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EOW: January 29, 2011**



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Ari Cullers
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(Son of Correctional
Clinical Nurse David
Cullers, USP Marion, IL)**



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Correctional Officer
Ernest Grossguth
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PROJECT 2000 XXIV
Friday, June 13 - Sunday, June 16, 2013
Reno, Nevada
Host Hotel: John Ascuaga’s Nugget, Sparks, NV

PROJECT 2000 XXIII

June 7 - 10, 2012
WASHINGTON, D.C.

This year, Project 2000 XXIII attendees wrote our cover story themselves -- and wonderfully. We hope you enjoy these letters as much as all of us here at the CPO Foundation headquarters did, and that you'll be inspired to join us at Project 2000 XXIV next year in Nevada, June 13-16, 2013!



Our first letter was written by Ms. Sheila Taylor, sister of Missouri Department of Corrections Probation and Parole District Administrator Debra Collins. District Administrator Collins was killed in the line of duty on March 4, 2011 (see page 13). Thanks, Mr. Tom Hodges, for sharing!*

Dear Mr. Hodges,

Good Morning,

I want to thank you for letting me know about CPOF's **Project XXIII** and giving me the opportunity to share this wonderful, heartwarming experience. The tributes and honors bestowed upon Debbie and the other fallen officers were far and above anything I could have imagined.

I was met at the airport as I exited the jet way by two honor guards in full dress uniforms. One was from the state of Oregon and the other from the state of Washington. They escorted me to another party who took me to get my luggage and escorted me to a waiting van to take me to the hotel. I was never left to wonder what I was doing. They registered me, took me to the Family Room where I was presented a tote

**Mr. Tom Hodges is the Missouri DOC Probation and Parole Chief State Supervisor. See his own note on page 7.*

bag with paperwork on the upcoming events, a mug and a t-shirt printed with the honored officers' names.

I was shown around where the wall of this year's honorees was and another wall of those from past years. When my room was ready I was escorted there and given a chance to freshen up before meeting with the other families later. There was also a board with engraved plaques with names and EOW. Later on one of the speakers said they thought of EOW as meaning Eternally On Watch.

The first evening the fallen families met to be escorted to dinner. It was here that I met my escort for the week. Cindy Sandly of Pennsylvania was excellent in making me feel welcome and taken care of. This was her seventh **Project** and she said she looks forward each year to the next. She, as well as many of the others, uses vacation time to come. Many pay their own way or have fundraisers throughout the year to honor fallen and assaulted officers.

The honor guard from Oklahoma flanked the door, saluting as we entered for the dinner that Thursday evening and also at subsequent events. I was in awe and tears flowed freely. Meals were wonderful.

Friday morning the fallen families met to be escorted to waiting buses. We were given a motorcycle and police car escort and traffic was stopped as we drove from the hotel across the Potomac to Judiciary Square. There were honor and color guards from all across the country surrounding the grounds with the NYC Pipe Band playing, as they did at every event. The speakers were excellent and this is where we were escorted up to each receive a plaque and framed flag. ... The pageantry was fantastic and, as we heard later, passersby were in awe of the ceremony. This is where Mr. Tom Hodges, the Missouri DOC Probation and Parole Chief State Supervisor, caught up with me.

Photos this page and page 7: Honor Guards at the Memorial Ceremony.



I certainly appreciated his presence and comfort at the events.

Saturday morning was a sharing session for fallen families that initially I thought I would skip but did not. It was an eye-opener as we shared and found out how much we had in common and formed a bond. Past fallen families shared also. One lady has been coming to **Project** for 23 years.* Saturday's luncheon honored assaulted officers and it was heart-wrenching to hear all they have gone through.

I know my sister loved her job. I don't have to tell any of you that it wasn't all fun and at times was nerve wracking. Still, she couldn't (wouldn't) retire and told our parents on the Thursday prior to her accident that she could have retired the year before, however, she loved her job and wanted to work another five years. Seeing the devotion and love from so many tells me why she loved her job.

I am hoping to be fortunate enough to attend next year's **Project** in Reno. I feel Debbie's devotion to helping others can be honored by attending and

**Jennifer Donaldson Davis, CPOF Representative in Alabama. Jennifer's husband Bill was murdered on January 12, 1990. She was the CPOF's guest at Project 2000 I, and has been an integral part of the CPOF family ever since.*

We also received a copy of a letter that Missouri Department of Corrections Director George A. Lombardi wrote to Lieutenant Cindy Sandly, Ms. Taylor's personal Honor Guard escort. In it, he thanks Lt. Sandly, who works at State Correctional Institution-Graterford in Pennsylvania, for her assistance to Ms. Taylor and for her obvious commitment to the Corrections profession and the CPO Foundation. This very gracious letter may be seen on the CPO Foundation's Facebook page. We sincerely thank Director Lombardi for this much-appreciated gesture.

doing what I can to assist others going through their own tragedies.

Sheila Taylor, Springfield, MO

***Ellis/Kim:**

I wanted to pass along the note we received from Sheila Taylor, the surviving sister of Probation and Parole District Administrator Debbie Collins. The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation provided an outstanding service to Ms. Taylor and other surviving families during the June 2012 **Project XXIII** event. The work of your organization is so impactful and so needed.

Thank you for your part in helping Ms. Taylor with her ongoing grieving process and for recognizing the work of an outstanding individual that we all miss so much, Debbie Collins, through the memorial service.

It was an honor for me to be able to be a part of **Project XXIII** as the [Missouri DOC Probation and Parole] agency representative.

Thank you.

Tom Hodges, Missouri Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole Chief State Supervisor

**Ellis Peoples, CPOF Representative in Missouri; and Kim Blakley, CPOF Research Analyst for Fallen Officers and families.*

COVER STORY continued

This great letter is from Mr. Scott Frakes, Superintendent of Monroe Correctional Complex in Washington. Correctional Officer Jayme Biendl (EOW January 29, 2011) worked at the Washington State Reformatory Unit within Monroe CC (see page 12).

Char,

We really enjoyed Project 2000 XXIII in Washington, D.C. Based on our experience last year we knew that it would be a special four days for Jayme's family, but what we didn't expect was the impact it would have on us. Jayme's family has been very kind and gracious throughout the last 18 months, but the reception they gave us when we arrived at **Project** helped us both find a sense of peace that had eluded us. Kelly and I were invited to the Family Room, and Jayme's family told us we were welcome to spend as much time with them as we wanted. The opportunities to just sit and talk, to get to know Jayme's dad, brothers and sisters -- in an atmosphere of support and caring -- could not have happened anywhere else.

Project 2000 honors the fallen and injured, by honoring their loved ones. I knew that **Project** was a healing opportunity for many family members. What I didn't understand was that this would also be a healing opportunity for my wife and me.

In closing, we will also say thank you for the chance to see some of the sights in Washington, D.C. This was our first visit to the Capital and it is an amazing place. I know that Jim, Lisa, Christine, Deborah, Wade, James, Paul and Edith had a special experience -- their hugs and thank-yous as they left for the airport said it all.

Sincerely,
Scott and Kelly Frakes
Monroe, WA

Superintendent Frakes had of course participated in the memorial service held for Officer Jayme Biendl in Monroe in early February of 2011. He also gave support to the family of Oregon Correctional Officer Buddy Herron, EOW November 29, 2011 (see page 16) by attending the memorial service for Officer Herron held in Pendleton, Oregon on December 5, 2011.



Photo: The Wall of Honor. On it are the photographs of every Fallen Corrections Professional that the CPOF has honored and those from the past whose line-of-duty deaths have been brought to our attention by Supporting Members and others, or whose deaths we have discovered through our own research.

And here is the equally great letter that Char received from Officer Jayme Biendl's family:

Dear Charleene,

We wanted to take a moment to offer you our sincerest thanks for inviting our family to share in the **Project 2000 XXIII** ceremony. It was a wonderful experience to be able to join in such a moving, heartfelt event. Jayme would have been so amazed by the outpouring of support for her, her family, and the entire correctional community. We were honored to be asked to be a part of it all.

Project 2000 XXIII was fantastic. We were very moved by the memorial service, pipe band, and all of the support we received by everyone. Being able to share our experience with others and hear about their experiences was, in its own way, a healing experience for all of us. It is unbelievable how much work must have gone into preparing for this event. But please know that for us it was worth all the work that was put into it.

We would also like to thank you, Mr. Mueller, and the rest of the Board of Directors for their kind and generous donations to each member of our family. This financial support will really help each one of us a great deal and we truly appreciate it. You, personally, have been a great source of support for us. We have enjoyed our time talking with you and think that you provide an invaluable service to families who have suffered tragedies like we have experienced with the loss of Jayme. Please also extend our personal thanks to Kim Blakley and Rachel Lee for all of their help. You are all great!

Sincerely,
Jim Hamm, Lisa Hamm, Paul Crosby, Christine Hamm, James Hamm, Deborah Hamm, Wade Hamm and Edie Hamm

Judy Dease, CPO Foundation Representative in South Carolina (and just "one or two" other states, including Georgia), received this lovely letter from one of her close contacts in the Georgia Department of Corrections:

Dear Judy,

I can't thank you enough for the invitation to **Project 2000 XXIII** in Washington, DC. The conference was just tremendous. From the pageantry and colors of the various honor guards at the various memorials and ceremonies; to the warm welcome received by all participants; to the delicious food served; to the camaraderie and love shared, as well as respect and support given to all in attendance. It was such a wonderful experience.

I have often worried about officers who have not been able to return to work after on the job incidents — losing that connection and camaraderie of Corrections as well as the financial strain on them and their family. It was so nice to see that there is an organization that does truly care and continues to show their concern and recognition to those who have given so much of themselves and their families through their work obligations.

I have been a supporter of CPOF before and have encouraged employees to look into becoming involved in the past but now I am even more energized to get the word out about CPOF. I have submitted an article to our departmental newsletter that goes out statewide that spotlights CPOF and **Project 2000 XXIII**. I sincerely hope that it will generate continued interest in CPOF and results in additional members.

Thanks again for your generous invitation. I truly appreciated the experience.

Julie Harnage

Statewide Employee

Assistance Program Coordinator

Georgia Department of Corrections

Sir:

My name is Officer Oluropo Sekoni. I am a Correctional Officer at the Missouri Department of Corrections. On April 3, 2011, I was brutally attacked by an inmate inside the Jefferson City Correction Center for men. The inmate stabbed me several times with a home-made shank. I was rescued and taken via ambulance to a local emergency room. He broke my flesh, but thank God he did not break my spirit. I returned to work after recuperating at home for about a month.

