

CPO FAMILY

SPRING - SUMMER 2020

A Publication of The CPO Foundation

Vol. 30, No. 1

THE CPOF NATIONAL HONOR GUARD . . .



... was once again invited to attend Canada's Annual Memorial Ceremony in 2019 that takes place each year in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada's Capital. The event took place on the grounds in front of Parliament Hill, one of Canada's historic Monuments. Members of the CPOF National Honor Guard (see above) marched in formation with Canada's Honor Guard.

At this ceremony Correctional Officer Lesa Zoerb, EOW October 7, 2018, from Okimaw Ohci Healing Lodge was honored.

Canada's Honor Guard attends the CPOF's Annual Memorial Ceremony at **Project 2000** each year.

INSIDE: The history of the CPOF National Honor Guard, by Steve Dizmon, Retired from the California Department of Corrections and National Honor Guard Commander for 17 years. Included: Photos of ALL members of our National Honor Guard.

CPO FAMILY

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation
 1346 N. Market Blvd. • Sacramento, CA 95834
 P. O. Box 348390 • Sacramento, CA 95834-8390
 916.928.0061 • 800.800.CPOF
 cpof.org

Directors of The CPO Foundation

Glenn Mueller	Chairman/National Director
Edgar W. Barcliff, Jr.	Vice Chairman/National Director
Don Dease	Secretary/National Director
Salvador Osuna	National Director
Jim Brown	Treasurer/National Director
Kim Potter-Blair	National Director
Ronald Barnes	National Director

Honor Guard Commanders of The CPO Foundation

Commander Raymond Gonsalves (Ret.)	Massachusetts DOC
Assistant Commander Roy Hilliard (Ret.)	California DOC

CPOF Staff

Charleene Corby	Chief Executive Officer
Rachel Lee	Office Administrator
Patricia Bjorklund	Executive Assistant
Cindy Wahlquist	Bookkeeper
Stephanie Barone	Catastrophic Coordinator
Christina Labio	Catastrophic Coordinator
Kim Blakley	Catastrophic Coordinator/Research Analyst

To request catastrophic assistance for a Correctional Officer or Staff at your prison, jail or office, email: char@cpof.org. Please provide your full name, institution, rank and cell phone number (or other phone number where you can be reached). Thank you for assisting us in "Taking Care of our Own."

Note: Many Representatives bring the CPO Foundation to one or more other States in addition to their home State.

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt charity registered with the Internal Revenue Service under IRC 501(c)(3), 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), ID number 68-0023302.

Field Representatives

Jennifer Donaldson Davis	Alabama
Annie Norman	Arkansas
Connie Summers	California
Charlie Bennett	California
Guy Edmonds	Colorado
Richard Loud	Connecticut
Kim Blakley	Federal
George Meshko	Federal
Laura Phillips	Federal
Donald Almeter	Florida
Jim Freeman	Florida
Gerard Vanderham	Florida
Vanessa O'Donnell	Georgia
Rose Williams	Georgia
Sue Davison	Illinois
Adrain Brewer	Indiana
Wayne Bowdry	Kentucky
Vanessa Lee	Mississippi
Lisa Hunter	Montana
Tania Arguello	Nevada
Jay West	New York
Christy House-Paster	New York City
Laura Matthews	North Carolina
Scott Bauer	North Carolina
Sarah Haynes	Ohio
Debbie Moore	Oklahoma
Dan Weber	Oregon
Wendy Baur	Pennsylvania/Virginia
Jim Giles	Pennsylvania
Helen Andujar Albarati	Puerto Rico
Manny Leander	Rhode Island
Gary Evans	South Carolina
Cheryl Thorpe	Tennessee
Cathy Stokes	Texas
Eileen Kennedy	Texas
Kelli Forrester	Texas
Christy House-Paster	Utah
Ray Wagoner	West Virginia
Darren Feiler	West Washington
Bridgett Bolinger	East Washington
Evelyn Schultz	Wisconsin
Richard Catron	Wyoming



The CPO FAMILY is the official publication of The Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation. \$5.00 of each Supporting Member's annual donation is allocated for the CPO FAMILY subscription. Any item submitted for publication must contain the true name, address and telephone number or email address of the author. *The Editor reserves the right to edit for space considerations or for other reasons as deemed appropriate by the Editor.* © 2020 Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Inc.

