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Minnesota, California and Nevada lose Correctional Staff in the Line of Duty

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Correctional Officer Armando Gallegos EOW: September 14, 2018



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On Friday, September 14, Kern Valley State Prison (KVSP) Correctional Officer Armando Gallegos died unexpectedly in a Hanford, California hospital. Gallegos, 56, had worked at KVSP since graduating from the Basic Academy in 2005.

Las Vegas, Nevada Corrections Officer Kyle L. Eng EOW: July 19, 2018



To the Las Vegas Detention Center, Officer Eng was a new Officer who, at the age of 51, was fulfilling a lifelong dream of working in law enforcement. To his family he was their "Superman." As his youngest daughter, Alyssa, said at his funeral, "There's a reason why we

continued on page 7 called him 'Superman.'

Minnesota Corrections Officer Joseph Brian Gomm EOW: July 18, 2018

On July 18, 2018 the Staff at the Stillwater Correctional Facility, the Minnesota Department of Corrections and surrounding community were shaken to the core when one of their own was brutally murdered at the hands of an inmate. This was the first Line of Duty death in the history of the Minnesota



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Minnesota Corrections Officer Joseph Parise EOW: September 24, 2018

On a grey, gloomy Tuesday in October hundreds gathered at the small historical Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As the church filled up with family, friends and the staff from Oak Park Heights Institution, hundreds more from the Minnesota



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Inside, starting on page 8: PROJECT 2000 XXIX ~ June 14-17, 2018, Houston, Texas

IN MEMORY AND APPRECIATION OF RICHARD IRA WALDO August 9, 1939 - June 15, 2018

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Inc. is very sad to announce that Mr. Richard Waldo, one of the CPOF's five "Founding Fathers," passed away from complications from kidney failure on June 15, 2018 in Lodi, California where he and his family resided for over 70 years.

Mr. Waldo – "Dick" to his friends -- was a U.S. Navy veteran. He began his Correctional career in 1971 with the California Department of Youth Authority as a Group Supervisor at the Karl Holton School, Stockton, CA. Over the years he promoted through the ranks, also working at Pine Grove Fire Camp, Pine Grove, CA; O.H. Close School; Headquarters of CYA; and the Central Office of the Northern California Youth Center, Stockton, CA. He retired as a Lieutenant in 1996 with more than 25 years of State service.





This is Glenn Mueller, Chairman of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Inc. In the early 1980s a group of five California Department of Corrections employees got together to share a vision that was to

focus on the spouses and children of Correctional Officers and Corrections Staff who were killed or otherwise died in the line of duty. Four of these five founding gentlemen were Larry Corby, Don Novey, Sal Osuna and I, all Correctional Officers at Folsom State Prison. The other was Dick Waldo, a Group Supervisor at the Karl Holton School in Stockton, California.

Together we created the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. It took us several years, a great deal of effort and the assistance of many others who championed our cause, but it was all more than worth it when the day finally came that the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Inc. was recognized by the IRS as a **bona fide** 501 (c) (3) national, non profit charity.

Dick, Larry, Don, Sal and I comprised the original Board of Directors of this organization that we were very proud to have formed and then to see grow astoundingly over the years. Dick was our Treasurer for the duration of his tenure on the CPOF Board.

As Chairman, on behalf of the entire CPOF Board of Directors and all who knew Dick Waldo during his Correctional career and afterward, I think I can say for all that we extend our sincerest condolences to the entire Waldo family. I personally know just how much Dick gave to the CPO Foundation. He is greatly missed, and always will be.



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He remained at the prison until April 21, 2018 when he, along with a second Officer, sustained injuries during an attack by inmates.

The Peer Support Program was activated across the state. The program ensures CDCR employees involved in workrelated critical incidents are provided with

intervention and resources to cope with the traumatic effects.

From Char: October 5th was a beautiful California day saddened by the funeral service for C/O Armando Gallegos, yet another line-of-duty death. We arrived at the Visalia First Assembly of God church to an awe-inspiring number of Peace Officers from all over the United States. The Church was filled to its 1,250 capacity that left standing room only.



C/O Armando Gallegos was one of 10 children. He spent 20 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring in 2003. Shortly thereafter he followed in his two younger brothers' footsteps and joined the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation where he served the State of California for 13 years.

The speakers were interesting, especially C/O Daniel Beaman, the CCPOA Chapter President of Kern Valley State Prison. As noted above, C/O Gallegos was in the Navy, while C/O Beaman was a Marine. Throughout their time spent together at Kern Valley State Prison they often shared stories about their years in their chosen branches of the military.

We were all there to pay tribute to a great man who served a great profession. When his widow, Irma, spoke she sweetly said that Armando was her best friend and soul mate. That pretty much says it all.



"The Kern Valley State Prison family is deeply saddened by Armando's sudden and unexpected death. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Gallegos family and all who were fortunate enough to have known Armando. He will truly be missed," said KVSP Warden Christian Pfeiffer.

"Our hearts are heavy from the passing of Officer Armando Gallegos. Correctional Officers like Armando put their lives on the line every day to keep our prisons and communities safe. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Irma, his family and friends, as well as to our CDCR community, during this difficult time," said CDCR Secretary Ralph Diaz.



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Department of Corrections.

Corrections Officer Joseph Gomm was a dedicated, well-respected, kindhearted, humble man with a great sense of humor, loyalty and love for his family, friends and co-workers.

Officer Gomm served his department proudly for 16 years, and, as many of the Staff that worked side by side with him knew, he always had their backs and looked out for each one of them. Sadly, on July18 while working alone in Building 20 in the paint and welding shop, it would prove to be his End of Watch when he was brutally attacked by an inmate.

Thousands gathered on Thursday, July 26 to pay their respects, remember and honor Officer Gomm. Busloads of DOC Staff from across the state attended along with more than 3,500 Corrections Staff and law enforcement officers from around the country and Canada.

During his eulogy, dear friend and coworker Sergeant Tom Chronakos said he would never forget his best friend. "Although Joe was a quiet guy, he touched everybody's heart. He was well respected by many and I can't begin to express how much I will miss him." Sergeant Chronakos went on to share some of the many laughs and pranks the two had played on each other over the years, bringing smiles to those in attendance.

Corrections Officer Shawn Yurick told mourners that Gomm personified "Love." He said, "In essence, love is to *will* the good of another. I have seen that play out all week long. I saw it play out in Joe – all the time." Corrections Officer Shawn Yurick told mourners that during the time he worked with Officer Gomm, many





times when he would ask him to help with something, Gomm's response would almost always be, "Whatever." At first not sure how to take the "Whatever's" Officer Yurick quickly came to learn that when Officer Gomm said "Whatever" he meant *whatever* it takes to get the job done.

While Officer Yurick was helping the family with planning the services he said, "They are a humble family." They told him, "Joe wouldn't want all this." Yurick respectfully disagreed and said, "I think that Joe would have said 'Whatever.' *Whatever* it will take for you guys to heal. *Whatever* it will take for the community at Stillwater to heal. He would have put himself through it.... That is Love."

The graveside service was equally attended by thousands of mourners as a horse-drawn caisson carried Gomm's flag-draped casket to the burial site. Bagpipes played, a gun salute was performed, a helicopter fly-over occurred, and a bell tolled, all in Joe's honor. At the end of the burial ceremony, an End of Watch tribute was broadcast for all to hear: "Godspeed, Joe, we'll take it from here..." "Take care, Joe, you'll never be forgotten."



Parise continued from front cover



Department of Corrections and other Officers from around the country gathered outside to pay their respects to one of their own. The Memorial Chapel was a

fitting place to lay Corrections Officer Joseph Parise to rest. This small Chapel is where Officer Parise and his wife, Andrea, were married. The church is a unique and distinctive Minnesota memorial, a reminder of appreciation to those who have served and continue to serve our country, especially those that have made the supreme sacrifice.

Corrections Officer Joseph Parise had served his country in the U.S. Navy and was a hero. One night a fire broke out and as many were preparing to "abandon ship" Parise ran directly into the fire and was able to extinguish it. Nobody on board was injured.

On September 24, 2018 Officer Parise acted similarly when a fellow Officer at Oak Park Heights Institution was being severely assaulted by an inmate. Parise ran across the entire prison and directly into the conflict to help that Officer. Parise was one of the first responding staff members to arrive, and during the funeral many said they were unsure of just how he managed to reach the scene so quickly. Only after Officer Parise made sure everyone was safe did he return to his post. Sadly, he collapsed a short time later. He was transported to Regions Hospital where he passed away from a suspected heart attack.

Officer Parise was remembered for his infectious laugh, radiant smile and love for playing practical jokes. He loved to have fun and find humor in every situation. Most important, however, were his love and

dedication to his family: his beloved wife, Andrea; their two-year-old daughter, Lucy; and the exciting expectation of the arrival of another child in the spring.



Officer Parise's friend, James Carter, delivered the eulogy. He closed saying to the huge number of attendees, "Hug your family a little tighter and tell people what they mean to you. Never take a single day for granted. It is not guaranteed." And to Joe, "You may be gone, but you will never be forgotten. As your fellow sailors would say, 'Fair winds and following seas.' Rest easy, brother. We've got the watch from here."

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Whatever situation we were in, we knew our dad was only a phone call away."

When Officer Eng applied to become a Corrections Officer, he wrote in his application that "I've always wanted a career in law enforcement; I'm going to give it my all to reach my dream,' said Department of Public Safety Chief Michele Freeman, as she thanked the family for sharing their 'Superman.' "

This is the first line-of-duty death the Las Vegas Detention Center has faced. On July 19, 2018, shortly after a use-of-force incident with an inmate, Officer Eng began to feel ill. He was found unconscious and was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Officer Eng had previously worked for Anderson Dairy for 20 years. With the support of his wife of 27 years, he wanted to show his three daughters and 10 grandchildren that is it never too late to chase a dream. We are all

saddened his dream was cut short, but he will never be forgotten.



PROJECT 2000 XXIX June 14-17, 2017 ~ Houston, Texas

This was our third **Project 2000** event to be held in Texas, and a great success it was! The weather, while hot and humid (no surprise), still was reasonably cooperative: a storm rapidly rolling in near the end of the Memorial Ceremony on Friday held off until most attendees had boarded the buses to return to our host hotel, the Hyatt Regency Houston. As to the Ceremony, we honored 14 Corrections Professionals this year. Their photographs, together with descriptions of the incidents that led to their deaths in the line of duty, begin on the next page. We hope this coverage of **Project 2000 XXIX** will provide you with a good sense of what the **Project** experience is like and that you will seriously consider joining us next year in Louisville, Kentucky.







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 XXIX:

Thursday --

• The Annual Welcome Buffet Dinner

Friday --

- The Annual Memorial Ceremony
- The Annual Memorial Luncheon (follows immediately after the Memorial Ceremony)
- Kids & Teens Lunch
- Seminar: Staff Suicide Awareness
- Seminar: Women in Corrections
- Youth Counseling Session
- Barbecue sponsored by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Saturday ---

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

Sunday --

• The Annual "Closing Event" Buffet Breakfast, featuring the Project Kids & Teens "Songfest"

PROJECT 2000 XXIX Honored on Friday, June 15, 2018



Corporal Stephen Jenkins Clara Waters Community Corrections Center - Oklahoma Oklahoma Department of Corrections End of Watch: January 7, 2017

An inmate was observed picking up a bag of contraband along the inner fence line. Corporal Jenkins and three other Officers chased him across the prison yard, and captured him. Shortly thereafter Corporal Jenkins collapsed from a heart attack. He was transported to a nearby hospital where he passed away. The inmate was charged with first-degree manslaughter because of Corporal Jenkins' death.

