from surgery she had due to a condition called relapsing polychondritis (inflammation and deterioration of cartilage) and osteoarthritis in both knees. Above, Lt. Jaros receives an assistance check from Warden Lou Archuleta.

C/O Brian McKinnon, a Supporting Member at Limon CF, was assaulted by an inmate when he was hit several times in the face. The inmate had a cast on his arm which is what he used to strike Brian. Officer McKinnon suffered an orbital fracture that caused him to be off work for many weeks. At right, Guy Edmonds presents Officer McKinnon with an assistance check.

Lieutenant Tom Norris of Denver Complex was in a motorcycle accident in August of 2016. He underwent shoulder surgery and was off work for almost three months, exhausting all his time and short-term disability. Then, on February 18, 2017 he fell down the stairs at his home, shattering his leg. Tom underwent two surgeries on his leg and knee.
C/O Chad Francis, a Supporting Member at Central Transport, suffered three strokes in February 2017. He first went to the hospital in Canon City, then was transported to Penrose and transported again to Denver (109 miles from home) for treatment. He was in the Denver hospital for six days, with his wife, Nicole, by his side the entire time. In this photo, Guy Edmonds has just presented Officer Francis with an assistance check to help with the many extra expenses the family incurred during this time. Note that Officer Francis is surrounded by an enviable and formidable support system consisting of Nicole and the four Francis daughters: Noelle, Sierra, Sydney and Morgan!

Mr. Edmonds and the CPO Foundation,
We’d like to thank you and everyone involved! We are beyond grateful for the assistance we have received. My husband has been contributing to the CPO Foundation since 2007. Even with being a contributor, we never thought we’d ask for help but with all our ups and downs with health, surgeries, pregnancy and loss of pregnancies, the bills and financial stress combined have hit us hard. We can’t thank you enough for the assistance.

Thanks again & God bless.
The Bustamante Family, Colorado Springs, CO

C/O II Timothy Bustamante is a Supporting Member at Fremont CF. Earlier this year, Timothy’s wife, Erica, underwent emergency surgery for an ectopic pregnancy. Later she went to the ER for treatment for gallstones but was not able to have surgery because of her pregnancy. Son, Ezekiel, was born on March 4, 2017 and underwent surgery for pyloric stenosis five weeks later. Erica had her gall bladder removed on April 20, 2017. The family incurred extensive out of pocket medical bills.

C/O Paul Madrid, a Supporting Member at Trinidad CF, suffered a heart attack on February 25, 2017 and was hospitalized. He underwent triple by-pass heart surgery on March 6 and he was in the hospital for 12 days. The hospital is in Pueblo, CO, 86 miles away from the Madrids’ home. Paul’s wife, Rhoda, who also works for the Colorado DOC, made the commute daily so she could work and then be with her husband. Officer Madrid received his assistance check from Warden Siobhan Burtlow and Associate Warden Dave Sligar Jr.
Dear Board Members, Char, Christina and Wendy:

I’ve had the honor for the past four years of being the facility coordinator for our CPOF members. I’ve seen the amazing impact the Foundation has made time and time again in the lives of my co-workers who were in need. Wendy Baur has consistently gone above and beyond, representing the spirit of your organization and its core values.

You never think it will happen to you, but when I was diagnosed with a brain aneurysm and found myself out of work for almost four months recovering from a craniotomy, I was so grateful to learn that a co-worker had reached out to CPOF on my behalf.

I am a proud member of the organization and I deeply thank you for your support and prayers when I needed them most.

Tammy Moyer
Director of Administration
Lancaster County Prison, PA

Dear Correctional Peace Officers Foundation,

I just want to personally thank you for your donation. Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated!

Tonia Patterson, Greensburg, PA
C/O Tonia Patterson of SCI Laurel Highlands lost her daughter in a vehicle accident in May 2017.

Photo: Tonia with her son, James, and Sheila.