Thank you, Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, for the great honor and privilege given to me to be part of the CPOF family and in joining you all in paying tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and in honoring those who continue to serve with such honor, bravery and distinction.

Thank you and God bless you.

Officer Oluropo Sekoni and wife Grace
Jefferson City Correction Center, MO



A note from Char:

A ceremony takes place at Bayside State Prison in New Jersey each year on the anniversary of Sr. C/O Baker's EOW, June 30, 1997.

As always, all staff stood proud in their uniforms as the bell was rung and the names were called off.

I want to thank Bayside State Prison for honoring Senior C/O Fred Baker and all other New Jersey Correctional Staff who have

been killed or who have otherwise died in the line of duty.

*Thank you, Kelliann, for attending **Project**) and representing the Baker family (see below).*

Dear Char,

Kevin, my 14-year-old son, and I would like to thank you for having us at **Project 2000 XXIII**. We both had a great time and we both made new friends. Kevin wants to come back next year; I told him that we will see – I really want to come again too. I enjoyed the families getting together to talk about our loved ones, hearing other stories and being there for them. It was also an honor hearing Fred's name during the Memorial Ceremony on Friday. CPOF really is my second family – you mean so much to me and I thank you for being there for us.

Love always,

Kelliann Hawk

*Kelliann is one of the sisters of New Jersey Sr. Correctional Officer Fred Baker. Officer Baker was murdered at Bayside State Prison in 1997, and was honored at **Project 2000 IX** in San Antonio, Texas in 1998.*

COVER STORY continued

Theresa Stevens, CPOF Administrative Assistant, received three (!) notes from Oklahoma, all of them Supporting Members and two of them (C/O Ary and Sgt. Williams) members of the Oklahoma Honor Guard:

Theresa:

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

HRMS I Travis Ary, Joseph Harp CC, OK

Theresa:

I have been swamped but I did want to just say thank you and CPOF for everything you do. I know my assistant Debbie Moore and our Honor Guard love everything we do together. That does not even touch the topic of what you [the CPOF] do for our employees in their time of need. Thank you.

David Parker, Deputy Director
Oklahoma DOC
Division III Institutions



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

Theresa,

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

Sgt. Benjamin Williams
Oklahoma DOC
Division of Internal Affairs

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

Ms. Herklotz,

I wanted to take a few moments to thank you and the CPOF for allowing me to attend **Project 2000 XXIII** and giving me the honor of being an escort for the Orrell family. I had attended the **Project** in San Antonio, Texas and was greatly impressed by all that the CPOF family does for one another.

It was a great experience that I will never forget to be an escort for a Fallen Family. The Orrells and I became very close over the weekend and it is an

honor and privilege to call them part of my second family. I would not have had this chance if it was not for the generosity of the CPOF organization in sponsoring me.

I will be forever grateful for that opportunity you provided me with. I look forward to many more **Projects** and will be honored to escort any other families in the future. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart and soul. You have forever changed my life with this experience.

C/O IV Jessica Boettcher
Wynne Unit
Texas Department of Criminal Justice, TX
(And see the letter in the left column on the next page.)



Kim Blakley, CPOF Research Analyst for Fallen Officers and their families, received this nice letter from Ms. Dani Orrell. Dani is the adult daughter of C/O IV Craig Orrell, EOW May 12, 2011 (see page 15).

Good afternoon, Kim,

First off I would just like to say thank you for everything that you and CPOF have done for my family and me. **Project 2000 XXIII** was an experience I will never forget and I'm so glad I got to be a part of it. I have never felt as if someone understood my pain as much as I did when I was there. I remember being nervous about the trip, and by the time it was over I was shedding tears at having to leave everyone. I'm glad I got to meet you and everyone else and I just wanted to thank you for everything done for us. That D.C. trip [to Judiciary Square for the Memorial Ceremony] was the most touching thing I have ever been to and I felt very honored to be a part of it. If there is anything I can ever do to help y'all please let me know.

Once again, thank you for everything done for us. I don't know where I'd be without the support of such a wonderful and caring organization. I truly feel as if I have a second family now. I hope all is well with you and I look forward to keeping in touch.

Dani Orrell, Beeville, TX



*Finally, North New York CPOF Representative Jay West (Ret. NYS Department of Correctional Services) had this to say about **Project 2000 XXIII**:*

Once again, the upper echelons of the CORRECTIONAL PEACE OFFICERS FOUNDATION have distinguished themselves with their outstanding and absolutely flawless presentation of our yearly PROJECT 2000 event. You make me very proud and at the same time deeply humbled to be associated with such an organization.

Many and "BIG" thanks to my own New York contingent of participants and attendees. Dave Wedzina, Assistant Commander of CPOF's own National Honor Guard, you exude the utmost professionalism in carrying out your assigned duties. You SHOULD and you DO stand proud. As we all know, Dave wears many hats. Along with his Honor Guard duties he is also a full-time NYS Field Representative, and he has just been appointed Chairman of the newly formed Attica State Prison Museum. Dave, it is a simple pleasure and greater honor to be your associate.

C/O Linda Kelly (Ulster CF) and C/O Jen Fay (Woodbourne CF,) your caring compassion "bubbles over" when you extend your love and comfort in escorting the "Fallen Family" members entrusted to you. C/O Brinsley Arthurton (Greene CF), your military background was quite obvious as you carried the New York State Fallen Officer flag while our own C/O "Maxi" Pomales (Eastern CF) was memorialized. To the entire Attica and Wyoming CFs Honor Guards, you are all a shining example of how Honor Guards should look and perform, absolutely outstanding. C/O Jim Griffin (Attica CF), you are a man of many talents. Your tireless efforts and attention to detail ensured that this PROJECT, from start to completion, ran "SMOOTH-AS-SILK." Warm thanks to C/Os Don Almeter and John Stockholm (Attica hostage survivors) for their attendance. You will forever have my deepest respect and love.

Last but certainly not least, a "MOUNTAIN-SIZE" thanks to all the Fallen Family members who allowed us to enter their tragedy-stricken circles for a few days. Please continue to allow us to show you compassion and comfort in the future months and years. Also know that we grieve along side you for the loss of your Loved Ones, as they were our Brothers and Sisters in our chosen profession. You are very very special people. Be secure in knowing that the caring arms of CPOF will forever encircle and hold you. May your Loved Ones rest in Eternal Peace and may God bless each and every one of you.

Compassion ~ Professionalism ~ One Family

The Honored Officers of PROJECT 2000 XXIII



**Warden Shirley Avent
Lunenburg Correctional Center
Virginia Department of Corrections
EOW: January 27, 2011**

Warden Shirley Avent had just attended a Regional Wardens' meeting at Deep Meadow Correctional Center. She was en route back to Lunenburg Correctional Center, her home institution, when her state vehicle was struck by another vehicle that failed to stop at a stop sign.

Warden Avent had served with the Virginia Department of Corrections for 26 years and is survived by her mother Ethel, her brother Roger and her sister Gloria.

**Corrections Officer Casimiro Pomales
Eastern Correctional Facility
New York State Department of Correctional Services
EOW: January 28, 2011**



Corrections Officer Casimiro Pomales was killed in an automobile accident as he and another Officer were transporting an inmate to a medical appointment.

Officer Pomales had served with the New York State Department of Correctional Services for 22 years and was assigned to the Eastern Correctional Facility. He is survived by his longtime companion Victoria Bangert, and six adult children: Casimiro Jr, Maximino, Michael and Eric and daughter's Zanneya and Melissa.



**Correctional Officer Jayme Biendl
Washington State Reformatory Unit
Monroe Correctional Complex
Washington State Department of Corrections
EOW: January 29, 2011**

Correctional Officer Jayme Biendl was murdered in the Washington State Reformatory Unit's chapel, by an inmate who was serving a life sentence and attempting to escape.

Officer Biendl had served with the Washington State Department of Corrections for eight years. She is survived by her father Jim, her mother Jackie, and five siblings: Lisa, Christine, James, Deborah and Wade.

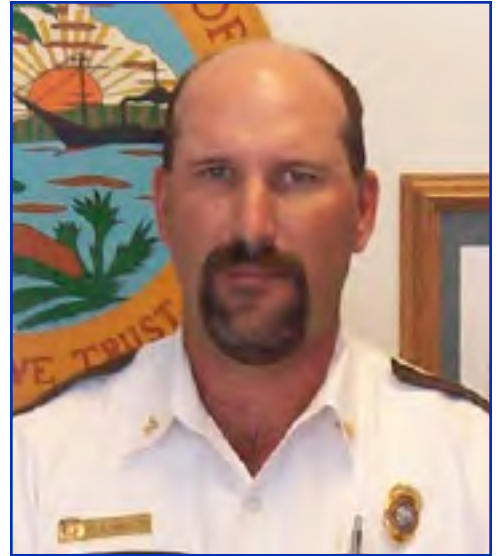
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**Correctional Colonel Gregory Malloy
Holmes Correctional Facility
Florida Department of Corrections
EOW: February 2, 2011**

Colonel Gregory Malloy was an Elite K-9 Officer with the Florida Department of Corrections. Colonel Malloy and fellow K-9 Officers Arthur Teal and Mark Lumpkin were assisting two Jackson County deputies in tracking an ex-convict suspected of killing his parents.

Upon nearing the ex-convict's location, gunfire took place and Colonel Malloy was fatally shot.

Colonel Malloy had served with the Florida Department of Corrections for 22 years. He is survived by his wife Donna Sue, 14-year-old daughter Payton, his mother and step-father Sue and Michael Griner, his father and step-mother Lynton and Pat Malloy and his sister Deidra.



**District Administrator Debra Collins
District 25 Probation and Parole
Missouri Department of Corrections
EOW: March 4, 2011**

District Administrator Debra Collins was killed in an automobile accident while en route to a departmental meeting. Her vehicle ran off the road and overturned in a ditch causing her to suffer fatal injuries.

District Administrator Collins had served with the Missouri Department of Corrections, Board of Probation and Parole for 25 years. She is survived by her husband Michael, their two sons Grant and Blake, her parents Jacob and Beulah Flower and her sister Sheila Taylor.

**Safety Risk Manager John Willhite
Region V Directors Office
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
EOW: March 29, 2011**

Safety Risk Manager John Willhite was doing a safety check at the TDCJ-Roach Unit. While en route back to his office at the Region V Regional Directors Office, Manager Willhite had a fatal single-vehicle accident.

Manager Willhite had served with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for 16 years and is survived by his wife Maria, adult son and daughter-in-law Brock and Heather.