Corporal Jenkins had served with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections for 18 months. He is survived by his four children: adult daughter, TaMayra; adult sons, Stephen Jr. and Geordan; one-year-old son, Kasyn; and four-year-old grandson, Stephen III.

> Lieutenant Steven Floyd Sr. James T. Vaughn Correctional Center - Delaware Delaware Department of Correction End of Watch: February 2, 2017

On February 1, 2017 inmates staged a fight inside the prison. Sergeant Floyd was ambushed and overpowered by numerous inmates. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Floyd radioed to other responding Officers that the disturbance was a trap. This action ultimately saved the lives of his fellow Officers. Nearly 20 hours after the siege began; the walls of the prison were breached by members of the Corrections Emergency Response Team. It was then that the body of Sergeant Floyd was discovered inside the prison. Sergeant Floyd had suffered severe trauma at the hands of the inmates while he was held captive.



For his actions during the initial uprising, Sergeant Floyd was posthumously promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and awarded the Medal of Valor.

Lieutenant Floyd had served the Delaware Department of Correction for 16 years. He is the first Delaware Corrections Officer to be killed in the line of duty. He is survived by his wife, Saundra; adult son, Steven Jr.; adult daughters, Candyss and Chyvante; and grandsons, three-year-old Bryson and two-year-old Caison.



Correctional Sergeant Meggan Callahan Bertie Correctional Institution - North Carolina North Carolina Department of Public Safety EOW: April 26, 2017

On April 26, 2017, near the end of her shift, Sergeant Callahan responded to a trash can fire on Tan Unit and extinguished the fire with a fire extinguisher. Immediately after extinguishing the fire, an inmate attacked Sergeant Callahan, gained control of the fire extinguisher and continued to assault her, eventually causing her death.

Sergeant Meggan Callahan had served the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Prisons for five years. She is survived by her parents, Joe and Wendy; 13-year old nephew, Zacary (Meggan helped raise Zacary since birth); and fiancée, Kristen.

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Deputy Sheriff Mark Burbridge Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office - Iowa End of Watch: May 1, 2017

Deputy Sheriff Mark Burbridge and Deputy Sheriff Patrick Morgan were transporting an inmate back to the County Jail from the Courthouse. During transport the inmate disabled the locking mechanisms for his handcuffs and leg shackles. When Deputy Burbridge was removing the inmate from the van, the inmate attacked Deputy Burbridge, knocking him to the ground. The inmate ran to the driver's door of the van and got inside. Deputy Burbridge ran to the front passenger side of the van while Deputy Morgan ran to the driver's side door and tried to assist in apprehending the inmate. During the struggle, the inmate was able to get one of the deputy's guns and fatally shot Deputy Burbridge. The inmate then shot Deputy Morgan (who survived). The inmate took

possession of both Deputies' firearms, along with a magazine of ammunition, then rammed through the closed garage door and escaped. The inmate was later captured out of state.

Deputy Sheriff Mark Burbridge had served the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office for 12 years. He is survived by his wife, Jessica; daughters, Kelsey and Karley; and son, Kaleb.

Correctional Officer V Shana Tedder Christina Melton Crain Unit - Texas Texas Department of Criminal Justice End of Watch: June 9, 2017



Correctional Officer Shana Tedder died after suffering a heart attack exacerbated by an asthma attack following a use of force incident with an inmate. After the incident, Officer Tedder began to experience shortness of breath and collapsed. Other Officers began CPR until EMS arrived. EMS tried for 30 minutes to revive Officer Tedder. However, the effort was unsuccessful and Officer Tedder was pronounced dead, while still on her duty post.

Correctional Officer Shana Tedder had served TDCJ for 12 years. She is survived by her 16-year-old daughter, Tai; aunt, Mona; and uncle, Bobby.



Correctional Officer Joe Heddy Jr. Escambia County Department of Corrections - Florida End of Watch: June 17, 2017

Correctional Officer Joe Heddy responded to a cell after an inmate tied a bedsheet around his neck in an attempt to commit suicide. Officer Heddy called for assistance and began to struggle with the inmate in an attempt to remove the bedsheet. The inmate continued to resist until additional responding officers could help remove the bedsheet and subdue the inmate. Officer Heddy collapsed and other officers initiated CPR but were unable to resuscitate him.

Officer Heddy had served with the Escambia County Department of Corrections for eight years after having retired from the Federal Bureau of Prisons, FPC Eglin with 20 years

of service. He is survived by his wife, Jill; adult daughter, Joy; adult sons, Jeffrey and Jason; granddaughters, Jillian, Vivian, Lorelei, Haley and Brooke; and grandsons, Gavin and Ryleigh.

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Transfer Sergeant Curtis Billue and Transfer Sergeant Christopher Monica Baldwin State Prison - Georgia Georgia Department of Corrections End of Watch: June 13, 2017

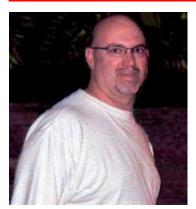
Sergeant Curtis Billue and Sergeant Christopher Monica were transporting 33 inmates. Two of the inmates attacked the Sergeants, during which one inmate disarmed one Sergeant and then shot them both. The prisoners stole both Sergeants' service weapons and carjacked a passing car. Both subjects remained at



large for several days. They were captured in Tennessee following a vehicle pursuit in which they fired at two Deputies. The men fled to a nearby home in an attempt to steal another vehicle but were captured by

the homeowner and a neighbor who held them at gunpoint until responding Officers took them into custody. Sergeant Billue had served with the Georgia Department of Corrections for 10 years. He is survived by his father, Revon; and his siblings, Denise, Carol, Diane, Barbara and Frank.

Sergeant Monica had served with the Georgia Department of Corrections for eight years. He is survived by his wife, Denise; two daughters, Ashley and 16-year-old Zoey; 11-year-old granddaughter, Kelsey; and 10-year-old grandson, Keylan.



Senior Officer Specialist Christopher Parlo Federal Correctional Institution - Fairton - New Jersey Federal Bureau of Prisons End of Watch: August 16, 2017

Senior Officer Specialist Christopher Parlo was assigned to the Special Housing Unit. He reported for duty, relieving the evening watch Officer. Officer Parlo and several Staff prepared five inmates to be escorted to transport. During the transport Officer Parlo collapsed. The inmates were secured and 911 was called. Staff performed CPR until Officer Parlo was transported to the hospital where he passed away.

Senior Officer Specialist Christopher Parlo had served with the Federal BOP for 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Dena (who retired from the Federal BOP); two daughters, 10-year-old Josephine and five-year-old Giovanna; mother, Patricia; brother, Matthew; sister-in-law; Maryellen; and cousin, Patricia.







The Corrections Professionals of **PROJECT 2000 XXIX**

Honored on Friday, June 15, 2018

Pasquotank Correctional Institution - North Carolina

On October 12, 2017 at approximately 2:45 p.m., four inmates assigned to the Sewing Plant at Pasquotank Correctional Institution launched an elaborate escape attempt. Sewing Plant Manager Veronica Darden was ambushed by inmates and murdered. Correctional Officer Justin Smith was assigned to the Correction Enterprises Sewing Plant that day. The inmates attacked Officer Smith and brutally murdered him near the Sewing Plant. As part of the inmates' plan, they diverted responding staff to other parts of the prison by starting a fire in the Enterprise Plant. The inmates made their way toward the loading dock where they encountered Correctional Officer Wendy Shannon and Correction Maintenance Mechanic Geoffrey Howe. They viciously attacked Officer Shannon and Maintenance Mechanic Howe. Officer Shannon and Maintenance Mechanic Howe were airlifted to a nearby trauma center. On October 30, 2017, Officer Wendy Shannon succumbed to the injuries she sustained as the result of the attack. Maintenance Mechanic Geoffrey Howe passed away, on November 2, 2017, from the injuries he suffered during the vicious attack.

Seven Officers were assaulted and attacked when they responded to assist their coworkers. The Pasquotank Correctional Institution staff and local law enforcement managed to foil the inmates' escape attempt and kept the community safe from harm.



Correctional Officer Justin Smith Pasquotank Correctional Institution - North Carolina North Carolina Department of Public Safety End of Watch: October 12, 2017

Correctional Officer Justin Smith had served with the North Carolina Division of Prisons for five years. He is survived by his mother, Melanie; sister, Renee; and brothers, Kenneth, John and Garrison (who is also a C/O at Pasquotank Correctional Institution).

Correction Enterprises Manager Veronica Darden Pasquotank Correctional Institution - North Carolina North Carolina Department of Public Safety End of Watch: October 12, 2017

Correction Enterprises Manager Veronica Darden had served with the North Carolina Division of Prisons as the Sewing Plant Manager for 10 years. She had worked as a Correctional Officer prior to that. She is survived by her husband, Eric; two adult daughters, Jasmine and Joy; her mother, Audrey; and siblings, Dyrel, Patsy, Clinton and George.



Since its inception in 1984, the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation has assisted the surviving families of 340 Corrections Professionals who lost their lives in the line of duty.

PROJECT 2000 XXIX Honored on Friday, June 15, 2018

Correctional Officer Wendy Shannon Pasquotank Correctional Institution - North Carolina North Carolina Department of Public Safety End of Watch: October 30, 2017

Correctional Officer Wendy Shannon had served with the North Carolina Division of Prisons for four years. She is survived by her 29-year-old daughter, Siera; 21-year-old daughter, Jakia; 19-year-old son, Devin; one-year-old grandson, Lenox; mother, Rosa; and siblings, Tammy, Felisha, Clinton and Anthony.





Correction Maintenance Mechanic Geoffrey Howe Pasquotank Correctional Institution - North Carolina North Carolina Department of Public Safety End of Watch: November 2, 2017

Correction Maintenance Mechanic Geoffrey Howe had served with the North Carolina Division of Prisons for one year. He is survived by his mother, Debra; father, George; fiancée, Brandi; and three-year-old daughter, Griffin.

Remembered from the Past



Correction Officer Donna Payant Green Haven Correctional Facility - New York New York State Department of Corrections End of Watch: May 15, 1981

Correction Officer Donna Payant was lured to the prison chaplain's office by an inmate posing as another Corrections employee. The inmate was working in the chaplain's office at the time when he attacked Officer Payant. When Officer Payant came up missing, search dogs traced her scent and her body was found.

Correction Officer Donna Payant had served the Department for just over one month. She was the first known state female Correction Officer in the nation to be killed in the line of duty. She is survived by her husband (who was also a Correction Officer at the time); her daughter, Suzann; two sons, Jasen and Christopher (Christopher became a Correction Officer and has served the Department for the last 28 years); daughter-in-law, Nicole; grandson, 14-year-old Zachary; granddaughter, 11-year-old Skylar. Officer Payant's father also served as a Correction Officer for the Department for 28 years.

PROJECT 2000 XXIX KIDS & TEENS



Mr. Kevin Murphy, pictured above, is VP of the U.S. Deputy Wardens Association. At every Project 2000 gathering, Mr. Murphy gives out wheeled carry-on travel bags stuffed 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 Kids & Teens Room.



Above: Two Officers from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety visit the Kids Room; left, two happy recipients of the U.S. DWA's "goodie" bags.



Our Project 2000 XXIX Teens.





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



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.

The Honored Famílies of Project 2000 XXIX



Family Members of Corporal Stephen Jenkins ~ Oklahoma



Family Members of Lieutenant Steven Floyd Sr. ~ Delaware



Family Members of Correctional Sergeant Meggan Callahan ~ North Carolina



Family Members of Deputy Sheriff Mark Burbridge ~ Iowa



Family Members of Correctional Officer V Shana Tedder ~ Texas



Special "Wall" for this year's Fallen Officers, with chairs for those who wished to spend a little time to reflect and remember.