Dear CPOF:

I want to thank you so very much for the gift of money you sent to me. Words cannot express my gratitude for the help you have given me in my time of tragedy; it was very helpful in helping me pay for my son’s funeral. It is so wonderful to know that there are people out there willing to help people in their time of need. Again, thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

Kathy Armstrong, Johnstown, PA
C/O Kathy Armstrong also works at SCI Laurel Highlands. Her son was killed in a motorcycle accident.

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C/O Brandon James of SCI Laurel Highlands is pictured above receiving a CPOF assistance check. His 10-month-old son had brain surgery to remove tumors. The hospital is an hour and 47 minutes’ drive away from the home, so that C/O James incurred extensive travel-related expenses. Also pictured: Captain Grove (left) and Major Tsikalas.

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Mrs. Danielle Gumaer is pictured at left with the CPOF bereavement assistance check she received after the death of her husband, C/O Mike Gumaer of SCI Waymart. C/O Gumaer passed away in his sleep at the age of 38. His uniform was laid out as he was to have reported for duty for his 2200-0600 hours shift. Also pictured: Ray Stender, CPOF Representative in Eastern Pennsylvania, and SCI Waymart Deputy Superintendent Paul DeRosso.
Dear Kim,

Thank you so much for your agency’s generous monetary contribution to our family after the heartbreaking loss of my beloved husband, Gene White, Pipefitter Supervisor for the Federal Correctional Complex in Yazoo City, Mississippi, and a loyal supporter of the CPOF, in April 2017. This was just over a month before his 20 year anniversary date of service.

Gene was diagnosed with cancer in 2007, and with the help of our faith in God, and so many people who loved him dearly, he remained very positive and fought a good fight for ten years. He was in remission for almost five years until the cancer returned in 2014, but he still went to work every day up until he simply could not. He was a fearless Union VP (Local Union 1013) and mentor who helped countless staff members and always had the most amazing positive attitude.

I was blessed to have been his wife for 27 years, and a co-worker for almost 20 years, with this strong and caring man. He was an awesome father to our children, Hayden and Deven Che’, and brother to Jeff White (his twin brother who is also a CPOF supporter and works for the BOP). He is missed every single day by his family at home, and also by his Bureau family.

Sincerely,

Eden White, Brenton, MS

Pictured: The White family: Deven Che’, Eden, Gene and Hayden.

Lieutenant Kerri Jones, a Supporting Member at FCI Three Rivers in Texas, was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2017 and has undergone four surgeries.

Kim,

Attached is a photo of A/W Thahesha Jusino, C/O Adam Packer and Matthew Barth -- all three are CPOF Supporting Members. Andy Bloom did all the proper paperwork and submitted it to CPOF, which sent Officer Packer a check to help with expenses he incurred due to his accident. I would like to thank Packer who has volunteered to take over the CPOF duties from Bloom when Andy retires in December.

Andy Kline, Recreation Specialist and Supporting Member
USP Lewisburg, PA

C/O Packer was in a car accident on May 10, 2017. He broke his left hip, had pain in his left shoulder, and had to have several stitches in his ear.

And, speaking of USP Lewisburg (and checks), that facility presented CPOF Federal Representatives Kim Blakley and George Meshko (both on the right in this photo) with a check for $5,000 at the last Northeast Regional Caucus, thereby becoming an official Lifetime Facility Sponsor of the CPOF Foundation! Many thanks to AFGE Local 138, USP Lewisburg for this strong support.

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Dear Kim,

I wanted to say thank you for the help and support during the time that I was out of work with two broken feet. I have a long way to go before I’m fully recovered, but I’m happy to say that I’m doing so much better and I am able to get around on crutches now instead of a wheelchair. You guys helped me more than you will ever know. And I personally want to say thank you for taking the time out of your already hectic schedule to “head up” this organization for FCC Oakdale. I always give to any and everything but I never thought for one moment that I would be one needing assistance. Funny how in a split second your world can be turned upside down.