The Honored Officers of PROJECT 2000 XXIII



**Senior Officer Specialist Christopher Cooper
United States Penitentiary - Leavenworth, Kansas
Federal Bureau of Prisons
EOW: April 7, 2011**

Senior Officer Christopher Cooper suffered a fatal heart attack while participating in a Special Operations Response Team (SORT) training exercise at USP Leavenworth.

Officer Cooper is survived by his wife Kimberly, 20-year-old son Jonathan and 16-year-old daughter Jordan.

**Correctional Officer Ronald Johnson
South Dakota State Penitentiary
South Dakota Department of Corrections
EOW: April 12, 2011**

Correctional Officer Ronald Johnson was fatally attacked by two inmates who were attempting to escape from the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

Officer Johnson had served with the South Dakota Department of Corrections for 23 years and was murdered on his 63rd birthday. He is survived by his wife Lynette, adult son and daughter-in-law Jesse and Jennifer, adult daughter and son-in-law Toni and Derrick and six grandchildren: Ashlen, Ayleah, Treyton, Drake, Teegan and Braxton.



**Transportation Officer/Deputy Sheriff Sherri Jones
Bowie County Sheriff's Department, Texas
EOW: April 18, 2011**

Transportation Officer Sherri Jones was shot and killed in the basement of the Bowie County Courthouse by an inmate she was preparing to transport.

Deputy Jones served the Bowie County Sheriff's Department for six years and is survived by her daughter Devonna, her mother Bonnie, her sister Dana and two brothers Daniel and Keith.



The Honored Officers of PROJECT 2000 XXIII

**Corrections Officer IV Craig Orrell
Connally Unit
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
EOW: May 12, 2011**

Corrections Officer Craig Orrell suffered a fatal heart attack while jogging during an annual physical fitness test at the Edmundo Mireles Academy in Beeville, Texas.

Officer Orrell is survived by his 25-year-old daughter Dani, his 21-year-old son Craig, his parents Kenneth and Sara, and his brother Kenneth Jr. who is a Retired Sergeant from TDCJ.



**Agriculture Specialist III Michael Jensen
Wynne Unit
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
EOW: June 2, 2011**

AG Specialist Michael Jensen suffered a fatal heart attack while conducting a training session for offenders who were being instructed on the care and management of horses at the Wynne Unit.

Specialist Jensen had served with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for 22 years and is survived by his wife Rhonda, step-son Justin and two step-daughters Lindsey and Lacy.

**Probation / Parole Officer II Jeffrey Settle
North Carolina Department of Correction
Division of Community Corrections, North Carolina
EOW: August 4, 2011**

Probation Officer Jeffrey Settle was killed in an automobile accident when his department vehicle was rear-ended by a large truck. Officer Settle had just left one home visit and was stopped at an intersection en route to his next home visit when the collision occurred.

Officer Settle had served with the North Carolina Department of Corrections for 18 years. He is survived by his wife Kelly, their ten-year-old son Austin, six-year-old daughter Allie, four-year-old daughter Charley, and his parents Linda and Bobby.



The Honored Officers of PROJECT 2000 XXIII



**Probation Officer Tiffany Bishop
Rome Probation Office
Georgia Department of Corrections
EOW: August 31, 2011**

Probation Officer Tiffany Bishop was accidentally shot and killed during a firearms training exercise at the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Prison in Jackson, Georgia.

Officer Bishop had served with the Georgia Department of Corrections for six months and is survived by her father Thomas Bishop, who is the Northern District of Georgia Chief Probation Officer, and her step-mother Maureen and several siblings.

**Correctional Officer Buddy Herron
Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution
Oregon Department of Corrections
EOW: November 29, 2011**



Correctional Officer Buddy Herron was fatally stabbed along Highway 11, two miles north of Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution, shortly after 11:00 pm on November 28, 2011. Officer Herron, while en route to report for duty, had stopped to assist at the scene of what he thought was a stranded motorist when he was attacked.

Officer Herron had served with the Oregon Department of Corrections for four years and had previously served with the Arizona Department of Corrections. He also served as a volunteer firefighter. He is survived by his wife Kimberly; their three sons, 20-year-old James, 16-year-old Joshua and 14-year-old Jacob; and their 11-year-old daughter Jenna.

Below: Left, the "Missing Man" table and, right, the bell that was rung as each Fallen Officer's name was read at the Memorial Ceremony.



The Honored Officers of PROJECT 2000 XXIII

Honored Officer of PROJECT 2000 XXIII from the Past

**Correctional Officer Ernest Grossguth
Maximum Security
Rhode Island Department of Corrections
EOW: March 26, 1995**

On March 26, 1995 Officer Ernest Grossguth was found collapsed and unresponsive by Correctional Officer Kyle Cordeiro during his lunch break. When Officer Cordeiro went to visit Officer Grossguth at the Maximum Security parking lot Guard Tower, he did not see Officer Grossguth standing there, so he went inside the Tower and found Officer Grossguth collapsed on the floor. Officer Cordeiro radioed for help but Officer Grossguth was pronounced dead.

Officer Grossguth had served the Rhode Island Department of Corrections for 34 years. Officer Grossguth is survived by one daughter, Sharon, and four sons, Rohn, Randy, Bradley and Robert. Bradley and Robert have gone on to Correctional careers and are currently Correctional Officers for the Rhode Island Department of Corrections.



The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation Recognizes the Following Military Serviceman Killed in the Line of Duty during Operation Enduring Freedom



**Army Staff Sergeant Ari R. Cullers
EOW: October 30, 2011**

Army Staff Sgt. Cullers, 28, of New London, Connecticut was assigned to 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. He died of injuries caused by an enemy rocket-propelled grenade.

Army Staff Sgt. Ari R. Cullers is the son of Correctional Clinical Nurse Dave Cullers, from the United States Penitentiary-Marion, Illinois, Federal Bureau of Prisons. He is survived by his father and step-mother Stachia.

The Honored Families of PROJECT 2000 XXIII



*The family of Warden
Shirley Avent (Virginia)*



*The family of Corrections Officer
Casimiro Pomales (New York State)*



*The family of Correctional Officer
Jayme Biendl (Washington State)*



*The family of Correctional Colonel
Gregory Malloy (Florida)*



*The family of Probation and Parole District 25
Administrator Debra Collins (Missouri)*



*The family of Safety Risk Manager
John Willhite (Texas)*

The Honored Families of PROJECT 2000 XXIII



The family of Senior Officer Specialist Christopher Cooper (Federal Bureau of Prisons)



The family of Correctional Officer Ronald Johnson (South Dakota)



Accepting the plaque and flag on behalf of Transportation Officer/Deputy Sherri Jones (Texas)



The family of Corrections Officer II Craig Orrell (Texas)



The family of Agriculture Specialist III Michael Jensen (Texas)



The family of Probation/Parole Officer II Jeffrey Settle (North Carolina)

The Honored Families of PROJECT 2000 XXIII



*The family of Probation Officer
Tiffany Bishop (Georgia)*



*Representing the family of Correctional
Officer Buddy Herron (Oregon)*



*The family of Correctional Officer
Ernest Grossguth (Rhode Island)*



*The family of Army Staff Sergeant
Ari R. Cullers, son of Correctional Clinical Nurse
Dave Cullers (Federal Bureau of Prisons)*



*Each family received three mounted shell casings
from the 21-gun volley fired earlier in the day in
honor of the Project 2000 XXIII Fallen Officers.*



*The home institution or office of each Fallen
Officer receives a plaque for display
at the facility.*

Honor Guards of PROJECT 2000 XXIII



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Line of Duty Deaths from the Year 2010

Juvenile Detention Officer Leonard Wall
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Arkansas
EOW: 1/31/10

Senior Parole Officer Ellane Aimuwu
Illinois Department of Correction
EOW: 2/7/10

Correctional Officer William Waterman
Georgia State Prison
Georgia Department of Corrections
EOW: 3/9/10

Detention Officer Arthur Redelfs
El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Texas
EOW: 3/13/10

Nurse Cynthia Palomata
Martinez Detention Facility
Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office,
California
EOW: 10/25/10

Correctional Officer Gary Chapin
Crawford County Correctional Facility,
Pennsylvania
EOW: 11/15/10

Senior Corrections Officer
John H. Paskewicz Sr.
Maine Correctional Center
Maine Department of Corrections
EOW: 11/16/10

Line of Duty Deaths from the Past

Note: When we are notified or learn through our own research of line-of-duty deaths in the past, we honor those individuals at our next Annual National Memorial Ceremony and invite their immediate surviving family members to attend.

Detention Officer Cesar Arreola
El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Texas
EOW: 1/18/09

District Parole Officer Reuben Hej;
Huntsville District Parole Office
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
EOW: 5/19/09



The Project 2000 XXII Memorial Ceremony was held on the grounds of the historic Alamo. Pictured are all of the Honor Guards from across the nation who took part.

Military Related

Army Specialist David A. Holmes
Correctional Officer, Washington State Prison
Georgia Department of Corrections
EOW: 6/26/10 ~ Afghanistan

Army Sergeant 1st Class Robert J. Fike
Correctional Sergeant II
Albion State Correctional Institution
Pennsylvania Department of Corrections
EOW: 6/11/10 ~ Afghanistan

Army 1st Sergeant Robert N. Barton
EOW: 6/7/10 ~ Afghanistan
Son of Correctional Officer
Rebecca Paugh-Coleman,
Lakin Correctional Center, West Virginia

Marine Lance Corporal Anthony J. Rosa
EOW: 9/23/10
Stepson of Casework Supervisor
David Talcott,
Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility,
Vermont

Army Staff Sergeant Jason A. Reeves
EOW: 12/5/10
Son of UNICOR Managerial Accountant
Ruthie Reeves,
Federal Correction Complex - Victorville,
California



Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Inc.



A Word from CPO Foundation National Honor Guard Commander Steve Dizmon Captain, Ret. California DOC

Greetings:



I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the families and friends of our Fallen Officers, and heartfelt thanks to all that have attended the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation's (CPOF) **Project 2000** gatherings

for your support and love for the survivors. A very special thank-you as well to all the Wardens, Superintendents, Directors and Commissioners that made it possible for their staff to attend.

I realize that some of you are aware of what it takes to attend **Project**, but I wanted to remind you, and to inform those that are unaware, to imagine, if you will, a **Project** Memorial Ceremony without Honor Guards. Chairs are filled with families, friends and visitors listening to speakers talking about Fallen Officers; but there are

no flags billowing in the wind, no accoutrements glinting in the sun, no heels echoing off the pavement, no 21-gun rifle volley followed by the playing of "Taps." This is what it would be like without you. Not much of a statement or recognition for our Fallen Officers.