The Honored Famílíes of Project 2000 XXIX



Family Members of Transfer Sergeant Curtis Billue ~ Georgia



Family Members of Transfer Sergeant Christopher Monica ~ Georgia



CPO Foundation Florida Representative Jim Freeman accepted the Flag and Plaque on behalf of the Family of Correctional Officer Joe Heddy Jr. ~ Florida



Family Members of Senior Officer Specialist Christopher Parlo ~ New Jersey



Each Honored Family received a set of three mounted spent shell casings representing the shots fired in the 21-gun volley at the Memorial Ceremony.



Family Members of Correctional Officer Justin Smith ~ North Carolina

The Honored Famílies of Project 2000 XXIX



Family Members of Correction Enterprises Manager Veronica Darden ~ North Carolina



Family Members of Correctional Officer Wendy Shannon ~ North Carolina



Family Members of Correction Maintenance Mechanic Geoffrey Howe ~ North Carolina



Family Members of Correction Officer Donna Payant ~ New York



Bob Hanley, National Honor Guard Piper (retired from the City of New York Department of Correction) signals to attendees that the Honored Families and their Escorts are about to arrive and take their seats.



The State Flags and Fallen Officers Plaques



























































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: Board Member Kim Potter-Blair presents a Catastrophic Recognition award to C/O and Supporting Member Melissa Gadol of Rogers State Prison, GA. While at work on October 3, 2017 C/O Gadol had a terrible accident involving her right hand. Her injuries were so severe that the hand had to be amputated.

Right: Kim and Board Member Sal Osuna with Engineer Technician and Supporting Member Robert Rawlins of FCI El Reno, OK. Engineer Technician Bob Rawlins was in a severe motocross accident, breaking both of his legs in three



places each. Also, his left foot suffered several broken bones and was dislocated in two places. Bob required multiple surgeries and had to have rods placed in both of his legs, as well as permanent hardware in his foot. He was unable to walk for over six weeks. We are happy to report that he has made a full recovery.



Assault Survivors

Left: C/O Stephen Giles of Sterling Correctional Facility, CO was stabbed in the chest and back by an inmate with a prison-made weapon. Officer Giles fell back and hit his head on the second tier railing. After recovering from his injuries, Officer Giles was able to return to work; however, he continued to undergo neurological treatments.

Right: C/O Paul Nielsen of Turney Center Industrial Complex, TN was one of three Officers who were assaulted with prison-made knives in an incident at the facility in April 2017. The other Officers are C/O Jesse Shockley and C/O Lester Bell. All three were severely injured, each receiving multiple stab wounds along with other injuries. Officers Shockley and Bell were unable to attend **Project XXIX** to be recognized along with their colleague.





Left: C/O James Allen of Suwanee Correctional Institution, FL was assigned on November 17, 2017 to the Annex Movement Control Office. An inmate approached him and suddenly attacked him with a prison-made weapon. C/O Allen sustained nine puncture wounds on his left side and one under his left scapula. After treatment and recovery, C/O Allen was able to return to work and is doing well.

Right: C/O William Wright of Trenton Correctional Institution, SC was injured in a riot in a prison dorm on June 14, 2017. Inmates were breaking windows, destroying furniture and



setting fires. As ordered after radioing for help, C/O Wright secured himself inside the staff bathroom. Inmates began spraying a fire extinguisher under the door, causing C/O great difficulty in breathing. Eventually, several inmates got into the bathroom and repeatedly punched and kicked C/O Wright. He was struck in the head and bleeding badly until other Officers came to his aid. C/O Wright suffered a broken nose and had to have 15 staples to treat his considerable head wounds.



Left: C/O William Fuerte of R. J. Donovan Correctional Facility, CA was performing duties as a Counselor on July 17, 2017. During an alarm he was hit in the back of the head by an inmate who had been standing by the door, wanting to speak to C/O Fuerte. Not waiting for the alarm to be concluded, the inmate attacked C/O Fuerte. Staff responded to subdue the inmate and to have C/O Fuerte taken to the hospital to stop the bleeding from his head wounds.

Right: Sergeant Hubert Moses of Evans Correctional Institution, SC was on the recreation field with a colleague, Lt. Patrick Jones, when he was attacked by three inmates who beat him with a socked brick. Lt. Jones was also attacked while attempting to help Sgt. Jones. First and second responders arrived and got the inmates under control. Sgt. Moses and Lt. Jones both sustained serious injuries. They were sent via ambulance to a local hospital for treatment. Lt. Jones was not able to attend **Project XXIX** to be recognized along with Sgt. Moses.





Above: C/O Anival Avila, C/O Sergio Chavez, C/O Paul Hicks, Jr., C/O Travis Molina, Sgt. Daniel Mount and C/O Dale McDonald, all of Pelican Bay State Prison, CA. All six were seriously injured during a massive escape attempt by approximately 60 inmates on May 24, 2017.



Left: C/O George Midgett of Pasquotank Correctional Institution, NC was attacked from behind by an inmate using a hammer. C/O Midgett suffered over 12 blows to his head and face, and additional wounds on his left side through his left lung. C/O Midgett has not

been able to return to work since the attack.

That same day, October 12, 2017, four inmates made an unsuccessful attempt to escape. The inmates were contained but not before four Pasquotank CI Staff members were killed, all of whom were honored at the Memorial Ceremony conducted on Friday, June 15. **Right:** Counselor Eric Farmer and C/O Letisha Peak of Federal Correctional Complex, LA. On January 13, 2017 Counselor Farmer was savagely attacked by an agitated inmate, suffering 13 stab wounds to several different parts of his upper body. C/O Peak, who was five months pregnant at the time,



came to the aid of Counselor Farmer and a fellow staff member. She used OC spray to subdue the inmate, which helped other Staff in gaining control of the situation and prevent further assault. C/O Peak was hospitalized for a time due to difficulty in breathing caused by OC inhalation. Counselor Farmer has been unable to return to work due to treatments from the attack.

An upbeat note: In due course, C/O Peak gave birth to a healthy baby girl.

Right: C/O Joel Arellano and C/O Eric Broussard of Mule Creek State Prison, CA. On May 21, 2017 C/O Arellano was attacked by an inmate who first hit him in the face, fracturing his cheek bone, and then stabbed C/O Arellano repeatedly with a prison-made weapon.



C/O Broussard came to C/O Arellano's aid and both Officers together managed to get the inmate down. C/O Arellano was treated for seven stab wounds along with other injuries. After several months of recovery and treatment, C/O Arellano was able to return to work.



Left: On April 12, 2017 C/O John Gray of Maury CI, NC was assaulted by an inmate who beat C/O Gray severely in the head. Staff that responded to the situation were able to gain control of the inmate. C/O Gray was taken to the hospital where he received nine staples in his head.

Right: C/O II David Mayer of Arizona State Prison Complex-Winslow,



AZ was attacked by four inmates as he was locking down the top tier as inmates were returning from recreation. A fellow Officer arrived to assist C/O Mayer and used his OC spray to stop the attack. The inmates retreated and C/O Mayer was taken to medical for initial evaluation. He was then transported to the local hospital where he underwent surgeries for a broken jaw and broken back. He also had to have metal plates inserted into his jaw.



Left: On April 27, 2017 C/O Floyd Fedrick of Mississippi State Prison was distributing breakfast trays. When he unlocked the tray flap to give one inmate his tray, instead of taking the tray the inmate reached out and cut C/O Fedrick on the side of his neck with a sharp instrument. C/O Fedrick was taken to medical where he received 24 stitches in his neck. C/O Fedrick has been unable to return to work and continues to receive treatments for his injury.



Right: C/O I Maggie Long of Northeast CC, MO was attacked from behind by an inmate who stabbed her on the right side of her neck and on her hand. C/O Long suffered eight wounds to

her head and five to her hand. In November 2017 she had her first surgery on her hand and in March 2018 another surgery to cut three nerves in the back of her head to try to relieve her continuous headaches. As of June 2018 C/O Long was still off work and recovering from her most recent surgery.



Left: On April 27, 2017 C/O Tamarius Wheeler of Central Prison, NC was among several Officers to respond to an inmate who was threatening to harm himself. C/O Wheeler was carrying a protective shield. When the Officers entered the inmate's cell, he jumped onto the top bunk and managed to reach over the shield and began stabbing C/O Wheeler with a prison-made knife. The other Officers began to struggle with the inmate to restrain him, telling injured C/O Wheeler to get out of the cell. Instead, C/O Wheeler attempted to help and did so until given a direct order to go to be treated. He had to have 12 staples and ten stitches to seal the wounds to his head.

Right: C/O Heather Wright of Mid-State Correctional Facility, NY had completed her master count on April 2, 2017and was sitting in her office when an inmate ambushed her from behind. He threw a blanket

over C/O Wright's head, violently threw her across the room and slammed her to the floor. He proceeded to maul, punch and kick C/O Wright for an extended period of time, during which C/O Wright fought as best she could while trying to get at her alert device to sound an alarm. She finally succeeded and when the alarm went off the inmate stopped his attack and ran out the door to retreat to the inmate bathroom. Despite her numerous injuries C/O Wright regained her composure and chased after the inmate. Staff soon apprehended the inmate.



Left: Off duty Corporal Jerry Brittain of Omaha Correctional Center, NE and his girlfriend, Kelsey, were stopped at a traffic light on May 1, 2017 when an armed inmate jumped out of a van behind Corporal Brittain and ran toward the car. The inmate tried to grab one of the car doors when Corporal Brittain stepped on the gas and attempted to drive away. At that point the inmate fired shots at Corporal Brittain, one of which hit him in the neck. Corporal Brittain got his car safely onto the median strip, stopped and lay on the ground holding his neck while Kelsey called 911. Corporal Brittain was taken to the hospital where the doctors discovered that the bullet had almost paralyzed him. The escapee, who earlier had shot and killed Deputy Burbridge and stolen his firearms and



van, was eventually caught by police.

Right: C/O Joshua Sanders of Donaldson Correctional Facility, AL responded to a Code Red alarm on April 21, 2017. When he arrived on the scene, an inmate pulled a knife on him and stabbed him multiple times. When other Officers arrived, they found C/O Sanders on the ground. Some Officers confronted the inmate, who continued to threaten them with the knife, while others got C/O Sanders to the infirmary and then to the hospital where he was treated for his stab wounds.

Bravery Above and Beyond the Call of Duty



Left: C/O I Christina Aiello and C/O I Jason Lombard of La Vista Correctional Facility and San Carlos Correctional Facility, CO were traveling home from work when they witnessed a car accident: A woman crashed her car into another vehicle ("T-boning" it). Both Officers immediately jumped out of their own vehicles to render aid to both of the drivers. While C/O I Lombard attended



to the driver whose car was hit, C/O I Aiello went to assist the driver who had caused the accident. In doing so, C/O I Aiello discovered a baby in the back seat. She broke out the window and crawled into the back of the smoking vehicle to get the baby free. C/O I Aiello's arms and legs received cuts from the broken glass but she was still able to administer first aid while comforting the baby.

Above right: On January 8, 2018, Correctional Officer Hector Villarreal was driving home from running errands with his wife and two small children in the car. En route to their home, Hector was approached on the driver's side of his vehicle by a man who was holding a gun, pointing it at his family. Hector tried to evade the suspect to protect his family, but he continued to follow them, eventually ending up at a local gas station. Hector led the suspect toward the back of the gas station, eventually trapping him between a big rig and a sidewalk. Hector parked his car with his family in a safe location, called the police, pulled out his badge and gun and proceeded to get civilians at the gas station into their vehicles and out of harm's way. Hector approached the suspect with his badge and gun drawn, and got the suspect on the ground. Police arrived and took the suspect into custody. The suspect is known as the Fresno Freeway Shooter; he had been charged with as many as 10 incidents in which he pulled his gun out and shot at vehicles. One victim was shot but thankfully survived.