I know that you asked for a family photo and I have enclosed one, although it does not include my son because he was not present at the time. However, all three of my girls were there, and had been on a regular basis, taking turns taking care of me and bringing me back and forth to the doctor. They found out that it may be a heart problem that caused me to pass out and they are continuing to run tests on me to see if they can isolate the problem and correct it.

Dawn Reeves, SIS Technician

APINA Program - Assistant Manager, FCC Oakdale, LA

Technician Reeves, a Supporting Member, had a bad fall in early May 2017 and broke the top bone of each foot. She was off work recovering for many weeks. Photo: Dawn, husband Richard and the three Reeves daughters.

Foreman Nathaniel Moseley, a Supporting Member at FCI Jesup in Georgia, was hit by a drunk driver and suffered three broken bones in his shoulder, a broken collar bone and multiple other injuries. He has been off work since February 28, 2017 and it is unknown when he will return. His wife was also undergoing chemotherapy for an auto immune disease. The family was faced with major out of pocket medical expenses. In this photo, Randy Sumner, President of Union Local 3981, presents a CPOF check to Foreman Moseley.

Sr. Officer Specialist Harvard Castillo of FCI La Tuna, Texas is shown here (on the left) holding the letter from the CPOF to his daughter, Leslie, announcing that she has been awarded a CPO Foundation Scholarship. See page 39 for more scholarship recipients among Federal Supporting Members’ families.
Hi Kim,
this is Richard Hernandez from Tucson. I gave Eddie Corral the check today. He was very grateful. Thank you so much!
In early June 2017
Sr. C/O Edward Corral of FCC Tucson was diagnosed with Stage IV cancer affecting his tongue and lymph nodes. He underwent surgery to remove half of his tongue and then had radiation/chemo treatments. He exhausted all time on the books including advance time and then went on LWOP status. As of July 18, 2017, Edward was still battling cancer and was faced with compounding out-of-pocket medical expenses. He also continued to be on LWOP. Edward is pictured here with his wife, Dusti, holding his CPOF check.

Sr. C/O Sylvia Whitchurch, a Supporting Member at FCC Forrest City, Arkansas, suffered a stroke while at work on November 16, 2016. Her husband, Michael, who is also a C/O at FCC Forrest City and a CPOF Supporting Member, took Sylvia to the local hospital. From there she was air lifted to Regional One Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee. Sylvia was in the hospital for two days, after which she had to make over 10 trips back and forth to Memphis for doctor visits, testing and treatments. The Whitchurches have no children and no family in Arkansas. Sylvia could not be left at home alone because she needed constant care. Sylvia and Michael both exhausted their time on the books. In this photo, Kiyanna Flint, CPOF Volunteer Liaison at FCC Forrest City, has just presented Michael with an assistance check. Also pictured at left is Annie Norman, CPOF Representative in Arkansas.

FCI Estill (SC) Scholarship recipients and their parents:
Front: Ayana Shabazz, Hailey Terry, Mallory Crews, Mallory Fredericks, Isaiah Dickey and Alexis Smith.

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Mark Grose, Eirian Hackenberg, Steve Hackenburg, Jessica Carter, Joseph Carter, Tami Cassaro, Amy Williams, Nicholas Williams and Daniel Williams.

FCI Texarkana (TX) Scholarship recipient and father: Tori Robins (center) with dad Terrance Washington and, at left, CPOF liaison at FCI Texarkana Angela Patterson.
To: Kim Blakley

I would like to thank you so much for the check I received. I had been trying to hold it together, taking care of business and just as I realized I had $14 in the bank to make it until Walter’s life insurance came through I opened the mailbox and there was the check from the CPOF. All I could do was cry. Trish Michaelson from SCCI is such a treasure. She is the person that contacted you on my behalf. I have sent you a picture of my husband before he became ill. It has always been our kids’ and my favorite picture of him.