My point is that, without you -- the National Memorial Honor Guard -- the CPO Foundation **Project** would be only a shadow of itself. Your dedication and professionalism with the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation and the Honor Guard have grown and gained national recognition. With this growth we are all able to assist more Correctional staff and families that suffer the tragic loss of a loved one, or aid them in a catastrophic event.

Over the past years you have come from all over the United States and Canada to support and participate in the CPOF Honor Guard Memorial Ceremony for our Fallen Officers. You brought with you the desire to serve as ambassadors to the public, present a positive image of your profession, and demonstrate love and compassion for the surviving families.

***We are approaching the Correctional
Peace Officers Foundation Project XXIV
in Reno, Nevada on June 13-16, 2013.
The Project 2000 XXIV Memorial
Ceremony will be on
Friday, June 14, 2013.***

I recently prepared a DVD that features Honor Guards attending annual **Project** events. If you are new to reading this publication and if you are the Commander or Assistant Commander of the Honor Guard at your prison or jail, please email rachel@cpof.org and she will gladly send you a copy of this DVD. It will be an excellent tool to show to your Warden, Superintendent or other Administrator to encourage your facility's participation in an upcoming **Project**.

In closing, how can I thank a group of professionals like you that breathe life into a cause that has spread over our nation

and now has involved our northern neighbor Canada? I suppose I can simply say that I love and appreciate all of you, and, again, thank you so much for your commitment and past attendance.

Remember: You are the ones that make **Project** what it is and you know what it really means when you read or hear the CPOF's motto:

"Taking Care of Our Own."

I look forward to seeing all of you in Reno in 2013.

Steve Dizmon
CPOF National Honor Guard
Commander



CPO FOUNDATION NATIONAL HONOR GUARD TEAM

Back Row and CPOF Honor Guard Rank (left to right): Sergeant Tania Arguello (Nevada), Officer Ora Starks (Mississippi), Officer Steve Perrine (Oregon), Officer/Bugler Gil Arizmendi III (Texas), Officer William Stranahan New York), Officer Sedrick Ware (California), Officer Larry Bottner (Pennsylvania), Sergeant Tony Mosby (California), Officer Brian James (Pennsylvania), Officer Francisco Villegas (Texas), Sergeant Tony Ruvalcaba (Oregon), Officer Vanessa Lee (Mississippi), Officer Maria Chandler (Texas) and Officer Angela Lujan (California).

Front Row and CPOF Honor Guard Rank (left to right): Lieutenant Steve Salais (California), Major Dave Wedzina (New York), Colonel Steve Dizmon (California), Captain Joe Ober (Pennsylvania), Lieutenant Roy Hilliard (California), and Lieutenant Donald Genwright (Texas).

The Annual National Memorial Ceremony is the highlight of every Project 2000 gathering. The other events and activities of Project 2000 XXIII:

Thursday --

- *The Annual Welcome Buffett Dinner*

Friday --

- *The Annual Memorial Luncheon*
- *Kids & Teens Lunch and Pool Party*
- *“Women in Corrections” Seminar*
- *Youth Safety Seminar for Kids & Teens; ID Kits*
- *“U.S. Department of Justice Benefit Programs” Seminar*

Saturday --

- *“An Officer is Down” Seminar*
- *“Contraband Cell Phones” Seminar*
- *“Time for You” Informal Session for Fallen Family members*
- *Youth Counseling Session*
- *The Annual Recognition Luncheon*
- *Kids and Teens Off-site Lunch and D.C. Tour*
- *“Gangs in Prisons” Seminar*
- *“Stress Management” Seminar*
- *Special Session for Survivors of Assaults and their Spouses*
- *Pizza and Ice Cream Sundae Party for Kids 12 and under*
- *“Teen Night Out”*

Sunday --

- *The Annual “We are Family” Buffet Breakfast, featuring the Kids & Teens “Songfest”*

Many, Many Thanks to ALL who made these generous donations to the CPOF at Project 2000 XXIII!

<i>AFGE Local 510, FCI Edgefield, SC:</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>
<i>AFGE Local 709, FCI Littleton, CO:</i>	<i>\$1,390.00</i>
<i>City of New York Department of Correction Pipe Band:</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Correction Captains Association, New York City, NY:</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
<i>Council of Prison Locals 33:</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>FCI Edgefield, SC:</i>	<i>\$1,285.00</i>
<i>*FOP Labor Committee, Department of Correction, Washington, D.C.:</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>*California State Prison - Corcoran:</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>California State Prison - Corcoran donation for Kids & Teens Room:</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>
<i>*Nevada Corrections Association:</i>	<i>\$6,000.00</i>
<i>*Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers:</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Texas Department of Criminal Justice Region II:</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>*New Lifetime Facility/Organization/Corporation Sponsor of the CPOF.</i>	

The Project 2000 XXIII Kids' and Teens' Room

Truth to tell, in the very beginning of the Project 2000 Series in 1990, there was no such thing. Then in 1991 there were just four little kids in the sort-of Project 2000 II "Kids' Room," a.k.a. the hotel room occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brice, parents of Jennifer Donaldson Davis and grandparents of Mandy Donaldson, who had the room next door. The kids: Mandy, Becky Burchfield, and Hannah and Candice Kush. 1992: Six or seven kids, including the three children of Correctional Lieutenant Fred House (EOW 1/28/1988) and Ann House: Janneke, Christy and Seth. 1993: Project 2000 IV, nine or ten kids



and now we're adding teens. Time for an official "Room of Their Own!" And so it came to be.

Over the years, the hotel space (meeting rooms) reserved for our kids and teens has grown and grown as (sadly) more Fallen Officers are honored, more of their family members invited, and more children and young people attend Project and experience the "Kids' and Teens' Room" for the first time. A wonderful positive amid the heart-breaking reason



the new kids are there: many kids and teens return to Project at least once after their first time to help the newly bereaved youngsters cope with their grief, and to relate to them in ways that only those who have suffered the same tragic, life-changing loss can. Some returnees do so year after year, as, for two examples, Christy and Janneke House did until reaching adulthood. The good these "returning champions" do for the new kids and teens cannot be overstated, and it is always a great pleasure to see



the transformation in outlook and spirits that takes place in so many new kids from Thursday evening to Sunday morning. That's one reason why the kids' and teens' big "group sing" on Sunday at the "We are Family" Breakfast is so moving – and fun!

Photos: Top right, Mandy unpacking and setting things up; top left, Barry Fredieu and some of the teens share a laugh; above, "Smile, everyone! (almost)"; left, the famous "group sing" at the Project Sunday breakfast.



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The Project 2000 XXIII Kids and Teens Room

Overseeing the set-up of the K&T Room, organizing the various activities and outings, scheduling the chaperones and taking care of a host of other matters and details has fallen for the last eight or nine years to Miss Mandy Donaldson herself. The original "Project Kid," Mandy's father, C/O Bill Donaldson, was brutally murdered at what is now William E. Donaldson Correctional Facility in Birmingham, Alabama, on January 12, 1990.

A note about Thursday evening, when the Welcome Buffet Dinner takes place: The kids do get off



to a very nice start at Project, courtesy of the U.S. Deputy Wardens Association, of which Mr. Kevin Murphy is Executive Secretary. Every year, the DWA donates incredible "goody bags" to the kids at the Thursday dinner — the bags are actually rolling carry-ons, and they're packed to the max with toys, games, gadgets and other fun things. And each comes with a cute stuffed animal to boot.



With the increase in size of the "Kids' and Teens' Room" and the varying numbers and ages of its youthful occupants over the years, the room has been set up for a long time now with different activity centers such as the arts and crafts table, electronic games corner, tots' and toddlers' area and "teen table." There is much mingling and interaction among the different age groups, and all the kids and teens



share in the daytime pool parties, lunches (at or away from the hotel) and excursions. Saturday night is different, however: it's "Teen Night Out" for those 13 and older, while the 12-and-under kids enjoy a pizza and ice cream party (make your own sundae! – and we've seen some pretty impressive creations in that department) as well as, depending on the year, a children's movie.

Where are the chaperones, you ask? Everywhere and all the time. Bless them all, especially our faithful regulars who we can count on year after year.

Enjoy these photos of the Project 2000 XXIII kids and teens, and do visit our website – cpof.org – to see many more!



Photos: Top right, Mr. Kevin Murphy and the kids' bags he's about to hand out; top left, pool party (with much-beloved pool alligator); below right, descending upon Washington, D.C.; above, entering the Sunday breakfast.

Survivors of Assaults

by Ellis Peoples

CPO Foundation Representative in Missouri



The Recognition Awards to be given to the Assault Survivors, Catastrophic Assistance Guests, a Correctional Officer's Son Injured while on Military Duty, and Corrections Personnel honored for Bravery "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty."

SEVERAL YEARS AGO AT PROJECT XVI,

I learned of a meeting that was scheduled to take place on Saturday after the recognition and awards banquet. This was to be a meeting of staff who had been seriously assaulted. The idea at that time was to get a group of the assault survivors together so that they could share their stories in an environment where they felt comfortable with people who knew what they had been through.

Although I wasn't one of the staff who had been recognized that year, I personally felt that my wife, Mary, and I needed to be in that meeting. You see, early in my correctional career, I was stabbed by a drunk inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary. My injuries were so severe that I was clinically dead when I got to the prison hospital. Up until that evening at **Project 2000 XVI** in 2005, my story had never been told in its entirety. I guess you might say, Mary and I "crashed" that Assault Survivors meeting. Since then, I have been a part of the Assault Survivors group.

As in the past, at this year's **Project 2000 XXIII** the survivors of assaults met on Saturday after the Awards Luncheon, at which all of the members of the assault group had been recognized and honored. The meeting is closed. No cameras or video equipment are allowed once the meeting has begun.

The first time I attended, Theresa Stevens from the CPOF Sacramento headquarters was the facilitator for the meeting, assisted by one of the CPOF's two

Chaplains, Tony Askew from Alabama. It was good to see Theresa and Tony at the meeting again.

We once again came together, mostly as strangers, yet all with a common bond -- that of having experienced one of the worst things that can happen to a Corrections Professional on the job short of death -- and willing to listen to others and, finally, tell our own stories. At first the room was quiet, but after a few moments, one member of the group began relating his story to the rest. Before long, we were actively sharing, nodding in agreement and understanding, and, as the meeting progressed, forming bonds and friendships that will last for many years to come.