2017 Las Vegas Shooting

The 2017 Las Vegas shooting occurred on the night of Sunday, October 1, 2017 when a gunman opened fire on a crowd of concertgoers at an event known as the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival on the Las Vegas Strip in Nevada, leaving 58 people dead and 851 injured. Between 10:05 and 10:15 pm PDT, more than 1,100 rounds were fired from the nearby Mandalay Bay Hotel. The incident is the deadliest mass shooting committed by an individual in the United States.

Correctional Sergeant Todd Wienke of California City Correctional Facility, Correctional Officer Jason Peacock of California Institution for Men and Correctional Officer Craig Lee of Valley State Prison in California (all pictured at right) were present during this mass shooting. Each Officer played his own



role during the incident, not only shielding and protecting their loved ones from harm, but also attending to many of those injured. They helped to secure the site and made sure that all those around them were safe.

Camp Commander Lieutenant Derrick "Bo" Taylor also attended the October 1, 2017 Route 91 Harvest Music Festival. He did not survive the mass attack.

Lt. Taylor served the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for 29 years, beginning his career on January 25, 1988. He was at the festival with his girlfriend, Denise, who also was killed.



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New York City Department of Correction suffers the Loss of a Rikers Island Officer

Recently, the New York City Department of Correction lost one of its own. Twenty-seven-year-old Officer Jonathan Narain was murdered while on his way to work in the early morning hours on September 14, 2018. Officer Narain worked at the largest jail on Rikers Island known as AMKC. I interacted with Officer Narain on a daily basis at the Weapons Arsenal while getting ready for early morning court production. He was a genuine person and always seemed happy and excited to be one of New York's Boldest. For an Officer who was on the job for just over two years, he was well respected.

The New York City Department of Correction Pipe Band, along with hundreds of retired and active Correctional Officers and Representatives from FDNY, NYPD, and CPOF, were in



Rikers Island

attendance at Officer Narain's funeral service to pay their final respects. Members of the Tappu Folklore Drummers, in which Officer Narain played, drummed as the casket was brought to the Hurst. The New York City Department of Correction Pipe Band lined up and played *Amazing Grace* while the funeral procession continued to the family's home for a religious ceremony.

One thing all Officers have in common is that we all want to go home the same way we go to work. It is an unfortunate and sad truth that this isn't the case for all Officers. Officer Narain will be missed by many, and always remembered.

-- Rob Paster, Rikers Island Correction Officer and NYC Department of Correction Pipe Band Member



Hello, my name is Annie D. Cobb-Norman. I first learned of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation when attending the South Central Region Caucus in 2004. In 2005 I attended my first **Project 2000** event in Portland, Oregon where I had the

honor to escort the family of Army Staff Sergeant Stacy Brandon who was killed in Taji. Brandon worked with me at Forrest City Federal Correctional Institution before his deployment. He was killed on April 24, 2004 when mortar rounds hit his camp.

Through the Catastrophic Assistance Program, I was assisted when my son Christopher was injured in Iraq when an IED exploded, causing major damage to his leg. After surgeries and a long recovery I'm blessed to say Christopher is still in the Army serving our country.

Arkansas

I activated the Federal Correctional facility in Colorado in 1993 and then the facility in Forrest City, Arkansas in 1997. I have been working in Corrections since 1985. I took a mandatory retirement in 2015, and then I was given the opportunity to work in Arkansas, my home state, as the CPOF Representative. As they say, "When one door closes, another door opens."

I honestly, wholeheartedly, and dedicatedly enjoy being the liaison in Arkansas for this organization. I believe in their motto: "Taking Care of Our Own." I work along with AACET* to ensure that our Arkansans are being taken care of. CPOF has a very extensive Catastrophic Assistance Program, mentioned above, that includes assistance with expenses incurred by lengthy travel for medical reasons, with severe losses resulting from natural disasters, and with certain expenses that occur in times of bereavement. I want ALL Arkansas Correctional Personnel AND their families to know that CPOF is here to assist them in a time of need.

*Arkansas Association of Correctional Employees Trust





In January of 2018 Captain Eric McCormack of Kern Valley SP was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer. It had already spread to his liver and lower intestines. His doctors have told him that they cannot cure him but they can "slow down" the process with medication.

Re: Eric McCormack and Family,

We want to express our sincere appreciation for your donation towards our Cancer Awareness Event held at Mooney's Grove Park on March 10, 2018. The bike run and classic car event was a huge success and did not disappoint all 200 people who attended.

We raised \$10,359.44 for our staff member, Captain Eric McCormack, to help with financial costs that are not covered by medical insurance.

It was an emotional thank you when he received the money. He plans on taking a family trip and having "lots of laughs."

Thank you for all your support. It would not have been successful without your donation.

Kind regards,

Cancer Awareness Team Kern Valley State Prison, CA

Dear CPOF,

My family and I would like to express our deep gratitude for the financial assistance you provided to me. What with the shock of being given a diagnosis of Renal Cell Carcinoma and the subsequent cancer treatments, it's been pretty rough. But through it all, I am abundantly blessed. I am grateful for the gift CPOF has provided.

Sincerely,

Chuck Vasquez, Riverside, CA Charles Vasquez, retired C/O from the CDCR, was diagnosed with stage IV cancer. He had surgery to remove one of his kidneys and at the time of this letter was undergoing chemo treatments. C/O Michael Chavez is a Supporting Member at Chuckawalla State Prison. His 18-year-old son, Alec, (pictured) was killed in a car accident on May 1, 2018. The CPO Foundation assisted the family with funeral expenses.





C/O Garey Placencia of North Kern SP, is pictured at left with his wife, Michelle, and one of their sons, Garey. Michelle passed away on January 17, 2018 after a very short bout with the flu.



To the CPO Foundation,

Preston and I would like to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts for the generous donations, gifts, prayers and support. The strength that all your support has given us has truly been what has helped us get through this terrible, unfortunate time. No child should ever have to go through this, but knowing that little Nixon has so many supporters on his side is truly amazing. We firmly believe that, in some way, all the kind gestures will come back around to each of you. All of the donations will be used for Nixon's medical expenses, medicines and the cost of care it will take to make him as comfortable as possible during his long journey ahead.

He is such a strong little boy and we are sure that he is going to beat this terrible monster called cancer. Thank you again!

Sincerely, Snowden-Turner Family, Mather, CA

Jerry Bernal, retired from the CDCR, passed away on March 6, 2018. He suffered from respiratory/heart problems. At right: Jerry and family at a Lakers game (Jerry apparently was a Dodgers fan, too.)





C/O Walter Hoyer, Retired Supporting Member from the CDCR, received a bereavement assistance check upon the death of his daughter, Lauren (pictured). She passed away from health complications at the age of 22.



Sergeant Preston Snowden's son, Nixon, was found to have a tumor on his left kidney that had spread to some lymph nodes. Nixon had surgery in mid June of 2018 to remove the kidney, part of his diaphragm and some of the affected lymph nodes. Following the surgery he began radiation treatments and chemotherapy. As of mid October 2018 Nixon was still having chemo and radiation, and his doctors were assessing options for dealing with a spot that developed on his right kidney that may be a side effect of one of the chemotherapy drugs. We are all hopeful for a good outcome for this, as his mother says, "strong little boy."

Dear Christina Labio,

I received CPOF's generous gift towards helping me offset some of my expenses during these times. On behalf of my family and myself, we thank you very much. And we thank CPOF for its generosity.

Mark Foley, Correctional Peace Officer at PBSP going on 29 years. C/O Mark Foley, a Supporting Member at Pelican Bay State Prison, was diagnosed with prostate cancer in March of 2018. He underwent treatment for several months. As of mid October 2018 he was back at work, enjoying an apparent period of remission. We wish him continued success with his treatment program.

NEW YORK



CPOF New York Representative Jay West presented an assistance check to C/O Dave Neumeister, a Supporting Member at Coxsackie CF, whose daughter, Abigail (being held by mom Jackie), was born with spina bifida. At the time of this photo, Abigail had already had several surgeries. Also pictured is Coxsackie CF contact C/O Todd Adams and his friend, Denise.

C/O Bryan Davey of Upstate CF received an assistance check during the time that his wife, Kari, was being treated for melanoma at a Vermont hospital. Also pictured is Upstate CF contact C/O Brandy Smith.







Jay had the pleasure of presenting CPOF Scholarships to the daughters of three New York Correction Officers. *Far left, top:* Ms. Morgan Thomas; her dad, C/O Kirk Thomas, a Supporting



Member at Upstate CF; and mom, Christine. Morgan will be attending Plattsburgh State University to pursue a nursing degree. *Above left:* Ms. Caitlyn Lintner and her dad, C/O (Ret.) Jon Lintner, a Supporting Member at Chateaugay CF. Like Morgan Thomas, Caitlyn will be attending Plattsburgh State University to pursue a nursing degree. *Left:* C/O Chris Grande, a Supporting Member at Marcy CF; Mrs. Grande (Patty); and Ms. Elizabeth Grande. Elizabeth will be attending college to pursue a nursing degree.

Speaking of scholarships, Joe Spina, CPOF contact at Marcy CF, presented a Scholarship to Ms. Caitlyn Dooley, daughter of C/O Mike Dooley. Also pictured is mom, Karen. Caitlyn is enrolled at SUNY Polytechnic to pursue a nursing degree.



NEW YORK



Jay presented a check

C/O Mark Miller of Ogdensburg CF received an assistance check while his daughter, Ysabella, was recovering from treatment for a kidney tumor. Ysabella, Mark and Jay are pictured at left.





Jay West presented a check to C/O David Bidwell of Greene CF, whose two-year-old daughter, Josie, suffers from acute renal failure and HUS syndrome. With Jay at left: David and Kerri Bidwell, and C/O Jason Guilbeault, Greene CF contact.



C/O Keith Sorci of Adirondack CF received a check while recovering from surgeries for nerve damage in his arm and shoulder. Also pictured: Keith's wife, Krystie, and Adirondack CF contact C/O Al Miner.



Jay presented a check to C/O Dennis Jacques, a Supporting Member at Bare Hill CF, whose wife, Jennifer, was recovering from treatment for infection in her legs that developed after surgery. Mike O'Hare, Bare Hill CF contact, is also pictured.

C/O Laura Crossfield of **Bedford Hills** CF was diagnosed with left and right breast cancer, requiring a double mastectomy.



Above: Lt. Ben Thorpe, C/O Crossfield and C/O Frank Napolitano, CPOF contact at Bedford Hills.

C/O Travis Lavarnway is a Supporting Member at Clinton CF. His third son, Lawson, was born in April 2018 with a heart defect known as hypoplastic aortic arch, requiring surgery at University of Vermont Children's Hospital. At right: Jay with the Lavarnway family: C/O Lavarnway; four-year-old son, London; two-year-old son, Layton; and Mrs. Lavarnway (Danielle) holding baby Lawson.









Program Specialist III Ruby Cowan, a Supporting Member at the TDCJ Information Technology Division, was diagnosed with breast cancer. She underwent surgery on January 16, 2018 and traveled 73 miles each way for her radiation treatments. Specialist Cowan also was diagnosed with a rare cancer known as liposarcoma for which she received specialized treatments. Ruby is pictured above (right) with CPOF Texas Representative Cathy Stokes.