Thank you for everything.
Respectfully,
Cindy D. Wright, Coos Bay, OR

C/O Cindy D. Wright is a Supporting Member at Shutter Creek CI. Her husband, Walter, passed away after a long illness.

Thank you, CPOF, for the financial support of my family at this difficult time. It has given me one less thing to worry about. My family will get through this, and knowing that the CPOF is behind us makes it easier.

Thank you again,
Sincerely,
Philip Bergmann

C/O Philip Bergmann is a Supporting Member at Coffee Creek CF. His wife, Monica, underwent major surgery on December 27, 2016. She developed complications and was in and out of the hospital for much of January 2017 and early February. Monica continued to have complications through most of February, and Phillip had to take time off work to stay home and care for her.

At right, the Bergmann family: Philip, Monica, and their daughter Emma.

Maintenance Worker Jody Finck is a Supporting Member at Two Rivers CI. Jody’s son, Austin Bieren (pictured at left), passed away at the age of 25 while serving in Syria. He was an Airman in the Air Force and part of Operation Inherent Resolve to fight against ISIS. Austin was the identical twin of Thomas, who drowned in a river swimming accident on May 29, 2006 at the age of 14.

Maintenance Worker Finck received a CPOF bereavement assistance check when Austin died.
C/O Dustin Ward of Marion CI, pictured above with his CPOF assistance check, was involved in a staff assault in which he was hit in the face, knocked down, and kicked several times in the head. He suffered a split lip, broken nose, bleeding and contusions of the eye and forehead.

Dear Ms. Labio:

It was with great appreciation that I had the opportunity to present the assistance check from the CPO Foundation to Captain John Gray at Maury Correctional Institution. Captain Gray was assaulted by an inmate and was ready to return to work immediately after receiving medical attention. He should be commended for his dedication to service and the pride he has shown to be part of the Department of Public Safety in North Carolina at Maury Correctional Institution.

Once again, thank you for the assistance provided and for Taking Care of Our Own!

Sincerely,

Dennis Daniels, Administrator, Maury Correctional Institution

Captain John Gray was assaulted on April 12, 2017. His treatment required nine staples in his skull. C/O Gray is pictured here with Administrator Daniels.

On March 16, 2017 C/O Ricky Wiggins was in a car accident and broke his femur and arm. He had surgery on his femur on March 21, 2017 and was off work recovering for several months.

Harnett CI Administrator Cynthia Thornton delivered a CPOF assistance check to Officer Wiggins, who is pictured here at home by his back porch.

Dear Ms. Labio,

Please allow me to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for the heartfelt love and support during the passing of my loved husband, Kenneth. Words will never express how much I appreciate you all.

May God continue to bless you; the CPO Foundation Board of Directors; Mr. Felix Taylor, Superintendent; CPO Foundation Field Representative Laura Matthews; and the CPOF Supporting Members.

Forever blessed,

Patricia S. Townsend, Elizabeth City, NC

C/O III Kenneth Townsend worked at Pasquotank CI. He passed away on November 29, 2016 from an apparent heart attack.
North Carolina

Good Afternoon, Ricky,

Hope you and yours are doing well. First, thank you and the Foundation for the assistance given to Officer Adell Nethercutt. After losing his wife of 38 years, he has a huge void in his life right now. The kindness shown and assistance given by the Foundation most certainly touched him deeply. His wife was always very supportive and understanding of his career. She was also very supportive of the Sampson staff and would send food from time to time to treat them. She and I used to exchange sweets every now and then. She loved my pineapple cake and I was a huge fan of her peanut butter fudge.

Again, on behalf of Correctional Officer Nethercutt and the Sampson staff and management, we thank you and the Foundation for the support given. A picture of the check presentation is attached for your use. Take care.