Every member of the group is given the opportunity to speak should they choose to do so; some would wait until later, then talk with others after the meeting was over. As members of the group told their stories, I saw nods of agreement or approval, heard words of encouragement, and saw acts of kindness as stories were shared. We shared in the frustration and anger that the assaults had taken place, and events that had occurred in the aftermath to further complicate the matter -- things like Workers Comp issues, personal health issues, and the feeling of helplessness when a loved one is suffering too.

Many of the members of our group have already returned to work; some may never be able to go back to the job. But throughout the group, I saw a sense of pride and determination. More than once, I heard different members of the group say, "I'm a survivor." Another member of the group told us of his goal to participate in a 5k run for charity. It will take a while, but the determination I saw in his face told me he's going to make it happen.

After the meeting, we all went away feeling that our extended family had grown, and that we weren't alone in our struggles. We exchanged addresses and e-mails, and each member has a complete list of the members of the circle. I hope to hear from them all.

It is my sincerest hope that one day we'll have a **Project** where there are no new names to add to the Wall, and that there won't be any new members of the assault group. But until that dream becomes a reality, I plan on being there to help my brothers and sisters in any way I can. And, most of all, I want to be able to tell them, "Don't worry -- we've got your back."

WE ARE SURVIVORS!

Survivors of Assaults



*Left: Correctional Officer Oluropo Sekoni, Jefferson City Correctional Center, MO.
Right: Sergeant Bill Quick and Sergeant Leon Sparks, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, OK.*



Left: Correctional Officer Alan Cox, Graterford State Correctional Institution, PA.



Right: Sergeant Philip Castelucci, Taylor Correctional Institution, FL.



*Left: Corrections Deputy Teresa Stacks, Snohomish County Jail, WA.
Right: Correctional Officer Colen Young, Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis, AZ*



Left: Correctional Officer Bryan Tripp, Lieber Correctional Institution, SC.



Right: Correctional Officers Aaron Delph and Shawn Jones, United States Penitentiary Lee, VA.

Survivors of Assaults



*Left: Correctional Officer James Nored, Washington State Penitentiary, WA
Right: Corporal Rafael Morales, Riverbend Maximum Security Institution, TN*



Left: Food Service Administrative Assistant Lorraine Wolfe, Fremont Correctional Facility, CO



Right: Corrections Officer Jeremy Yantes, Madison Correctional Institution, OH



*Left: Correctional Officer V Wendell Wonsick Jr., Hughes Unit, TX
Right: Correctional Officer Kevin Nahill, Dallas State Correctional Institution, PA*



Left: Corporal Matthew Freeburg, South Dakota State Penitentiary, SD



Right: Correctional Officer Mark Lumpkin, Holmes Correctional Facility, FL

Recognized for Bravery "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty"

Injured on Active Military Duty



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



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

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



Left: Correctional Officer Tommy Robinson, Union Correctional Institution, FL



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



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



Right: Sergeant Liza Dominguez, Clements Unit, TX



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



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

Florida: Tropical Storm Debby is an unwelcome Visitor

by Terrasa Wood, CPO Foundation Representative in Florida

Tropical Storm Debby made landfall on the West Coast of Florida on June 26, slowly moving across the state and drenching most of Central and North Florida. There were many affected by the storm, especially the Staff at Sumter, Hamilton, Columbia and Baker Correctional Institutions; and Florida State Prison. Homes and cars were submerged by the flooding waters, displacing many families. As a CPOF Florida Representative I was proud to be able to deliver over \$10,000.00 in assistance checks to those Staff affected by Tropical Storm Debby.



The yard of Nurse Hilda Collins from Hamilton C. I. She also had 15 inches of water in her home.

Right: Above, Officer Selena Wilkerson with Colonel Jeffrey Howell from Columbia C.I.; below, Officer Kasey Paynter with Colonel Howell. Officers Wilkerson and Paynter both lost their homes, cars and all worldly possession due to the flooding Tropical Storm Debby caused.



The Hamilton C.I. flood victims assisted by the CPOF, with Warden Monroe Barnes, the Hamilton C.I. Assistant Warden and (second from right) Terrasa Wood.



Above: Officer Dallas Crawford with Warden John Palmer, CPOF Rep Terrasa Wood and Major Box from Florida State Prison. Officer Crawford also had flooding to his home due to Tropical Storm Debby.

Two assaults at Tomoka C.I.



Left: C/O Matthew Delong, Florida DOC Secretary Kenneth Tucker, Terrasa Wood and Sgt. Christina Guess. C/O Delong and Sgt. Guess were both assaulted by an inmate on April 4, 2012. C/O Delong suffered a broken hand, requiring surgery and many weeks off work, while Sgt. Guess suffered head injuries that required four staples as well as numerous bruises to her body.

Federal News & Cases

From Kim Blakley, CPOF Federal Coordinator:

It is hard to believe we are more than halfway through 2012 -- I just don't know where the time goes. Big things have been happening within the Federal Bureau of Prisons this year. I am EXCITED to report that in the BOP CPOF Supporting Membership continues to thrive. When I began my CPOF career we had fewer than 300 BOP Supporting Members. Today we have well over 8,000 and are still growing quickly, so to each of you reading this magazine, THANK YOU for your continued support and dedication to helping us **"Take Care of Our Own!"**

As our membership continues to grow, with that comes knowledge of our programs such as our Catastrophic Assistance Program. This Program exists specifically to help our Correctional Families during their most difficult times. I want to stress the importance of prompt NOTIFICATION. Please, *be the one* to call or email me if you know of a Staff member in an emergency situation or going through a crisis. If we are not informed of someone in need our hands are tied and we cannot help them. We would rather hear from a dozen people about a single catastrophic situation than to hear from no one at all. Last year we assisted over 300 BOP families, while this year (as of July 2012) so far we have come to the assistance of 137 BOP families. We want to assist as many of our BOP Officers and families in need as possible, so please, again, call or email me at kim@cpof.org to report a co-worker in need of our help.

We also have a Scholarship Program and again I am happy to say that there were several BOP family recipients this year. So if you will have a high school graduate who will be going to college in September 2013, visit our website www.cpod.org where there is a link to the CPOF scholarship application right on the webpage. Don't miss our deadline in April 2013.

If you have any questions, or would like to contact me regarding a Staff member in need, or would like to help spread the word about CPOF please do send me an email. I am always happy to send information out for you to share with your fellow Staff members. Remember, CPOF is for ALL Staff.

On the next couple of pages, we share letters and photos of "just a few" BOP Officers and families recently assisted by the CPOF. To put it a better way, YOU assisted them -- through your Supporting Membership and your care and concern for your Brothers and Sisters in the BOP. Again, THANK YOU!!

Photo: Kim; Jordan Cooper; Brian Hundley, USP Leavenworth Local President; Barry Fredieu; and Kim Cooper.



Dear Kim,

I can't say how blessed we are to have you and the CPO Foundation at our side in this time of loss.

We miss Joe so much. He was a wonderful man, father and husband.

Thank you for everything,

Donna Allen

Wife of Correctional Officer Joseph Allen
FCC Pollock, LA

Officer Joseph Allen, a Supporting Member, died on May 19, 2012 of congestive heart failure. He had been undergoing chemotherapy for kidney disease.

Kim,

Thank you for all you do for everyone going through what I am. ... Penny was in the ICU for 26 days fighting for her

life and lost the battle but we made the best of life since she was first diagnosed with IPF.

Michael Simonsen, Laundry Foreman
FCI Sheridan, OR

Laundry Foreman Michael Simonsen is a Supporting Member at FCI Sheridan. His wife Penny suffered from Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). She passed away in early April, 2012.



Federal Cases

Dear Kim Blakley and The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation Board of Directors,

On behalf of Local Union 3969, Union President Don Shults, the staff at FCC Victorville and myself, we would like to sincerely thank you for all the assistance you have provided to us over the years, but more recently for being here in person to assist Lt. Gary Bent's family and our staff during such a tragic time. Lt. Bent's life was taken suddenly and tragically on March 8, 2012.

Lt. Bent was very well liked and respected by all the staff here at FCC Victorville and across the Bureau. People that had the pleasure of meeting and spending time with Lt. Bent quickly became his friend. He had a wonderful sense of humor and always had a way to diffuse a heated and stressful situation whether that be with a group of inmates or staff.

All of us here at FCC Victorville appreciated you and CPOF Field Representative Barry Fredieu com-

ing here and meeting with Lt. Bent's family members and trying to help them during this heart-breaking time. Sending several of the CPOF Honor Guard to help during the Memorial was a wonderful addition to the services.

Thank you for all the hard work you do and for helping our BOP Families in need.

Sincerely,
 Frank Melendez
 Local Union 3969 Vice President
 CPOF Volunteer Liaison,
 Federal Correctional Center, Victorville, CA



Lieutenant Gary Bent



The FCC Victorville Disturbance Control Team; Lt. Bent's shirt on display at his memorial service; and Lt. Bent's daughter Aiyana singing at the memorial service.



On May 4, 2012 SOS Kelvin Southall Sr. (pictured at left) passed after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. He had 20 years in the BOP and was one of the first members at FCC Oakdale to become a member of the CPOF.

Christine Brannon
 HR Specialist, FCC Oakdale, LA



Union President Mike Manual, SOS Southall's widow Jackie, and CPOF Liaison at FCC Oakdale David Woodham.

California



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

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



Dear Char,

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

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

Thanks, "kiddo!"

Mary Lockwood,

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

Dear Charlene Corby and CPOF members,

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

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

Sincerely,

Patricia Rinehart, Las Vegas, NV

The Reinharts had retired to Las Vegas, Nevada. Bob had been a Supporting Member since mid 1994.

California

Correctional Officer Malinda Hoskins-Lewis, a Supporting Member at California State Prison-Solano, suffered injuries to her right ribs, wrist and shoulder when she was responding to an alarm and fell. She received a CPO Foundation assistance check to help with medically-related expenses. She is pictured here with her husband, Luther Thomas.



Dear Charleene,

Please accept my most sincere thanks for the generous donation. It will be a huge help with the funeral expenses for my late husband, Harold.

Harold had fond memories of working at Folsom State Prison, and was proud to be part of the California Department of Corrections. He was also extremely proud of his daughters who followed him into a career with Corrections — Michele Taylor retired from Folsom State Prison as a Lieutenant and Vicky Flandi retired from the California Medical Facility as an Associate Warden.

Thanks again. My family and I truly appreciate the support of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation.