Ms. Jennifer Cross, HRS III at Buster Cole Unit, presented a check from the CPOF to Program Manager Melanie Swafford. Melanie, a Supporting Member, is fighting breast cancer. Buster Cole Unit Warden Tovi Butcher is pictured on the right.

To the CPOF:

On behalf of the Normand and Phillips family, we would like to thank you for your prayers and thoughts in the passing of my daughter, April Phillips. Thanks to Stephanie Barone of the CPO Foundation for the assistance check to help with the closure expenses. Thanks also to my Unit Warden Siringi of the Larry Gist Unit. From my heart to yours, God bless you all.

Respectfully, C/O V Xena Normand, Larry Gist Unit C/O IV Xena Normand is a Supporting Member at the Gist Unit. Her daughter was killed in a car accident on June 15, 2018 and had no life insurance. Xena was responsible for all the expenses.



C/O V Robert Kalka, a Supporting Member at Skyview Unit, received an assistance check when his wife, Pamela (also a Supporting Member), suffered a cerebrovascular accident (CVA). Robert was off work for an extended period of time as Pamela was unable to perform daily living activities.



C/O III Johna Stone is a Supporting Member at Beto Unit. Johna's 17-year-old daughter, Bethany, died from injuries she sustained in a car accident on April 18, 2018. To all of those who donated money in memory of my husband Horatio Urioste Jr., I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. He loved working for the James V. Allred Unit for over 22 years and developed many friends in the TDCJ. My family and I were honored with the wonderful donations. God Bless You All.

Robin Urioste, Wichita Falls, TX Horatio Urioste Jr., a Supporting Member, passed away after suffering a massive heart attack on October 31, 2017. The CPOF provided his widow, Robin, with bereavement assistance.

TEXAS



C/O IV Stanley Odoemena works at Travis County Jail. His two-year-old daughter, Lynette, passed away on January 21, 2018 due to congestive heart failure and other medical problems. Above: C/O Odoemena with Warden Kimberly Woodal (left) and Warden Jackie Jameson.

Dear Stephanie Barone,

On behalf of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Ruben Torres Unit, and Katrina Gilmore, Lieutenant of Correctional Officers, I would like to thank you for the assistance provided to Ms. Gilmore and her family who have had unexpected medical expenses due to medical issues involving her daughter. Ms. Gilmore expressed sincere appreciation of the generosity of the CPO Foundation and the support of her fellow TDCJ family.

Once again, I would like to thank the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for assisting our staff, and the staff and families of other facilities, in times of need.

Sincerely,

Warden Darren Wallace

Ruben Torres / Joe Nuy Units Lieutenant Katrina Gilmore is a Supporting Member at Torres Unit. Her daughter was diagnosed with MRSA and RSV. While the daughter was being treated, the family incurred many out of pocket medical bills.

Dear Cathy,

Here I am, once again amazed by the compassion, support and overwhelming generosity exhibited by you and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. As a Warden with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice I have been honored on so many occasions to reach out to this organization, with requests of the many employees who have suffered a tragedy or loss of life in their family. CPOF has never let me down and I am always grateful for the exceeding of the standard, from this supporting organization. It has always been my pleasure to support this special organization as a contributing member. However, I never anticipated to become a recipient of this generosity.

On February 15th of this year, our oldest child and only son, Justin, went home to be with his Heavenly Father. He was 24 and suffered a life-long battle with cerebral palsy and many other physical and health related issues. Even though Justin never took an unassisted step or uttered a single word in his life, he expressed the purest love for others and joy for life more than any other person I have ever known. Our family is blessed beyond words to have had Justin in our lives and teach us what life is truly all about. You, along with CPOF, graced our family with your love, prayers and comforting support and we are eternally grateful.

I love you guys and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Michael Roesler, Warden II and Supporting Member, O.B. Ellis Unit

Federal News



Ms. Kim,

Thank you so very much for the generous assistance check we received from you. In October 2017 my wife Sandra was diagnosed with cancer of the bone marrow and underwent a stem cell transplant in May 2018. The treatment and transplant required numerous trips to Stanford Hospital which is 167 miles from our home. We appreciate your support which will help immensely with those travel and hotel expenses. Thanks again for thinking of us in our time of need.

Respectfully,

The Pickles Family, Lompoc, California

Electrician David Pickles is a Supporting Member at FCC Lompoc. He sent us this nice photo of Sandra and himself.

To the CPOF:

Thank you so much for your assistance check. We really appreciate being a part of such a wonderful organization.

Rosiland Maybank Moore Health Services Assistant FCI II Butner

HSA Moore is a Supporting Member at FCC Butner in North Carolina. Her husband, Darian, is battling cancer and undergoing chemo and radiation treatments.







Kim,

Thank you and your great organization for helping our staff during times of need. Here is a photo of our Chief Steward Gerald Cook (left) presenting your packet to Inmate Systems Officer Brian Schurg (right). Again, thank you for everything that you and CPOF do!!!! Ioshua Bunnell

Local 420 Secretary, USP Hazelton

Inmate Systems Officer Brian Schurg is a Supporting Member at USP Hazelton in Pennsylvania. He was in a tree-trimming accident in which he broke the femur in one leg, several ribs and his back in several places.

Dear Kim,

We would like to truly thank you for your assistance during our loss. It is greatly appreciated and we will never be able to thank you enough. On behalf of my family, thank you and God bless you.

Eric Milletello, FCI Dublin, California Senior C/O Milletello is a Supporting Member at FCI Dublin. His wife, Gina, passed away suddenly due to hypertension. Eric sent us this picture of himself with his family: Gina, Gianna (13), Shelby (22) and Haily (15).

Here is the photo that we took at the presentation of the CPOF assistance check to Senior C/O Gregory Mazurek. Left to right: Warden J.A. Barnhart, Local 4051 President Stephen Creech, Senior Officer Gregory Mazurek and myself, David Chaney SIS Tech.

Thank you.

David M. Chaney

Special Investigative Support Technician FCI Manchester, Kentucky

Senior C/O Mazurek lost his home, belongings and vehicles in a house fire.



Federal News

Dear CPOF,

Thank you all very much for what you do. We appreciate it: all of us, my family at home and here at work.

I have sent you a family photo as follows:

Back row, left to right,

1) Jeremy Wilcox (Brother, Senior Officer, USP Florence, CO)

2) Ryan Hutton (Brother-in-law)

3) Jacob (Jake) Schulze (in cowboy hat, Correctional Officer,

USP Florence, CO)

4) Ellen Wilcox (Mother, Former 911 Dispatcher, Victim Advocate) **Front row, left to right,**

1) Alicia Wilcox (Sister-in-law, National Guard, multiple tours to Afghanistan)

2) Ashten Hutton (Sister)

3 & 4) Barron and Joan Broadston (Grandparents. Barron served many years as a Volunteer fire dispatcher)

5) Don Wilcox (Father, Lieutenant, FCI Florence, CO)

Lt. Wilcox's son, C/O Jacob Schulze, was killed in an auto accident on May 15, 2018. Jacob had just started with the BOP one month prior, was engaged to be married and had a baby on the way.



Senior C/O Mark Reeping is a Supporting Member at FCI Three Rivers in Texas. His wife, Bobbi, was diagnosed with metatastic cancer that started in the breast and then spread to her lower back, hips and lungs. In June of 2018 Bobbi began chemotherapy treatments several times a week to contain the cancer and prolong her life. As a result the family incurred many unavoidable medically-related expenses.

Kim,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to my family following the loss of my wife, Dawn Henry. She worked at the Federal Medical Center in Butner, NC for 14 years as a medical secretary. She was diagnosed with an autoimmune disorder of the liver in October of 2017 and approved for a liver transplant in March 2018 but passed away April 3, 2018. Her beautiful smile and contagious laughter will be missed by all who knew her. I appreciate the support of the CPOF.

I've attached a picture of our family: Myself, Dawn, Abby and Brennan.

Thank you again,

J. Brian Henry, MBA MHA RHIA,

Captain, US Public Health Service; Chief, Health Information Federal Medical Center - Butner, NC

Dawn passed away from a progressive disease of the liver and gall bladder characterized by inflammation and scarring of the bile ducts.



Safety Compliance

Specialist Johnnie Bryant Jr. (left) of FMC Rochester passed away on July 10, 2018 due to complications from cancer. At right: With Local 3947 Union Chief Steward Aaron Ellringer are Johnnie's children: daughter, Kenyatta; son; Keondre; and their mother, Rebecca.







Wyoming Adventure by Cathy Stokes, CPOF Texas Representative

The week of August 13th is a time I will not easily forget. I had the privilege of traveling to Wyoming to visit with the Staff and Administration of the Wyoming Department of Corrections. I cannot thank Director Robert Lampert and Dan Shannon, Prison



Deputy Administrator/Prison Operations Scott Abbott; Cathy Stokes; and Julie Tennant-Caine, Deputy Administrator/ Support Services.

Division Administrator. enough for allowing me to come. The first day I met with Central Office Staff and told them all about the CPO Foundation. After the meeting, Deputy Administrator/ **Prison Operations** Scott Abbott and I left for our first facility: the Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution. Upon our arrival I ran into an old friend, Warden Eddie Wilson. I was

afforded the opportunity to tour the facility before speaking to the Staff. This facility is the main intake and assessment center for male inmates. When Warden Wilson asked if I saw any resemblance to Texas I told him, "Only offenders!" On our way back to Central Office Scott told me that Director Lampert had designed the facility.

The next morning, I met up with Scott and our road adventure continued! Next stop was the Wyoming Women's Center and seeing another friend, Warden Rick Catron. I had had the opportunity to meet Warden Catron last year at the Wardens' Peer Training hosted by Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. After touring the facility, which was amazing with all the unique programs offered to include raising Tilapia, worms and flies! (The worms and flies are sold to the Denver Zoo.*) I also got to



visit with Administrative Staff and Officers.

Scott and I then traveled to the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp and Boot Camp. We were met by Warden Todd Martin. I was able to tour this facility and its beautiful grounds. This facility also works with the Wyoming State Forestry Division in forestry projects, firefighting, community service projects and Federal Government projects. It has a full fire department on standby in case they are needed to fight forest fires. This facility also has a program where dogs from rescue shelters are trained by the inmates. Most of the time before the dog has completed the program it has already been adopted! I did ask Warden Martin what the recidivism rate was for the Boot Camp and he thought less than 16%. I visited with Staff coming on duty and the next morning visited with Administration and Staff leaving duty.

Next, Scott and I began our journey to Casper where I visited the Parole Office and met Julie Tennant-Caine, Deputy Administrator. Julie and I went to the Wyoming Honor Farm to meet with Warden Ruby Ziegler (whom I had also met through Wardens' Peer Training). I was able to tour the facility before talking to Staff before starting their shift. They have the Wild Horse Program here in which inmates tame wild horses and burros and then sell them to the public. The facility has a working cattle operation and over 500 acres on which they grow alfalfa, corn and oats for the livestock.

The next morning I went back and visited with Administrative Staff and Officers. Then Julie and I left and traveled to Wyoming State Penitentiary where we



were met by Warden Michael Pacheco. This, friends, is a huge facility!!!! It houses every level custody of inmates. I felt like I was home!! After the tour of WSP I got to visit with Staff before they started their shift. The next morning Julie and I went back and visited with Administrative Staff and Officers. We next traveled to the Training Academy. All personnel go through the Training Academy. Non-uniform Staff attend for five weeks and uniform Staff continue for five more weeks. We then headed back to Central Office where I did another presentation of CPOF to Staff.

Friday, my last day, I had a visit with Director Lampert. He asked me, "What impressed you the

most with the facilities?" It was easy -- first, the Staff. At every office and every facility I visited, they truly liked each other. They sat together in turnout, and they acknowledged each other passing in the halls, whether with a simple "hey" or a hand gesture. I myself was welcomed with open arms at every office and facility.