Robert J. Van Gorder
Assistant Superintendent for Custody and Operations II
Sampson CI, NCDPS
C/O Nethercutt’s wife, Deborah, passed away on April 25, 2017 from brain cancer. Photo: Ms. Amanda Carpenter, Administrative Assistant; Correctional Officer Adell Nethercutt; and William Goodman III, Facility Superintendent II.

Pictured above: Central Prison Deputy Warden Stephen Waddell; C/O Justin Hodges; and his wife, Megan. The Hodges’s two-and-a-half-month old passed away on March 10, 2017. Pending the autopsy, the suspected cause of death was SIDS.

Dear Ms. Labio,

Thank you so much for the welcome and much-needed check to assist with expenses related to my health crisis this past spring. Being diagnosed with advanced Large B-Cell Lymphoma and faced with the extensive treatment required to hopefully get me to remission has been life changing for my family and me.

By sending me this check, your organization acknowledged my hardship, as well as my long service to the North Carolina Department of Correction. This was deeply appreciated on so many levels.

With gratitude,

John McLarty, Blanch, NC

C/O McLarty of Lanesboro CI (pictured here with his wife, Melanie) had been out of work since December 16, 2016.
Dear Sir/Madam:

The Department of Public Safety – Prisons has experienced a monumental loss due to the untimely passing of Sergeant Meggan Callahan. On Thursday, May 4, 2017, approximately 1500 people descended on the town of Edenton to pay homage to a dedicated employee, colleague, friend and family member.

I would like to personally thank you and the entire Correctional Peace Officers Foundation's Honor Guard and Pipe Band for assisting our agency and the Callahan family as we prepared to bid farewell to one of our own.

Director Kenneth Lassiter:

The CPOF Board of Directors would like to extend our deepest condolences on the passing of Sergeant Meggan Callahan. Director Lassiter, please share with all North Carolina Correctional Employees that the CPO Foundation will proudly be honoring Sergeant Callahan at Project 2000 XXIX in Houston, Texas, June 14–17, 2018. We hope to see you and Commissioner Guice there.

Regards,
Glenn Mueller, CPOF Chairman

Thank you, Mr. Kevin Miller, Laura Matthews and the CPOF BOD for the generous gift. The money was used to help pay the many extra expenses I incurred during my cancer treatment. I felt humbled and touched knowing that I was thought of and cared for by the CPOF -- such a wonderful organization. Once again, thank you for your Members’ selflessness and good will. I am getting stronger every day and pray for recovery.

Full of gratitude,
Aimee Falder, Newton, NC

C/O Falder was diagnosed with colon cancer and underwent treatment. She is pictured above with Judicial District Manager Kevin Miller.

Director Kenneth Lassiter:

And:

Dear Correctional Peace Officers Foundation Staff,

We appreciate your generous donation in memory of Meggan Callahan. Thank you for all your support and help during our daughter's funeral.

Blessings,
Joey, Wendy and Zacary

C/O II Gary Dixon of Franklin CI: Gary’s wife, Lynette, was killed in a car accident on February 18, 2017. Pictured above: Officer Gary Dixon; Mr. Herachio Haywood, Assistant Superintendent of Custody (presenting); Lieutenant Richard Perry; and Captain Shelton Rogers.
Sergeant Sandra Crews, a Supporting Member at Union CI, has a daughter, Everly, who was born on October 13, 2016 and diagnosed with Prader-Willi syndrome. This condition is a rare genetic disorder that, among other things, can cause developmental delays and mental disabilities. Everly was hospitalized at Shands Hospital in Gainesville for several months.

At left: CPOF Florida Representative Jim Freeman presents an assistance check to Sergeant Crews and her family.

Sergeant Byron Croft, a Supporting Member at Union CI, suffered very serious injuries due to a shooting incident on December 14, 2016 that left him paralyzed from the waist down. He was in the ICU at the University of Florida in Jacksonville for several weeks. Sgt. Croft was released on February 8, 2017 and moved into the Pavilion next to the hospital so he could undergo physical therapy. Sgt. Croft is no longer working as a result of his injuries and is now home and in rehabilitation. Above: Jim Freeman with Sgt. Croft in the hospital.