Sincerely,

Joann Mesick, Folsom, CA

Retired Correctional Officer Harold Mesick passed away on May 18, 2012 from an apparent heart attack.



Correctional Officer Jorge Fuentes, pictured at right, is a Supporting Member at California Correctional Institution in Tehachapi. His daughter, Andrea, was born with a serious medical complication that caused her to exhibit no vital signs. Doctors resuscitated Andrea and she was hospitalized for 20 days. She suffered some brain damage, the effects of which were not known at the time [June 2012]. The CPO Foundation provided



Officer Fuentes with an assistance check to help with the many extra expenses incurred during this time. We hope to have an update on little Andrea's condition in a future *CPO Family*.

Correctional Officer Curtis Deneau is a Supporting Member at Pelican Bay State Prison in Crescent City, CA. He was diagnosed with cancer in May 2012. The CPO Foundation gave Officer Deneau an assistance check to help with his medically-related expenses. Officer Deneau is pictured here with his wife, Kelly. Our thoughts are with them both, and we wish Officer Deneau well with his treatment program.

NEW YORK

Jay West, North New York Representative for the CPO Foundation, has been keeping busy. We are pleased to share these photos of some of Jay's activities over the last few months.



As mentioned elsewhere in this, our **Project** issue, each facility where a Fallen Officer worked receives a plaque in honor of that Officer for display as the facility administrator sees fit. Here, Superintendent Roland Larkin of Eastern Correctional Facility holds the plaque honoring Corrections Officer Casimiro Pomales (see page 12). With Superintendent Larkin are members of his staff, union members, Jay West (at Supt. Larkin's right) and New York CPOF Representative Dave Wedzina (at Supt. Larkin's left). Dave is also a Major in the CPOF National Honor Guard.

Right: Jay (at right) presents an assistance check to C/O Dave Charland (center) of Bare Hill Correctional Facility. C/O Charland was assaulted by an inmate in early February. Also pictured is Bare Hill's NYSCOPBA union representative, C/O Mike O'Hare. C/O Charland is slowly recovering from his many injuries and he will remain in our thoughts and prayers.



Left: Jay presents an assistance check to C/O Angela Brabham of Coxsackie Correctional Facility who suffered a severe arm/shoulder injury at the facility. Also in the photo is the CPOF's contact at Coxsackie, C/O Brinsley Arthurton, who initiated the assistance request.

Right: Here, Jay presents an assistance check to C/O Ray Downs of Great Meadow Correctional Facility. C/O Downs accepts the check on behalf of his son, SFC Dennis Downs of the U.S. Army. SFC Downs was severely wounded during combat operations in Afghanistan. The CPOF wishes him a speedy recovery and thanks him for his service.



NEW YORK

Right: Jay presents an assistance check to Carol Lovely, wife of C/O Allen Lovely of Riverview Correctional Facility who passed away from a heart attack. Also in the photo is Penny Jock, Assistant Superintendent of Riverview, and the CPOF's contact at the facility, C/O Tim Rivers. Carol will remain in our thoughts and prayers.



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

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



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

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

Pennsylvania

To the CPO Foundation,

Thank you so much for your very generous gift during our difficult time. We feel very blessed to have such an amazing support system and people that care about our family. Thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers. We will remain strong and continue to pray for a miracle.



Love,
Denny, Tammy, J.P.,
Emmy and Jesse Mott,
Cambridge Springs, PA

Tammy Mott is a Supporting Member in the Records Department at SCI-Cambridge Springs. She is pictured here with her family. The Motts' daughter, Emmy (right), was diagnosed with a highly aggressive cancerous tumor at the end of her brain stem. Emmy was given 4-6 weeks to live at the time of her diagnosis. When this issue went to press, Emmy was holding her own as well as could be expected.



Dear Christina Labio:

I would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of my family, to thank the CPOF for the gracious financial donation in my time of need. With this assistance, I have been able to take full advantage of physical therapy and rehabilitation for my injury. Despite being told that I would most likely not regain full function of my arm and hand, I make gains weekly, surprising the treatment team with my advances. This financial assistance combined with my determination to get full mobility of my arm and hand back has aided me in my goal of becoming a Parole Agent or Corrections Counselor.

It was so nice to be remembered by the CPOF!

Your thoughtfulness means so much to me.

Warmly,

Zachary Lynde, Orwigsburg, PA

Zachary Lynde is a County Caseworker II with Schuylkill County, PA, and a Supporting Member. He had an accident at his home on April 21, 2012 that caused injuries to his right hand and elbow. He spent three days in the hospital to have surgery to re-locate and reconstruct the elbow. The CPO Foundation assisted Caseworker Lynde with some of his medically-related expenses. We wish him well with his recovery, and thank Lt. Cindy Sandly, CPOF Volunteer Representative in Pennsylvania, for recommending this assistance. (Lt. Sandly is also a member of the CPO Foundation National Honor Guard.)



Left: Correctional Officer Donald Robson of SCI-Rockview passed away from a massive heart attack in July 2012. He is pictured here with his wife, Carrie, their daughter, Chelsea, and son, Daniel. A third child was on the way.

The CPO Foundation was gratified to assist the Robson family in their time of sudden bereavement and loss.

To the CPO Foundation

I want to thank you for the check I received from you and to tell you that it helped pay for a perpetual urn that is placed at the grave at the Uenango Cemetery. How much it meant to me, as a Corrections Officer, to be remembered and thought of in this way.

My stepchildren and grandchildren all want to say thank you also.

Robin Smith, Cambridge Springs, PA
Corrections Officer Robin Smith works at SCI-Cambridge Springs. Her husband, William, had a massive heart attack and passed away on April 20, 2012.

REMEMBERING WAYNE "COTTON" MORGAN



On Wednesday, August 1, 2012 the Morgan County Correctional Complex, along with the family, friends and community of Wartburg, Tennessee,



Above: Morgan County CC Warden Tony Howerton and others, following the unveiling of the Memorial. Below: Officers at attention during the dedication.

held a Memorial Dedication Service in honor of Wayne "Cotton" Morgan. "Cotton" Morgan was murdered on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, outside of the Roane County Courthouse by the wife of one of the inmates he was escorting.* Officer Morgan was honored by the CPO Foundation in St. Louis in June 2006.

The Memorial to "Cotton" is located at the base of the flagpole at the entrance to the Morgan County Correctional Complex. This facility was not built when Cotton died but his Correctional family and his community have not forgotten him. The rock, on which is inscribed, "In Honor and Memory of the Service and Sacrifice of Wayne



'Cotton' Morgan 08/08/77 – 08/09/05" (see photo), came from the Brushy Mountain Correctional Complex, now closed, where Cotton served as a Corrections Officer. It is mounted on granite purchased with funds donated by the staff of the new facility. On this very warm August morning, the beautiful setting among green Tennessee mountains paled in comparison to the words of love and appreciation

spoken about the character and integrity of this cherished friend, husband, father and Christian.

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

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



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

Right: Cathy Posey, Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Corrections.

TEXAS

To Stephanie Barone:

We received your loving and sincerely appreciated donation on behalf of former Lt. James Clemons. Both of our Assistant Wardens were able to present the check to his wife, Olivia Clemons, who is a University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) employee here at our facility yesterday (8/2/12). Mrs. Clemons was quite overcome with emotions and very appreciative not only that we submitted the application [for catastrophic assistance) on her husband's behalf, but even more so that your organization was moved to make the contribution.

Tamera Morrison, Administrative Assistant II, Plane/Henley Complex, Dayton, TX
Lieutenant James Clemons passed away on July 7, 2012 from a combination of renal failure, congestive heart failure and pneumothorax. We were gratified to assist Mrs. Clemons with the many expenses associated with her husband's death.



Dear Ms. Barone:

On behalf of Ms. Donna Popplewell, her family, and the staff and administration of the Clements Unit, we would like to thank you, CPOF, Debbie Herklotz and Joe Ponder for the assistance that was provided to this employee during a critical time of need.

Situations such as this reinforce our dedication to CPOF and the good that is done. CPOF is again appreciated for proving that they do take care of their own. Thank you for all that you do for us

Sincerely,

John H. Adams, Senior Warden, Clements Unit,
Amarillo, TX

Mrs. Popplewell is a Clerk II at Clements Unit. Her husband, Kevin, suffered a massive stroke resulting in his death on June

18, 2012. She is pictured here, second from the right, with Racquel Junell, Warden John H. Adams and Captain Joe Ponder. Captain Ponder is one of the CPO Foundation's three Representatives in Texas.



Left to right: Asst. Warden Gregory David, C/O IV Henry Arias, Law Library Supervisor Darryl Glenn and CPOF Representative Capt. Joe Ponder.

Two more assists at Clements Unit in May 2012: C/O IV Henry Arias, a Supporting Member, who was hospitalized and then off on medical leave for about four months; and Physical Education Instructor Barbara Dearmin, whose husband, Curtis, passed away after a long battle with cancer.



Left to right: Asst. Warden Gregory David, PAMIO Administrator Mark Davis, Barbara Dearmin and CPOF Representative Capt. Joe Ponder.

TEXAS

Dear Ms. Barone,

On behalf of the “80 John” Wallace Unit, I would like to thank the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for the generosity and support given to one of our Officers who was injured as a result of an offender assault. Officer Elsayed Abdelmonem was very pleasantly surprised and most appreciative of your assistance.

I can’t thank you enough for all you have done and continue to do for our Staff and their families. The Wallace Unit is truly honored to be a Lifetime Sponsor of the CPO Foundation.

Sincerely,

Matt Kennelly, Warden, “80 John” Wallace Unit, Colorado City, TX

On April 10, 2012, C/O IV Elsayed Abdelmonem, a Supporting Member, was beaten in the head from behind and knocked unconscious to the floor. He spent several nights in the hospital, suffering from blunt force trauma, concussion and loosened teeth. As of mid-July Officer Abdelmonem still had not been cleared to return to work. We wish him well for a full recovery and return to work in the near future.

Pictured: Warden Kennelly and Officer Abdelmonem.



To the CPO Foundation:

My name is Officer Mike Handorf, a veteran with the TDCJ who is currently assigned to the Joe F. Gurney Transfer Facility. I was recently [late April 2012] involved in a serious automobile accident en route to work in which I sustained several potentially life-threatening injuries. I have since been treated and released from medical care and am in the process of recovery.



I wish to take this time to thank the CPOF for granting my family the very generous gift of financial assistance during our time of need. I am proud to be employed by an agency that works in conjunction with an organization such as yours that takes care of its employees.