Then I would say the programs which are afforded to the inmates to help them go back into the free world with useable work skills. Each of the five facilities I visited were well organized, very clean and well maintained.

At the time I arrived, the Wyoming DOC had only 68 members of the CPOF. During the week I was there, I signed up 78 new members! I am sure that by now more have turned their applications for membership into either their HR Department or Unit Manager, or have mailed them in directly. One constant that I heard was, "Why haven't I heard about CPOF?"

In closing, from this trip I have gained a new family and new friends. Nancy Keller, Scott Abbott and Julie Tennant-Caine, I can't say thank you enough!!! Wyoming hospitality at its best!

* Not surprisingly, the worms and flies are for the residents of the Denver Zoo's Reptile Farm.



Unit Manager Tanya Dana, a Supporting Member at Lincoln CI, has a cancerous brain tumor. She was undergoing radiation and chemotherapy at the time this photo was taken. She was also coping with *grand mal* seizures, a side effect of her treatment that rendered her unable to drive. Above, left to right: Unit Administrator Tony Cruz, Training Specialist Ladena Koch, Unit Manager Tanya Dana and Associate Warden Sarah Nelson.





C/O Mark Lewonczyk of High Desert State Prison was struck from behind on his motorcycle. He was thrown from his bike and was hit by another car. He shattered his right leg, which had to be amputated, and broke his right shoulder. Above: C/O Keith McKeehan presented Officer Lewonczyk with a CPOF assistance check.

Nebraska

North Carolína



Sergeant Donald King, a Supporting Member at Central Prison, had knee replacement surgery in August 2017 and due to complications had to have a second surgery on November 30, 2017. Sgt. King did eventually return to work but was out of leave and had no pay for three months. At right: Warden Eddie Thomas presents Sgt. King with an assistance check from the CPOF.

Assistant Superintendent for Custody Mark Fleming of Maury CI is pictured here presenting a CPOF assistance check to Lieutenant III Matrina Carter. Lt. Carter's house caught fire in April 2018 and was a complete loss. Also, pictured at right is Lt. Howell.





C/O II Christopher Sanderson is a Supporting Member at Columbus CI. His 18-year-old son, Corbin, was seriously injured in a car accident. Corbin suffered a broken femur, collarbone, scapula and eight ribs. Both of his lungs collapsed amid severe bruising to both lungs as well as multiple lacerations. Above: C/O Sanderson with Corbin in his wheelchair.

Dear Christina Labio,

I would like, on behalf of myself and family, to extend very deep heartfelt thanks for the assistance. It's so greatly appreciated! It has deeply moved my family and me at a very trying time in our lives and it means the world to us. Thanks for your prayers and kind thoughts.

Sincerely grateful,

Leonard Gosnell, Hot Springs, NC Sergeant Gosnell is a Supporting Member at Craggy Correctional Center. His wife, Joyce, had to have several bypass surgeries and Sgt. Gosnell needed help with out-of-pocket medical expenses.

COLORADO

Hello Guy,

Emilia was born May 22nd via emergency C-section weighing 1lb 7oz and 12.2 inches long. [As of 9/12/18], she has spent the last 106 days in the NICU. For being so tiny, she is a fighter and has amazed all the doctors with her determination and feisty attitude. We never imagined we would be in this situation, especially with our first child. The assistance and support from CPOF was invaluable, since Emilia is in a hospital an hour away from home and Ashley has been out of work since the delivery. We are grateful for all of your help.



Jeffrey Albury (SCCF) and Ashley Albury (CSP/CCF) *C/O Albury is a Supporting Member at San Carlos CF. Ashley also works for Colorado DOC.* Above right: Ashley, Emilia and Jeffrey.





C/O David Vigil is a Supporting Member at Buena Vista CF. His son, Matthew, was diagnosed with cancer at age 14. He is receiving chemotherapy every three months at Denver Hospital, a 480-mile round trip. Above: CPO Foundation Colorado Representative Guy Edmonds and David.

C/O John Jordan is a Supporting Member at CSP. His daughter, Jaylee, was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of three months. She spent a month in the NCIU at Parkview Hospital in Denver during which time she underwent surgery and started chemotherapy treatments. At left: John, his wife, Mary, and Jaylee.

C/O I Darrin Ray is a Supporting Member at Denver Reception and Diagnostic Center. His wife, Twilonda, passed away on August 1, 2018 after a long battle with breast cancer that had metastasized to her liver. At right: Darrin and Twilonda.



C/O I Jorge Sanchez of Denver Complex was driving when he experienced a medical problem. He pulled over and lost consciousness. He was transported via ambulance to the hospital where he spent three days in ICU. He underwent heart surgery on April 26, 2018. He was off work for several weeks. At right: Jorge with his check.



TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN in Florida by Jim Freeman, CPOF Florida Representative

The Florida Department of Corrections is the largest state agency in Florida and the third largest Correctional system in the country. The agency has over 144 facilities statewide to include 50 major facilities and 17 annexes, and employs over 24,000 staff. As a CPOF Field Rep I do my very best to maintain contact with the facilities and staff statewide. Without the assistance of the Regional Directors of Institutions and Community Corrections and facility Wardens, along with staff around the state who serve as my eyes and ears, our efforts would be for naught (I would be remiss if I didn't extend a huge THANK YOU to all the wonderful staff in our home office that process the assists we submit for review). Social media is a wonderful tool and often provides me a "heads up" to situations staff around the state are experiencing.

Having served the agency for over 30 years I have a true passion for assisting staff in times of need. From Century Correctional Institution in the far western panhandle to South Florida Reception Center in the southernmost part of the state, we have had the opportunity to assist many staff and their families in times of need. I have had the opportunity to personally present assistance checks to staff at the Reception and Medical Center, Union CI, Florida State Prison, Lawtey CI, Baker CI, Columbia CI, Suwannee CI, New River CI, Putnam CI, and the Bradford County Jail just to name a few.

Catastrophic assists have been provided for staff assaults, serious illnesses and injuries and natural disasters (house fires, weather events, etc.). Bereavement assists have been provided to staff who have suffered the loss of a loved one. There is no better feeling than helping someone in need.

I have also had the pleasure of presenting academic scholarships to deserving students.

Recently CPOF's presence was felt at the annual Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency (FCCD) Annual Training Conference. Under the watchful eye of Char, our CEO, and our Catastrophic Assistance Coordinator, Stephanie, Field Rep Gerard Van Der Ham and I, as well as CPOF Volunteers and survivors of the 1971 Attica Prison uprising, Don Almeter and John Stockholm, we were highly visible in the vendor hall reconnecting with old friends, making new friends and spreading the word about CPOF and the work we do in Florida. We also had the opportunity to present two academic scholarships to very deserving individuals. In addition to the vendor hall, CPOF was visible on the golf course at the FCCD Golf event; we sponsored four holes and had a team comprised of Don Almeter, Tommy Ewell (Sumter CI Sgt. and member of the CPOF National Honor Guard), Jeff Eaton (Sumter CI Sgt. and CPOF Supporting Member), and myself.

Paying it forward is what it is about. All assists are made possible through the contributions of our Supporting Members in Florida and across the country. As we spread the word and assist staff in times of need, we also take those opportunities to enlighten staff regarding the roots of the Foundation and the means by which assists are made possible. Staff do not need to be a Supporting Member to be assisted; however, many times those that are not members are extremely grateful for the Foundation and quickly sign up to become Supporting Members themselves.

I first became a Supporting Member of the CPO Foundation in the early 90s. While serving at a facility in west Florida we were directly impacted by Hurricane Ivan in 2004. In the blink of an eye the Foundation was on site and provided assistance to our staff. It was such a blessing to us knowing that Corrections professionals from around the country had our collective back.

That weather event was a life-changer for me.

Most recently, we were hit hard by Hurricane Florence in mid September this year, and, as this edition of the *CPO Family* was going to press, Hurricane Michael had arrived with a terrible vengeance.

I ask you all to BE PREPARED. Take the time NOW to gather important papers (like insurance) and make sure that you have AT HOME all the information FEMA requires to submit a claim. These documents should be kept in a waterproof and fire resistant container. It's also important to have your prescriptions readily available -- and *don't forget cash*, because if the electricity is out stores and gas stations will take only cash.

Florída



Sergeant Robert Wallace Wadsworth, a Supporting Member at Sumter CI, passed away from a heart attack on July 9, 2018.

On behalf of the CPOF Board of Directors and its supporting members, I was honored to present an assistance check to Georgette Melton, daughter of South Florida Reception Center Correctional Officer Tawanna Marin.

Correctional Officer Tawanna Marin was struck and killed by a vehicle while supervising an inmate work crew near the intersection of Sample Road and Lyons Road in Coconut Creek.

She was standing behind a Florida DOT dump truck when another vehicle entered the area and struck her, causing her to become pinned between the car and dump truck. She was extricated from the wreckage and transported to Broward Health North where she succumbed to her injuries.

We will continue to keep Officer Marin's family and loved ones in our prayers. -- Jim Freeman, Florida Representative





Dear Ms. S. Barone and the CPO Foundation, I just wanted to say thank you for helping my family and me in our time of need. We greatly appreciated it. Stay safe and God bless. Sincerely,

C/O William Kersey and Family, Graceville, FL On January 11, 2018 C/O William Kersey, a Supporting Member at Graceville WC, was admitted to the hospital for a life-threatening illness. He was hospitalized for over a month and was off work for an extended period of time. Above: C/O Kersey and family.



Sgt. Brandon Hunt is a Supporting Member at Martin CI. In September of 2017, his wife, Kaitlin, and baby daughter, Riley, were hit by a car while crossing the street. Both died as a result of their injuries. In this photo, Sgt. Hunt is receiving a bereavement assistance check from Warden Robert Bryner. Also pictured: Colonel Ronnie

Quinn and Assistant Warden John Holtz.

Thank you so very much for your kindness and help. You have no idea how grateful I am that my son's death didn't go unnoticed and that people like you look out for fellow Officers and their families. You will always have a special place in our hearts.

Love,

Art, Angela and Macey Mehlenbacher-Killock

C/O Eric Mehlenbacher of Sumter CI died in an auto accident at the age of 21. His mother, Angela Mehlenbacher Killock, was responsible for the funeral expenses and received a bereavement assistance check.

Missouri

Dear Ms. Barone,

I want to thank you and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for the assistance check that was presented to me to help after the recent passing of my husband and loved one, Bobbie Waters. It is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. Also, I would like to give a Great Big Thanks to each and every one that is involved with this organization for all of your hard work and dedication in supporting all of our Correctional Staff. It is very comforting to know that our Correctional Staff have this awesome organization to turn to if they are ever placed in a catastrophic situation.

In the future I plan on trying to raise more awareness of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, in hopes that my fellow staff members will make this organization their Charitable Campaign of choice.

Thank you again for this awesome act of kindness.

Sincerely,

Teresa "Diane" Waters, OSA OSA Waters works at Western Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center (WERDCC). Her husband, Bobbie, passed away on December 30, 2017.



Health Service Administrator Beth Clad of Tipton CC received a bereavement assistance check when her husband, Michael, passed away due to congestive heart failure. Above: Deputy Warden Cybelle Webber (referring party), Beth Clad and Warden Dan Redington.



In April of 2018 C/O I Jacob Adams of Algoa CC injured his leg off duty and was on LWOP for some time. Above: C/O I Peter Flaherty, Mrs. Adams (Jennifer), CPOF Missouri Representative Cyndi Prudden,Captain Shawn Wethington and Major William Vallier.