Far left: Sgt. Scott Weatherington, a Supporting Member at Zephyrhills CI, lost his home and all belongings in a fire in April of 2017. CPOF Florida Representative Gerard Vanderham presented Sgt. Weatherington with an assistance check. Above: C/O Eric Ross, also of Zephyrhills CI, also lost his home and all belongings in a fire. He too received an assistance check from Gerard.

Captain Charles Martens Sr., a Supporting Member at Martin CI, passed away on February 14, 2017 due to a cardiac condition. His widow, Robin, is pictured on the left in this photo receiving a CPOF bereavement assistance check from Warden Elizabeth Mallard.

Chaplain George Lewis of Calhoun CI suffered a fatal heart attack in March 2017. His widow, Mary, received a CPOF bereavement assistance check.
Captain James Stephenson of Columbia CI is pictured here with his family and Jim Freeman. James’ wife, Kelly, gave birth to a baby boy, Hunter, on March 28, 2017. Hunter was born with a cyst on his left lung that will require him to have the lung removed. He is scheduled to have the surgery to remove the lung in December 2017. He is currently home and doing well.

SDTC Karen Michael is a Supporting Member at FCA Orlando. Karen’s husband, James, was involved in an auto accident in which he broke his back and one hand. He underwent surgery for shoulder separation and was off work for six months. Karen received a CPOF check to help with expenses while James was unable to work.

C/O Rusty Anderson of Union CI had a serious fall and suffered traumatic injuries. He was hospitalized from January 13, 2017 to February 17, 2017 during which time he underwent nine surgeries, ending in below-the-knee amputation. He received a CPOF check from Jim Freeman, accompanied by (left to right) Union CI Assistant Warden Tifani Knox, Colonel Daiquiri Duncan*, Sharon Anderson, Major Timmy Robinson and Assistant Warden Paul Kish.

C/O Frank Welz, a Supporting Member at Union CI, underwent quadruple bypass surgery. Officer Wells is pictured above with his wife, Elizabeth, and son. Also pictured: Jim Freeman, Colonel Daiquiri Duncan* and Union CI Warden Kevin Jordan.

* Now an Assistant Warden at Tomoka CI.

C/O Manuel Holliday of Calhoun CI received a CPOF check after his home suffered severe damages due to fire in the spring of 2017. Presenting Manuel with his check is Warden Robin Smith. Also pictured (left to right): Major Pat Edge, Classification Supervisor Wendy Reeder, Manuel Holliday II, Mizzetta Holliday, Assistant Warden Adam Kent and Assistant Warden Terry Lollie.
Thank you, everyone. I am overwhelmed by your generosity, caring and support. My son was proud to be one of you, and I am honored to receive this wonderful gift in his name.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.
Very sincerely,
Vicki Maxey, Olympia, WA

Snohomish County Deputy Scott Maxey passed away from hypertension/natural causes.

CPOF Representative in Washington Bridgett Bolinger, accompanied by her husband, Randy, presented a CPOF assistance check to C/O Erik Hoff, a Supporting Member at Coyote Ridge CC. C/O Hoff was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and is currently wearing a cardiac monitor with defibrillator. At the time this photo was taken, it was unknown when he could return to work.

C/O Mike Moore, a Supporting Member at Airway Heights CC, was assaulted on September 5, 2016. As with C/O Erik Hoff (top photo), at the time of this photo of Bridgett presenting C/O Moore with a CPOF assistance check, it was still not known when he would be able to return to work.

C/O Elsie Lybecker was also assaulted on September 5, 2016 by the same inmate who assaulted C/O Mike Moore.
C/O Joshua Sanders, a Supporting Member at W. E. Donaldson CF, was responding to a code red alarm. While trying to restrain the inmate involved he was stabbed and sent to the hospital for treatment.