CPO FAMILY

Spring - Summer 2020

A Publication of The CPO Foundation

Vol. 30, No. 1

- 4 **COVER STORY:**
*The CPO Foundation
National Honor Guard*
-- by *Steve Dizmon*
- 6 The Legacy continues ...
-- by *Char*
- 8 A Letter from Utah
- 22 Federal News
- 31 Shelby County, Tennessee
- 38 What is the Correctional
Peace Officers Foundation?
- 39 The Journey
-- by *Connie Summers-Humpfrey*

Page 19:
TO BE HONORED AT
PROJECT 2000 XXXI
BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2020

Back Cover:
COBA NYC
Press Release:
Rikers Island Escape
Attempt foiled by two
COBA NYC
Correction Officers

STATES' NEWS

- 9 New York
12 Oklahoma
13 Virginia
14 Texas
17 Georgia/West Virginia
18 California
20 Florida
21 North Dakota/
Mississippi
24 Missouri
25 Arkansas
26 North Carolina
28 Colorado
31 Illinois
32 Pennsylvania
33 New Jersey
34 Massachusetts
35 Connecticut/
Vermont/
Rhode Island
36 Montana/Wyoming
37 South Carolina

NOTE:
OUR LIFETIME SPONSORS
are now listed
on our website:
cpof.org

THE CPO FOUNDATION NATIONAL HONOR GUARD

My name is Steve Dizmon, retired from the California Department of Corrections and National Honor Guard Commander for 17 years. I was asked to write about how the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation National Honor Guard was formed.

In 1990, The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF) began hosting an annual four-day gathering for Correctional Officers and families called **Project 2000**. The focal event of that **Project**, and of every **Project 2000** gathering since, is a National Memorial Ceremony to recognize those men and women in the Corrections profession who lost their lives in the line of duty in the preceding year. Surviving family members are invited as honored guests of the CPO Foundation, and Honor Guards from Correctional Facilities or Departments across the nation participate in the Memorial Ceremony.

As I mentioned, from 1990 to 2007, I was the Commander who organized the Honor Guards that attended **Project**. After **Project 2000 XVIII** in 2007 in Philadelphia, CPOF Board of Directors Secretary Mr. Larry Corby approached me and said we needed to form a CPOF **National** Honor Guard with our own uniforms and colors. He commissioned me then and there to get it done!

Thus, at Project 2000 XIX in 2008 in San Francisco, California we advertised that we were interviewing candidates for the CPOF National Honor Guard. Thirty Correctional Officers filed an application; nine were selected: two from California, two from Nevada, two from Mississippi, two from New York and one from Pennsylvania. In February 2009 the nine recruits reported to CPOF Headquarters in Sacramento, California for uniform fittings and National Honor Guard training.

The CPOF National Honor Guard, all ten of us, made our debut with our black uniforms and gold piping at **Project 2000 XX** in 2009 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Memorial Ceremony took place at "America the Beautiful Park." Pike's Peak is prominent in the background, while the park's unique sculpture, a slowly rotating circular fountain, provided a dramatic setting for our ceremony. With flags

billowing in the wind, accoutrements glinting in the sun, and the 21-gun rifle volley followed by the playing of "Taps," I was proud of our National Honor Guard. From that time on I was honored with the title of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation National Honor Guard Commander.

Over the next ten CPOF Project events – 2000 XXI in Buffalo through 2000 XXX in Louisville -- we recruited fifteen more Officers for a total of 24 Honor Guard members, plus five Bagpipers. The troops are not compensated in any way -- they burn their own time to attend the National Memorial Ceremonies and to participate in annual training sessions at the CPOF Headquarters in Sacramento, California.

The troops have dedicated many hours improving the National Honor Guard. I am immensely proud of them because they now have national recognition for professionalism and talent, and have learned to serve as ambassadors to the public, present a positive image of our profession, and demonstrate love and compassion for the surviving families.

The National Honor Guard would not exist without the help and backing of the CPO Foundation Board of Directors. As noted above, one of the Directors, Mr. Larry Corby, was the leading force behind establishing an Honor Guard and with his assistance the Honor Guard came to be recognized as the only Corrections **National** Honor Guard. Of course, we could not succeed without Rachel Lee, CPOF Office Administrator, and the CPOF Headquarters Staff. Also, you probably have heard the saying that behind every good man is a better woman. Well, another driving force that kept me organized and determined was my wife, Linda Dizmon, also a member of the Honor Guard. She kept me focused and assisted me several times as we navigated various issues throughout various **Project** events.