Sincerely,

Mike Handorf, Corrections Officer V, Palestine, TX

C/O V Mike Handorf is a Supporting Member at Gurney Unit. He was off work for approximately three months as a result of his injuries. We are very pleased to hear that he seems to be recovering well, and hope he will be returning to duty soon.

Above: Lt. Vonde Dawkins, C/O V Handorf, Sgt. Jacob Tramble and C/O V Willie Davis.

Dear Ms. Barone,

On behalf of C/O V, Jose Ramirez of the Dominguez Unit, I would like to thank you and the CPOF for the monetary assistance you provided him in his time of need. Officer Ramirez’ daughter has been diagnosed with cancer and the [costs resulting from] frequent trips to the doctors and specialist add up quickly. Officer Ramirez will be able to use that assistance to help with the co-payments and fuel needed to get her to the appointments.

Again, I want to thank you for this and all you do for the employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. You are always there when needed. Here is a picture of myself and Officer Jose Ramirez after receiving his check.

Sincerely,

Sam D. Seale, Warden, Fabian Dale Dominguez Unit, San Antonio, TX



COLORADO



Dear Shanna:

Bob Kahanic, our Colorado CPOF Representative came to my Roll Call on July 5, 2012 and surprised me by presenting me with a beautiful letter and a very generous gift from the CPOF. It means so much to my husband and me...and of course a few of the creditors.

It's funny, you never expect a serious illness, much less how much it will totally change your life. Our family has always been the one to reach out and help others in their time of need. Now the tables are turned and we are relying on the kindness of others. My husband is still unable to work and is now beginning another round of Chemotherapy. We are hoping for the best.

I am proud to say that I have been a supporter of the CPOF since January of 2004. I tell everyone what a wonderful organization you are.

Thanks so very much.

Alison Jones, Agate, CO

Mrs. Jones is an Administrative Assistant II at Limon Correctional Facility. Her husband, James, was diagnosed with cancer, for the third time, in mid May 2012. AA II Jones is unable to work on chemotherapy treatment days, as she must drive James to and from the treatment center, a 160-mile round trip.

As she notes, AA II Jones has been a Supporting Member since 2004. That year, she herself had elbow surgery and was off work for six weeks. We are very glad to have assisted her then and to do so again this June. We wish James all the best with his recovery.



Parole Officer Karen Meyers, left, passed away from cancer in mid May 2012. She worked at the Grand Junction Parole Office. At Bob Kahanic's recommendation, we assisted her husband, Marvin, with funeral expenses.

Shanna,

We truly appreciated the monetary assistance. It went a long way helping with some of the medical bills. It was very generous of you.

Thanks again,

Carla Page, Cañon City, CO

Administrative Assistant Page of Arrowhead Correction Center has battled cancer for about two years and has been working on and off as her health has allowed her. Her Administrator recommended our assistance.



From Guy Edmonds, Food Service Superintendent II, Supporting Member and CPOF Volunteer at Buena Vista Correctional Complex:

*“Here is a photo of the presentation of the assistance check to Mike Baroni. From left to right are: Tana Fowler, Warehouse Supervisor (Mike's boss); Guy Edmonds; Mike Baroni; Alicia Baroni; and William Brunell, BVCC Associate Warden.”
Materials Handler II Baroni, a Supporting Member, was diagnosed with a MRSA infection, underwent surgery and then had to receive IV antibiotics twice a day for six weeks. The diagnosis, surgery and followup required many trips to Denver. We wish MH II Baroni the best of luck with his recovery.*

COLORADO

Shanna and Bob:

Our family thanks you so very much for the kind words and assistance during this very difficult journey for us. It really means so much to us, as well as all the support and prayers that were sent our way. We stayed by our son's side at the Childrens' Hospital in Denver and were able to do this with your generous gift of assistance.

We will forever miss our "little monkey" Wyatt, but are able to endure the unbearable with the support of all of your kind hearts at the CPOF.

Our Wyatt was born on April 6, 2012 and passed away on May 4, 2012 from complications from a brain hemorrhage. The funds you sent allowed us to stay in Denver and have a beautiful memorial for our little gift Wyatt.

We again send our most thankful gratitude for everything you all do in times like this. It means everything.

With many thanks,

The Hunter Family, Pueblo West, CO

Correctional Corporal I Justin Hunter and his wife, Stephanie, are pictured above with baby Wyatt. Our condolences continue to Justin and Stephanie on their very sad loss.



COLORADO ON FIRE!

The Waldo Canyon Fire

by Bob Kahanic

Colorado wildfires are considered normal because most of them are burning in the mountains. Of course there are always thousands of acres of forest burned, along with property damage. However, in early summer of 2012 the dry heat and temperatures in the 100s made for an exception to the usual Colorado climate in June. Colorado received only .25 inches of rain along the front range in the month of June.

The Waldo Canyon Fire started on June 23, 2012 approximately four miles northwest of Colorado Springs, Colorado. The fire grew to cover over 18,247 acres, causing the evacuation of over 32,000 residents of Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Woodland Park and several small mountain communities along Highway 24; and the partial evacuation of the United States Air Force Academy. At least 346 homes were destroyed by the Waldo Canyon Fire, considered to be the most expensive one in Colorado history. Insurance claims submitted amounted to up to \$352.6 million.

As always, we "Take Care of Our Own!" Char was in touch with me immediately about the fire and what impact it had had on DOC staff. We did have 27 DOC staff affected by the fire. Char had various supplies sent that were donated to volunteers for property searches/clean-up, for lack of better words. Out of the 27 staff impacted, two lost everything they had! Numerous staff had to be evacuated from their homes for days and other staff was placed on standby to evacuate.



As the Colorado Representative for the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (retired Colorado C/O) I contacted the Colorado Department of Corrections staff impacted by this fire and they amazed me by how positive and strong they are, and by their will to carry on after going through such an experience. I am proud that the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation was there to help them.

Above: Bob Kahanic (left) presents a CPO Foundation assistance check to Officer Daniel Schick, a Supporting Member, whose family had to evacuate their home. At right is Cañon Minimum Center Warden Pam Ploughe.

NOTE: For Bob's complete article and many photos of the devastation caused by the Waldo Canyon Fire, visit our website: cpof.org.

Letters and Photos from States "All Over"

Alabama

To Shanna Bredeson,

This morning [March 28, 2012] I have been reading the Autumn 2011 *CPO Family* magazine. It is truly heart-breaking to read the stories of such tragic and difficult times that others -- "our families" -- are going through. I am impressed and touched by the outreach of generosity that the CPOF gives in their times of need. Then, you go the extra mile -- memorial ceremonies, support and extra attention for the kids and teens, and the list goes on and on. Absolutely amazing. God will bless you all.

Rita Dunn, Secretary for DeWayne Estes,
Warden II, Bibb Correctional Facility, AL

*We thank Rita very much for such a lovely letter. The CPO Family issue to which she refers is the one featuring **Project 2000 XXII** in San Antonio in June 2011. In July, Rita referred us the plight of Bibb Correctional Officer Gary Mayfield whose home was destroyed by fire. C/O Mayfield's assistance check was sent to CPOF Alabama Representative Jennifer Davis for personal presentation to C/O Mayfield (see photo at right).*



Georgia

To the CPO Foundation,

The enclosed photograph of Warden Donald Barrow and Officer Jeffery Harris is noteworthy of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Inc. providing for and taking care of their own when catastrophic assistance is needed. Officer Harris was diagnosed with [colon] cancer in September 2011 and continues [as of April 19, 2012] to undergo chemotherapy.

Officer Harris and his family sincerely give thanks to the CPO Foundation for their assistance, support and kindness.

Also, our special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. (Judy) Don Dease.

Donald Barrow, Warden, Washington State Prison, Davisboro, GA

We thank Warden Barrow very much for his kind letter and for the photo at upper left.

Dear Christina:

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about a special person employed by the Georgia Department of Corrections at Johnson State Prison. Officer Mary Foreman began her career with the department in February of 1998 and has been loyal to Johnson State Prison specifically. She is much more than an employee and many consider her part of their own families.

Mary is married to Toby Foreman, who in November of 2011 discovered that he might have cancer. In December the diagnosis was confirmed. Not only were Toby and Mary told he had cancer, they were also told that the cancer had advanced to stage IV. The news couldn't have been more devastating, because Mary has endured four heart stints in the past, and she is a diabetic who must have insulin. To add injury to insult, Mary found out this month (June) that she has another blockage (40%).

Letters and Photos from States "All Over"

On June 27, Warden Morales presented Mary with a check from the CPO Foundation, which brought tears to her eyes as she expressed her gratitude and stated that it couldn't have come at a better time. Through it all, Mary refuses to give up; her strength comes from her faith in the Lord, her four children (Jacqueleyn, WyKeith, WyKecia and LaJuan), and her friends/family as well as her co-workers at Johnson State Prison.

Sincerely,

Jose Morales, Warden, Johnson State Prison, GA

Again, we thank a Warden who obviously cares very much about his Staff for his letter.



Idaho

Molly Sauerbier, Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Specialist and a Supporting Member at North Idaho Correctional Institution, lost about a month of work due to pulmonary illness. Here, she receives a CPO Foundation assistance check from NICI Warden Lynn Guyer. We thank Sergeant Mary Strang for the referral.

Montana

To the CPO Foundation,

Thank you! My supervisor came to my home and presented the folder with the beautiful poem and the financial blessing! It is much appreciated.

When Ralph was in the car wreck, our dog Duke was with him. They are both in heaven, walking those hills.

May God bless you all.

Teryl Rouse, Secretary, Montana State Prison, MT

Mrs. Rouse is a Secretary at Montana State Prison. Her husband Ralph was killed in an auto accident in late June 2012, as was the Rouses' beloved dog, Duke. Wanda Hislop recommended help with the funeral expenses for the family.



Dear CPOF,

I would like to convey my deepest gratitude for your support during this very difficult time in my life. The outpouring of love and support that I have received from my brothers and sisters in Corrections and law enforcement has been nothing short of miraculous. On June 16, 2012 my ex-wife and two sons were involved in a one-vehicle rollover in which all three were ejected. My eldest son [Bradley, 5] lost his life as a result of the accident and my youngest son [Alex, 4] suffered traumatic brain injury. My ex-wife had two collapsed lungs and

*Alex and his dad,
Corporal Derek Trogden*

fractured every vertebra in her back.
My family
has a very

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Letters and Photos from States "All Over"

long road to recovery and life adjustment but we couldn't do it without the support from the wonderful people like you. Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

Derek Trogden, Corporal, Lake County Detention Facility, Polson, MT

Our hearts go out to Corporal Trogden and his family for the loss of Bradley and the terrible injuries suffered by his former wife and youngest son Alex. Indeed there is a "very long road to recovery" ahead, and we will keep the Trogdens in our prayers for successful treatments and healing in the months ahead.