Dear Kim,

I am so sorry for this being sent in late to you. I have had what people call my plate full. My husband, Stanley, of 40 years survived a double aortic aneurysm. He was in surgery for nine hours. The surgeon stated, “I don’t know how, but he is still alive.”

We thank God every day for His blessings in letting me bring my husband home. Thank you so much for the check. It was awesome and very useful.

Love and prayers for all,
Stanley and Sergeant Bobbie Huffman,
Pleasant Plains, AR

Sergeant Bobbie Huffman is a Supporting Member at McPherson Unit.

JJS Sharon Jackson, a Supporting Member at Swanson Center for Youth, was diagnosed with breast cancer and during treatment had many out-of-pocket medical expenses. Pictured above: Director Richard I. Robinson M.Ed., JJS Sharon Jackson and JJS3 Otisstein Franklin, longtime Volunteer for CPOF.

Vanessa Lee, CPOF Representative in Mississippi, sent us these photos of the CPOF table she set up during Correctional Peace Officer Week. Way to go, Vanessa!
Letters and Photos from States “All Over”

Oklahoma

CSO III Jeff Haws of John Lilley CC is pictured at left with his sons, Garrett and Wyatt. On February 11, 2017 Garrett and Wyatt were riding in an ATV when the driver lost control and Wyatt was ejected. Wyatt suffered an orbital fracture and a skull fracture, and broke the femurs of both legs. Officer Haws received a CPOF check to help with the many out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a result of Wyatt’s hospitalization and recovery.

Dear C.P.O.F:

As you know, Pam Gatewood was a devoted wife to me and a wonderful mother to our children. We are blessed to have had her love and presence in our lives for so many years.

Losing Pam has been a very painful experience. Your loving support has been a great help. Thank you for being there when we needed you most. Your donation touched us deeply and we would like to say thank you for your contribution, generosity, thoughtfulness and kindness. It has been a great comfort to me and my family.

I am proud to say that I am honored to have joined your organization in hopes of being a blessing to someone else as you’ve inspired me. I pray that God will continue to bless this Foundation.

With blessings,

The Gatewood Family, Memphis, TN

Correctional Deputy Charles Gatewood of Shelby County Sheriffs Dept. Charles’s wife, Pamela Gatewood (also a Sergeant at Shelby County), passed away from cancer. Charles exhausted all of his time taking Pamela to her treatments at the Cancer Center of America in Atlanta.

Tennessee

Correctional Deputy Charles Gatewood, third from right, with colleagues at Shelby County Sheriffs Department.

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THANK YOU for keeping us up to date on your current whereabouts, so that we can keep you up to date with the CPO Family and other CPO Foundation mailings.
In the last issue of the *CPO Family* magazine we asked you to pay attention to Estate Planning. In this issue we want you to be prepared for the “What If,” particularly flooding.

FEMA has an excellent Flood Insurance Claims Handbook. Many homeowners receive a copy in the mail and it’s an excellent pamphlet to help you to be prepared if destructive flooding occurs. As we said with Estate Planning, keep ALL vital information at home in a container that is water resistant and fireproof; do the same with the Flood Insurance Claims Handbook. To obtain a copy via the Internet, do a Search for “FEMA Flood Insurance Claims Handbook” and then click on “F-687 NFIP Flood Insurance Claims Handbook.” We have also provided this information on our website.

Purchasing flood insurance is a wise decision for all homeowners and for renters as well. We hope you never have to use this insurance, but if you do you will have it. Topics covered in the booklet are (1) What to do before a flood and (2) What to do after a flood. One thing that is important to do before a flood – or any potential natural disaster -- is to prepare a list of your valuable possessions and have documentation/photographs. Talk to your insurance agent and discuss the particular requirements for reporting losses and filing a claim.

Flooding occurs frequently, whether in the aftermath of a hurricane, after heavy, prolonged rainfall or failure of a dam to hold. Be prepared!