Maintenance Supervisor I William (Bill) Knipp of Tipton CC suffered an abdominal aortic aneurysm and was "life flighted" to Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis, MO for emergency surgery. Above: Cyndi Prudden, Bill, Sheri (wife) and Ben (son).

To the CPOF,

I wanted to tell you how much your gift was appreciated. ... There is so much to do when a loved one passes. It is difficult to focus on the everyday issues. You helped my family more than words can express.

Thank you so much and God bless you. Delores Young, Farber, MO OSA Delores Young works at WERDCC. Her husband, David, passed away on January 31, 2018.

Georgia



Treutlen Probation Detention Center Staff Left to right: Superintendent Tracy Jefferson, HR Technician Stephanie Foskey, Sergeant Ronald Walker, Lieutenant James Drury and Assistant Superintendent John Lyles.

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for the generosity you have shown to Sgt. Ronald Walker during his time of need. He lost everything he owned in a house fire, and the CPO Foundation did not hesitate to step in and help him. We presented him with the assistance check on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, and he was overwhelmed.

Once again, thank you from all of us at Treutlen Probation Detention Center.



Juvenile C/O Eugene Willis, a Supporting Member at Bob Richards SP, passed away in May 2018. His mother, Rushie Cobb, was responsible for the funeral expenses. Mrs. Cobb is pictured here with her bereavement assistance check.



Pictured: Chris Barnett, Executive Director of Georgia Board of Pardons & Paroles; Greg Dozier, Commissioner of Georgia Department of Corrections; Anita Cloud, Georgia Board of Pardons & Paroles; Rose Williams, Georgia CPOF Representative; Vanessa O'Donnell, Georgia CPOF Representative; Timothy C. Ward, Assistant Commissioner of Georgia DOC; Avery Niles, Commissioner of Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice; and Thurmond Henderson, Georgia Board of Pardons & Paroles.

Dear CPO Foundation,

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the kindness you have shown me. I am thankful for your generous gift during my time of bereavement. There aren't enough words to express how thankful I am also for your kindness, words of encouragement and thoughtfulness. Your support gave me strength and courage to face the difficult days following my mother's death.

Thank you,

Karlecia Williams, Sandersville, GA

Karlecia Williams is a Supporting Member at Emanual SP. Her mother, Shirley Williams, passed away on April 17, 2018 of a heart attack.

Rhode Island



At left: A lovely picture of Emma and Isabella Lineberger, daughters of C/O Robert Lineberger, a Supporting Member in Intake Service of the Rhode Island DOC. Emma was diagnosed with Lyme disease in early 2017. She has been undergoing regular treatments at hospitals in Vermont and Boston, MA ever since. The CPO Foundation was pleased to help the family with their many out-of-pocket travel-related expenses.

A September 5, 2018 update from the Lineberger family: "Emma is doing very well and continues taking IV fluid three times a week. We are happy to say she has been cleared from her wheelchair. Her doctor is optimistic that she will make a full recovery. This picture of Emma and younger sister Isabella was taken before Emma left for her Junior Prom!" At right: Ella Watters, who is fighting cancer. Ella is the daughter of C/O Michael Watters, a Supporting Member at the High Security Center. Ella was diagnosed with Ewings Syndrome, an aggressive soft tissue cancer. Ella has had multiple procedures and had to undergo chemotherapy and radiation in both Rhode Island and Boston, Massachusetts. The Foundation assisted the



Watters family with their travel-related expenses.

Manny Leander, the CPOF Rep in Rhode Island, presented assistance checks to two





Officers who were assaulted in two separate incidents. At right is C/O Matthew Skaling, a Supporting Member in

Intake Service. He was attacked by an inmate and suffered a broken eye socket, broken nose and a severe shoulder injury.

At left is C/O Jason Messier, a Supporting Member at the High Security Center. C/O Messier suffered severe stab wounds from an attack by an inmate using a shank. He was off work for a considerable time.



Manny was also on hand to present four proud fathers with CPOF scholarship checks won by their well-deserving children. From left: Anthony Bomba Jr., for son Jordan; Russell Freeman, for daughter Quinn; Robert Grossguth, for daughter Jenna; and Michael O'Loughlin, for daughter Ashley and son Edward.

Oklahoma



Dear Kim,

Pictured left to right:

Deputy Warden Natalie Cooper, myself, Eboni Majors and Warden Terry Royal.

Debbie Moore, Administrative Assistant Office of the Chief of Operations

Oklahoma Department of Corrections Secretary II Eboni Major of Oklahoma State

Penitentiary was diagnosed with stage II breast cancer. She has been having regular chemotherapy treatments.

Dear Ms. Blakley,

On behalf of the Harkins family, and the Kate Barnard Correctional Center staff, we would like to thank the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for their generosity and heartfelt condolences through this difficult time.

On Friday, August 31, 2018, Warden Aboutanaa El Habti presented the CPOF check to Ms. Victoria Harkins to assist with some of the burial expenses for her late son. Ms. Harkins is the Warehouse Material Manager for the facility and

has been a dedicated staff member of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections for six years. She and her family are "so grateful for the support and prayers" that have been extended to her family.

Respectfully,

Nancy E. Cejka, Warden's Secretary



The team of Tyler Broussard, Timothy Wentworth, James Haun and David Edelman played in Oklahoma's recent "6th Annual Probation Officer Jeffery M. McCoy Golf Tournament." Officer McCoy was shot and killed in the line of duty on May 18, 2012. Per Debbie Moore, "All proceeds of the [golf] sponsorships are used to offer scholarships to children, grandchildren or spouses of employees of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections." Probation/ Parole Officer Valoree Martinez, a Supporting Member, while training to be a Defensive Tactics Instructor was hospitalized after her left



arm suddenly went numb. Valoree was diagnosed with Rhabdomyolysis, a serious syndrome due to muscle injury. It results from the death of muscle fibers and release of their contents into the bloodstream. This can lead to kidney failure. Valoree was hospitalized for four days.

Since seamlessly transitioning back to work Officer Martinez resumed all of her assigned duties and to date has had no recurring issues related to this incident.



Dear Kim,

Please thank everyone at CPOF who make it possible for young Officers like Emily Neil to smile again after suffering a serious catastrophe. In this photo, Officer Neil is flanked by Chief of Security Treena Lorentz and Deputy Warden of Operations Jeff Dunkin.

The entire Mabel Bassett Family says thank you. Ginger Isbell,Warden's Secretary, Region II Mabel Bassett CC C/O Emily Neil was displaced from her home for several months due to a house fire.



Dear Kim,

Here is a photograph of Correctional Security Officer IV Brad Bell and Warden Tommy Sharp of the Howard McLeod Correctional Center in Atoka, Oklahoma. Mr. Bell received assistance from the CPOF for medical expenses related to health care for his wife.

Debbie Moore CSO IV Brad Bell's wife, Arleene, was diagnosed with cancer.

Pennsylvania

by Wendy Bauer, CPOF Pennsylvania Representative

Back in February the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections faced what every Corrections Officer knows is a risk undertaken every time they go behind a prison wall – the murder of one of their own. Sergeant Mark Baserman of SCI Somerset completed his End of Watch on February 15, 2018 when he was fatally beaten by an inmate and passed away 11 days later. The last edition of the *CPO Family* covered the funeral proceedings for this hero who didn't return home to his family at the end of a shift. As with all line-of-duty death services, people came from far and wide with sympathy and offers to assist the family in any way possible. It's situations like this that remind me of how fragile and quick many of our lives are.

Sergeant Baserman, like many of us, had a list of home projects he had been working on to provide a better home for his wife. His murder

> not only shocked us all to the reality of the dangers faced working inside a prison but also left his family with an unfinished life.

> PSCOA Western Region Vice President Larry Blackwell has remained in constant

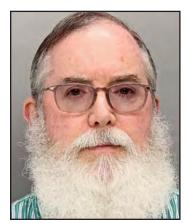


Tim Crytzer, PSCOA Business Agent; Vinnie Heiss of SCI Benner; Larry Blackwell, PSCOA Western Region VP; and Darnell Johnson of SCI Laurel Highlands.



Sgt. Baserman's widow, Lynn, with PSCOA Eastern Region VP Bob Storm.

contact with the Baserman family and was the driving force behind scheduling a couple of work days to finish some of the projects Sgt. Baserman had begun and also to take on new ones. With the help of PSCOA Eastern Region Vice President Bob Storm, who came across the state to join in, PSCOA Business agents Joe Fox, Doug Loy, Tim Crytzer, and Jack Mottin were joined by Brian Proborsky and Rick Hugo of SCI Somerset, Brian Cramer of SCI Fayette, Vinnie Heiss of SCI Benner and Darnell Johnson of SCI Laurel Highlands. The CPOF was honored to be included by PSCOA for the work days. In just two days this group of Officers was able to complete a work list that included the tearing out of a bathroom down to the studs. They returned to complete the remodeling. The camaraderie displayed by these Corrections Officers to return and take care of the Baserman family's need shows that, to some, the model of our military branches, "Never Leave a Man Behind," aren't just words for a bumper sticker but a way to live your life. God Bless all of you and stay safe!!



Sergeant Mark Baserman was assaulted by an inmate on February 15, 2018. The inmate punched and beat Sergeant Baserman while he was on the ground. A second Officer responded to assist and was also attacked by the inmate. Sergeant Baserman was transported to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries on February 26, 2018.

Sergeant Baserman was a U.S. Army veteran and had served with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections for 11 years. He is survived by his wife, stepdaughter, step-grandchildren and brother.

Mississippi



Central Mississippi Correctional Facility celebrated Correctional Officers and Employees Appreciation Week 2018.

CPOF Representatives Wayne Bowdry and Vanessa Lee are pictured below with Case Manager Mrs. Sheryl Armstrong. Mrs. Armstrong has been a Supporting Member for years. Twenty-nine new members joined our CPO Foundation Family at this event.

Staff was told, and some reminded, of the outstanding benefits of joining CPOF and the support they provide to our

brothers and sisters in Corrections nationwide when needed. I invited employees to go online and visit the CPOF website (cpof.org) to read about all that is offered, and to read their *CPO Family* magazines to clearly see that the CPOF really does take care of their own.

-- Vanessa Lee, CPOF Mississippi Representative



ARIZONA

Hello, this is Kim Blakley, CPOF Catastrophic Assistance Coordinator for Arizona. As many of you know, our CPOF Programs are only made possible by our Supporting Members. To those of you reading this thank you for being a part of our CPOF Family! Once you're finished reading this magazine please consider sharing it with your fellow staff. YOU are our eyes and ears inside the institutions and YOU make it possible for us to continue "Taking Care of Our Own."

In Maricopa County, staff can donate through the Maricopa County Combined Campaign using Code # 58891. With the help of some great staff, I was recently able to visit six of the Maricopa County Prisons to talk with staff during their briefings. Our main point of contact for Maricopa County is Lieutenant John Pilling, who couldn't be with me at that time, but set up an excellent schedule with staff to help at each location. Special thank-yous to Sgt. Andrew Krugen, Sgt. Deana Wierschem, Lt. Dan Karas and Sgt. Cory Alger and Sgt. Lizabeth Tijerina.

Arizona Department of Corrections staff can become members by donating through the AZ State Employee's Campaign (Code #ST317). Here, special thanks to Warden Berry Larson at ASPC-Lewis and Deputy Warden Norman Twyford at ASPC-Perryville for welcoming me in to talk at their support staff meetings.

If you missed me and would like to know more about CPOF, please visit our website www.cpof.org or email me at Kim@cpof.org



Detention Officer Christy Belec of Maricopa County Sheriff's Office was diagnosed with Stage IV lymphoma on August 22, 2017. She underwent chemotherapy for the next six months and had to be off work throughout her treatment.