Meanwhile, we thank Corporal Trogden very much for the great photo on page 49 of him with Alex, both with big smiles and, in Alex's case, a CPOF "Leo Lion" to hug.

Oregon

Shanna, Michael and everyone else at the CPO Foundation,

We can't begin to thank you enough for your generosity, kindness and compassion toward us during this difficult time. Our loss has been great, but in the midst of it we have seen so much blessing and so much kindness from others. Your generosity to us has helped to lift our spirits. We wish we could

do more than to just say a simple thank you. Please know it comes from the bottom of our hearts.

God bless you!

Sylvan and Darcie Decoria, Pasco, WA

Correctional Officer Sylvan Decoria is employed at Two Rivers Correctional Institution in Oregon. His wife, Darcie, gave birth to their daughter on May 23, 2012. Sadly, the baby developed life-threatening difficulties and, despite medical staff working for over 30 minutes to save her life, the child passed away. Our condolences continue for the Decorias on their untimely loss. Michael Seefeldt, CPO Foundation

Representative in East Oregon, requested assistance with funeral expenses for the Decorias.

Tennessee

Ms. Bredeson:

On behalf of Warden Tony Howerton and the staff of Morgan County Correctional Complex, we humbly thank you for the most generous donation to Kadie and her sister. Attached is a photo of Kadie along with Warden Howerton (green shirt) and Deena's very special friend, Sgt. Woody Garrett.

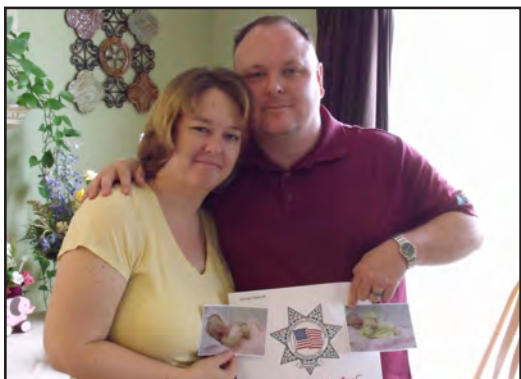
Again, we appreciate you and your most inspiring Foundation more than words can say.

Sherry Oody, Executive Secretary

Warden Tony Howerton's Office,

Morgan County Correctional Complex, TN

Correctional Officer II Deena Rose of Morgan County Correctional Complex passed away after battling small cell lung cancer for almost a year. Judy Dease, CPO Foundation Representative for South Carolina and several other nearby Southeastern states, and Mr. Carl Martin of MCCC's HR department, recommended assistance for Officer Rose's daughters, Kadie and Desirie.



Letters and Photos from States "All Over"

West Virginia

Dear "All,"

You all are so kind and make me feel so blessed. Your generosity was and is so appreciated at a time when things are trying.

I have had two doses of chemo and am going for a transplant, hopefully in the second week of July. That's the plan so far.

God bless you all for your support. I don't think anyone knows how much it truly means when it happens so quickly and so boldly. It is organizations like yours that help relieve some of the pressures at a time like this.

Thank you so much,

David E. Carter and Family, Clarksburg, WV

Mr. Carter is a Telephone Operator at the West Virginia Industrial Home for Youth. He was diagnosed with leukemia and hospitalized for about four weeks for treatment. He was released from the hospital on April 20, 2012 but had to return for a few days each week for chemotherapy. Norma Scaturro, CPO Foundation Volunteer at WVIHY, recommended assistance for Mr. Carter with his many medically-related incidental expenses.

August 8 update: We asked Norma Scaturro for an update on David's situation, and this was her reply:
"Shanna:

I am so glad that David sent a thank you card. Yes, he did receive a bone marrow transplant and is doing pretty well. He has to stay at a place near the hospital for a while so that they can monitor his progress. He will not be able to return to work for maybe a year. I keep in touch with him often. Thank you so much for asking."
We were very pleased to receive this news, and wish David all the best for a full recovery.



Wisconsin

In June 2012, Correctional Officer Tina Triggs, second from left, had a house fire that completely destroyed the lower level of the structure, caused extensive damage to the upper level and consumed almost all of her belongings. In this picture, Officer Triggs has just received a CPO Foundation assistance check, recommended by Evelyn Schultz (right), CPO Foundation Representative in Wisconsin. Warden Paul Kemper of Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility is next to Evelyn; at far left is Evelyn's husband, Robert, also a CPOF Representative.

Wyoming

Sharon Crerar, the CPO Foundation's Representative in Wyoming, is pictured here with Ms. Kristianna Webb. Ms.

Webb's husband, Kevin, was a Correctional Officer at Wyoming State Penitentiary. He passed away on February 16,

2012 after having been in a coma and on life support following an accident at home in which he fractured his skull. Major

John Jacobs, a Gold Club Supporting Member at WSP, called on Ms. Webb's behalf to request assistance for her with funeral and related expenses.



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**** TDCJ Region II Director's Office and California SATF & State Prison received their Lifetime Sponsor Plaques at Project 2000 XXIII. A proud moment for all!**

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*See page 54 for a photo of the Lifetime Sponsor Plaque presentation to Huntsville Pardon and Parole Office.

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Each Lifetime Sponsor receives a Gold Jacket and a special Plaque from the CPO Foundation. (See photos on pages 52 and 54)

We hope that your institution, corporation or business -- or you individually, if feasible -- will decide to support us in this way. Call us at 916-928-0061, or send an email to char@cpof.org, and

one day, perhaps quite soon, a Plaque will be on the wall at your facility or headquarters that identifies you as a proud Lifetime Sponsor of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. (Many of our "Lifers" have the Gold Jacket framed and display it as well!)

Note: A Lifetime Facility Sponsorship does not equal or replace Supporting Membership in the CPO Foundation by an individual Correctional Officer or Corrections Professional. Nor does a \$5,000 donation to the CPOF (e.g., at a fundraising event) by a corporation, business or other entity equal or apply to a Lifetime Corporate/Organization Sponsorship.

New Lifetime Sponsor: Huntsville, Texas Pardons and Parole Office receives Plaque and Gold Jacket

By Cathy Stokes, CPO
Foundation Texas Rep-
resentative (at left in this
photo)

CPOF would like to welcome one of our newest Lifetime Sponsors: the Huntsville Pardons and Parole Office in Huntsville, Texas. This is a small office with a large heart! They held Breakfast Taco sales, a Yard Sale and a very successful silent Auction! Through their hard work and dedication they raised more than \$5,000.00 in 2011.



On December 7, 2011 at their Annual Staff Meeting and Luncheon it was an honor to present this Department with their Lifetime Sponsor Plaque and Jacket.

According to Heather and Janet, their goal for 2012 is \$7,000.00! There is no doubt in my mind that they will meet or exceed their goal!

State Employee Charitable Campaign members pictured are Heather Penick, Janet Sheffield, Patricia Bryd, April Williams, Phillip Doughty - Regional Supervisor and Betty Stephens.

New Lifetime Sponsor - Chillicothe Correctional Institution, Chillicothe, Ohio

Dear Ms. Rachel Lee,

On behalf of the Chillicothe Correctional Institution (CCI), please accept this donation of \$2,500. It has been the institution's hope to become a Lifetime Sponsor of the CPO Foundation and with the enclosed donation we have met our goal! We began our quest to become a Lifetime Sponsor in November 2011 and are extremely excited to be the first institution in the State of Ohio to achieve this.

Thank you for your effort in assisting the Correctional employees and their families in times of need. Your organization has assisted three of our staff in their time of need, and this left an invaluable impression on our institution.

Sincerely,
Norm Robinson, Warden
Chillicothe Correctional Institution, Chillicothe, Ohio

New Lifetime Sponsor - Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers

Dear Glenn,

The Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers has been a supporter and promoter of the CPOF since its inception. We have sent representatives to every Project since the first one. Recently in Washington, D.C. we discussed that it was way overdue that RIBCO should be a Lifetime Sponsor. On Tuesday, June 26, 2012 the RIBCO Executive Board voted unanimously to become a Lifetime Sponsor.

We want to thank you for all you do for the Correctional Professionals and their families. A check for \$5,000 is enclosed.

Sincerely,
David Mellon
President

Kenneth W. Rivard
Grievance Committee Chairman

THANKS SO MUCH TO OUR LATEST LIFETIME SPONSORS, AND THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF OUR LIFETIME SPONSORS FROM CORPORATIONS, FACILITIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS!

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Department of Corrections

Dear Charleene,

It really was an honor to attend Project 2000 XXIII. You are correct that CPOF has been an active and deeply appreciated force for good when tragedy strikes our staff here at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections. I am very impressed by your own personal commitment. The kind of passion you bring to your mission can only come from the heart.

We are looking forward to the fine work that Richard, Manny and Kim Blakley will be doing again this year when they visit each roll call at every institution to educate staff further about the activities of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. In addition, I have conveyed the folders you enclosed to our Wardens so that they can identify staff and families in need. You should be hearing from them that they have received and reviewed the material in the near future.

Charleene, you are a legend in your own right and I thank you for the warm welcome you gave me and for all you do on behalf of the men and women in corrections. Please know that CPOF has strong friends here in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

Ashbel T. Wall II, Director

From Kim Blakley, Research Analyst:

On page 17 of this issue, note that the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation honored Rhode Island Correctional Officer Ernest Grossguth, EOW 3/26/95, during Project 2000 XXIII.

As a Corrections Professional in your state, if you know of and/or if you happen to go through older records and run across a C/O that lost his or her life in the line of duty, please take the time to visit ODMP.org (Officer Down Memorial Page) and see if that Corrections Professional is listed.

Then also PLEASE email me at kim@cpof.org with any and ALL information you have. I will need the Officer's name, classification at the time of death, institution, state and EOW (end of watch) date so that the required research can be done. I can also be reached at 916-928-0061, ext. 1318.

The case of C/O Grossguth goes back to 1995, over 17 years ago. It is VERY important that we give respect and honor to our Fallen Officers from the past, and show them that we will NEVER forget.

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If you've moved recently, be sure to email Theresa@cpof.org and give her your current address.

Thanks!

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Find a mistake?

It is our policy to include something for everyone. Since some people like to find errors, we regularly include a few in our publications to meet this need.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



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

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

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

The road sign was put up in 2004.