Montana



Prison Industries Director Sharon Sager, a Supporting Member at the Montana DOC, underwent surgery to remove a tumor. When she returned to work she was able to put in only three hours a day for a considerable length of time. Above: Sharon with CPOF Montana

Representative Lisa Hunter (left) and Montana Correctional Enterprises Administrator Gayle Butler.



Transition Program Specialist Stacey Pace, Supporting Member in the MDOC Probation and Parole Division, with MT Rep Lisa Hunter and Programs & Facilities Manager Megan Coy. Stacey's husband, Ben, has had cancer numerous times in his right leg, first in 2007, then in 2016 and again in 2018. He had a PET scan in late May and they found more tumors in his leg and lymph nodes. He had surgery at the Mayo Clinic in May 2018, followed by chemo treatments.



Left: Industries Director II Scott Griner, also a Supporting Member at the Montana DOC, lost his home in a fire on May 30, 2018. It was a total loss. Here are Lisa and Gayle Butler presenting Industries Director II Griner with a CPOF assistance check.

Illinois

To the CPOF,

Our family was truly touched by your generosity during this most difficult time of the loss of our precious daughter, Ayden. We are so very grateful to you. The Family of Ayden O'Malley, Nokomis, IL *Correctional Supervisor III Dennis O'Malley works at* Vandalia Correctional Center. His 14-year-old daughter, Ayden, was on a school trip in Washington, D.C. when she collapsed and was taken to the hospital. She passed away on January 23, 2018 due to arteriovenous malformation (AVM). The family received bereavement assistance from the CPOF.

Connectícut



Hello Kim,

Here is a picture of C/O Matthew Griffin (center) from the State of Connecticut receiving his CPOF assistance packet from Deputy Warden Bryan Viger (left) and myself. C/O Griffin was very thankful. Thanks for everything. Respectfully, Mike Hanis, Cheshire CI

C/O Matthew Griffin of Cheshire CI was diagnosed with colon cancer in mid May of 2018.



From Richard Loud: Presentation of a \$1,277 check from a fundraiser that MacDougall/Walker did for us by selling T-shirts. Left to right: ADW Joseph Roach, Warden Mulligan, myself, ADW Gerald Hines and Captain Anna Dorozko.

Greetings from Kim Blakley!

As the Catastrophic Assistance Coordinator for the State of Connecticut I have had the pleasure of working with some great staff who continue to step up to ensure their coworkers are assisted during their times of crisis. Lieutenant Sergio Perez came forward to be our main point of contact for the state after Ned McCormick was promoted to Deputy Warden (we greatly appreciate Ned's help with CPOF and his continued support). Captain Anna Dorozko from MacDougall/Walker, Correctional Officer Michael Hanis from Cheshire, and Correctional Officer John Bowen (VP for AFSCME Local 391) from Robinson also give us their invaluable help and provide notifications. Because of their active support we have been able to continue to live up to our CPOF motto of "Taking Care of Our Own."

We were thrilled to have Warden Scott Erfe and Officer Michael Hanis from Cheshire attend their first **Project** in Houston, Texas this past June. And, as always, we were delighted to have the Connecticut Honor Guard team once again participate and represent the Department at **Project 2000 XXIX**.

Our CPOF programs are made possible by our Supporting Members. In the state of Connecticut staff can become members by donating through the Connecticut State Employees' Campaign (Code #8174). Our Field Representative, Richard Loud, visited 12 of the Institutions and Academies during this year's campaign in August and September, sharing information about the CPOF. If you missed him and would like to know more please visit our website www.cpof.org or email me at Kim@cpof.org.



Cheshire CI Warden Scott Erfe and Officer Michael Hanis with the Connecticut Honor Guard team at **Project 2000 XXIX**, June 2018.



C/O Dana Fillion of York CI was off work for well over a year suffering from auto immune hemolytic anemia. As of May 1, 2018 she was still off work and on LWOP. She is pictured here (fourth from right) with DW Daniel Dougherty, DW Jeffrey Zegarzewski, DW Cynthia Scarmozzino, Officer Lou Russo, Warden Giuliana Mudano, Lt. Sergio Perez and Lt. Troy Williams.

Alabama

Easterling Correctional Facility 2018 Employee Appreciation Event

Wednesday July 18, 2018 became one for the record books here in south Alabama as Easterling Correctional Facility celebrated its 2018 Employee Appreciation event. Several retired and current wardens, correctional officers, and support staffers returned to Easterling to honor and celebrate the courageous men and women who selflessly continue to serve and protect their communities and the state, although the public is woefully ignorant of their daily sacrifice.

Day in and day out correctional officers and support staff diligently endeavor to make a difference in an environment that is hostile and potentially explosive. These conscientious men and women are often unnoticed and unappreciated, at least until a calamitous event takes place. Then, for the most part, they are vilified and criticized by a citizenry that has no idea what a career in corrections actually entails. Correctional personnel across the country are charged with maintaining a professional relationship among the most dangerous of criminal offenders on a daily basis, and they do so admirably.



This is a thankless and unrewarding job for the most part, but on July 18, 2018, in the small town of Clio, Alabama a group of local churches and businesses, in conjunction with the

Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, hosted a grand celebration honoring past and present correctional officers and staff. Plaques and other awards were granted to officers and staff,



recognizing service and job performance above and beyond the basics of corrections. Although many of these awards were presented recognizing

outstanding officers and staff, a major focus was on those who have been, and those who continue to be, assaulted in the line of duty. These brave men and women have been through the fire and yet continue to serve, knowing the importance and value of their profession and the need for dedicated personnel to maintain an environment that upholds the standards of their chosen line of work.

An event that captured the hearts of all attendees was a segment of songs presented by the Easterling choir, which is made up of officers and staff members. They sang with a joy and abandon that infected everyone in attendance. Many of those who attended commented on the festive atmosphere and are already planning for and anticipating next year's event. As Warden Kenneth Jones stated, "This occasion is something unique and beautiful. In all my 38 years in corrections I have never seen the honoring of assaulted personnel on the local level." He also offered his hope that this type of event would catch on throughout the state.

I echo Warden Jones' sentiments and I am pleased to see a personal vision come to fruition. On behalf of Warden Walter Myers of Easterling Correctional Facility I would like to thank Ms.

Charleene Corby and the staff at the Correctional Peace Officer's Foundation for your tremendous support and generosity. I would also like to thank the staff here at Easterling who went the extra mile to help make this vision a success.

Chaplain Anthony Askew Chairperson Easterling Correctional Facility Appreciation Day



South Carolina

From Gary Evans, one of the CPO Foundation's two Chaplains and our South Carolina Representative:

On July 27, 2018 I was invited to the Graduation Exercise of Basic Detention Class 389. Their assistant class leader, Markia Montgomery from York County Detention Center, had contacted me several days before to let me know that her basic class had decided to take up money for fallen officers in the line of duty and donate the funds to the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. This was the idea of Officer Michaela Hall of the Saluda County Detention Center where in April of 2018 K9 Corporal Bale Hallman was killed in the line of duty responding to a call.

Picture #1: Assistant class leader Markia Montgomery presenting me with the check. *Picture #2 left to right:* Michaela Hall of Saluda County Detention Center, myself and class leader Max Vaughn of Lancaster County Detention Center. *Picture #3:* An overall view.



Dear Ms. Labio,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks to you and the CPO Foundation. Your assistance came just in time for our family as we strive to get back on track and look forward to the future.

May you be blessed for your consideration and decision to nderstand and provide for my family's needs. May God richly bless this organization and all the people who support and work with it.

Angel McCrea, Kingstree, SC Administrative Specialist B McCrea of Turbeville CI was out of work for three months due to foot surgery and the following recovery process. We here in South Carolina were lucky that Hurricane Florence did not hit us as hard as we all thought it would. Some bad flooding and high winds in the Myrtle Beach area and the borders close to North Carolina. But fortunately the water did not crest the dams in Columbia as it did two years ago. Damage reports are just now [mid September] starting to come in but it does not look as if it's going to be bad at all -- mostly tree damage to houses and minor flooding although it is too early to tell.

I attended the Georgia Professionals Conference August 29 - 31. It was very educational. I was able to meet many Georgia professionals in the Department of Corrections, from Juvenile Justice and Probation, Pardons and Parole. I made many great contacts, and we were able to add several new members to the CPOF family. It was a great conference all around.

Hoping that all will be back to normal at Myrtle Beach for our National Jailers Association Conference and the Criminal Justice Conference in November.

Massachusetts



Sergeant Mark Dansereau of Worcester County received a bereavement assistance check after his wife, Michelle, passed away after a long battle with breast

cancer. Above: Sgt. Desereau with Union President Justin O'Toole and retired Capt. Mike Haley.

Dear Codi Loder,

On behalf of myself, Lindsay Bond, and my boyfriend, Nathan McNamara, we would like to thank you for your donation to help us pay for our son, Gunnar's, medical bills. ... We hope to keep in contact.

Thank you again!

Lindsay Bond, Nathan and Gunnar McNamara, Leicester, MA

C/O Lindsay Bond also works at Worcester County. Her son, Gunnar, had to undergo two pyloric stenosis surgeries to treat this disorder of the stomach.

Washington



Recreation Technician Gladys Hedgers of Washington **Correctional Center** is pictured at left with Darren Feiler, CPOF in Washington. Gladys's adult son died in California in July of 2018. Gladys was responsible for bringing his body from California to Washington and for the funeral expenses.

Tennessee



Correctional Deputy Doris Visor of Shelby County Sheriff's Office passed away from Stage IV cancer on May 13, 2018. Her daughter, Shamaria Pampley, was responsible for the funeral expenses. Shamaria is pictured above with Correctional Deputy Tora Newton, CPOF contact at Shelby County, who recommended Shamaria for bereavement assistance.

Oregon



C/O Mark Lattimer of Twin Rivers CI has three-yearold twins, Emily and Louis. Louis was diagnosed with leukemia and hospitalized for treatment in Spokane, WA, is a three-hour drive from the Lattimer home. Above: Mark, Louis and Mrs. Lattimer (Tammy).

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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.

Canadian Police and Peace Officers' 41st Annual Memorial Service

The CPOF National Honor Guard was invited to attend Canada's Annual Memorial Service that took place in Ottawa, Ontario. Canada's Honor Guard attends the CPOF's Annual Memorial Service at Project 2000 each year. There, the CPOF HG marches behind Canada's flags along with the other Honor Guards attending the Memorial. This time, Canada and the CPOF National Honor Guard marched alongside one another displaying their flags. It was a first -and an honor -- for our flags to march with theirs!

The American flag was standing on the opposite side of Canada's flag. Also, the National Anthems of the United States of America and Canada were played to represent unity between the two countries.

Adam Webber, National Command Sergeant, Major Guard of Honour, presented each of us (CPOF HG) with his own special coin and shook each of our hands. Another special honor! We marched up to Parliament Hill to honor those who have gone before us, who have given their lives for their country.

The event took place on the grounds in front of Parliament Hill, one of Canada's historic Monuments. Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, stated it is an honor to pay tribute to six Police and Peace Officers who have been lost in the past year. Who have displayed outstanding dedication and courage, ensuring the safety of their communities. It is our duty to remember them and express our utmost gratitude to all who serve. It is also our way of ensuring the family members of those we are remembering that they are forever in our thoughts and prayers.

-- Vanessa Lee, CPOF National Honor Guard Member





Members of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation National Honor Guard participated in Canada's Police and Peace Officers' 41st Annual Memorial Service on September 30, 2018 in Ottawa, Canada.