Over time members of the National Honor Guard came and went for various reasons, but the supervisory staff was stable. Through the years they did more and more of the actual training and carried the workload, while increasingly all I did was supervise. Then in the fall of the year 2019 I realized I needed to step down and surrender my sword to a new Commander. This

THE CPO FOUNDATION NATIONAL HONOR GUARD

was a difficult decision to make but make it I did and tendered my resignation to the CPOF Board of Directors on November 7, 2019.

I **recommended** that a retired Captain from the State of Massachusetts Honor Guard, Raymond Gonsalves Jr. , be appointed as the new Correctional Peace Officers Foundation Honor Guard Commander. Ray has the knowledge and talent to lead the Honor Guard to higher goals. Recognizing these qualities, the CPOF Board approved my recommendation.

Commander Gonsalves Jr. will be true and in all ways live up to the CPO Foundation's motto: "Taking Care of Our Own."



At right: Steve and Linda Dizmon



**Raymond
Gonsalves**



**Sedrick
Ware**



**Steve
Perrine**



**Thomas
Ewell**



**Duke
Juanitas**



**Robert
Dunn**



**Howard
Dowdell**



**Brian
James**



**Tony
Mosby**



**Tony
Perez**



**William
Stranahan**



**Roy
Hilliard, Jr.**



**Kevin
Costello**



**Angela
Lujan**



**Maria
Chandler**



**Tania
Arguello**



**Gil
Arizmendi III**

The Legacy continues ...

by Char



On January 24, 2020 another class, numbering 228, of dedicated young men and women (pictures above) joined the field of Law Enforcement and became sworn Correctional Peace Officers with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. To be a strong Officer you must possess core values of Integrity, Honor, Loyalty, Character and Respect. A part of the Code of Ethics says that, as an Officer, "You must maintain courageous calm in the face of danger."

Among those brave new Correctional Officers is a young man who has displayed those core values and so much more. He is Correctional Peace Officer Steven Gonzalez.

Steven is no stranger to Law Enforcement, as he has many family members who serve or have served in Law Enforcement. They include his father, Correctional Officer Manuel Gonzalez Jr. (pictured below), who sadly on January 10, 2005



was brutally murdered inside the walls of the California Institution for Men. Steven was 17 years old at the time and grieved alongside his

brothers, sisters and other members of his family. Steven's older brother, Mark, later became an El Monte, California Police Officer.

After the murder of Correctional Officer Manuel Gonzalez Jr., Steven's Uncle David decided to honor his brother by becoming a Correctional Officer; he now serves as a Parole Agent. One of Steven's cousins, David Jaimez, also joined the CDCR to carry on his family's legacy. Now on January 24 the Gonzalez family welcomed their newest member to the Law Enforcement Family. Steven was presented his father's badge on stage and he wears it proudly.

CPOF was honored to be there 15 years ago after the tragic loss of Steven's father and to have them as part of our CPOF family ever since. It has been wonderful to watch the children of fallen Officer Gonzalez Jr. grow up and pursue their dreams. I know their father is looking down with pride and watching over each of them.

More on Law Enforcement "Legacy" families: In 1996 Youth Counselor Ineasie Baker, was murdered at YTS (Youth Training School) in Chino, California. Her daughter, Tiffany, joined the Corrections Profession in 1997. At her CDC graduation her dad, retired Correctional Officer Don Baker, pinned her badge on her uniform, another touching moment. Tiffany started her career at California Institution for Women in April of 1999 and became a Parole Agent in February of 2002. In May of 2019 she promoted up the Parole

The Legacy continues ...

**California
Department of
Corrections and
Rehabilitation
Correctional
Officer Steven
Gonzalez (right in
photo); Mark and
Steven's mother,
Sylvia; and
brother
Mark Gonzalez**



**Manny Gonzalez III, Police Officer Mark Gonzalez,
Correctional Officer Steven Gonzalez and
Gustavo Gonzalez**



Gonzalez family members and friends



**CPOF Research Analyst Kim Blakley; Steven's
grandfather, Manny Gonzalez; Steven Gonzalez;
CPOF CEO Charleene Corby; Steven's grandmother,
Bertha; and Gustavo Gonzalez**

ranks to Administrator.

In 1997 Senior C/O Fred Baker was murdered at Bayside State Prison in New Jersey. His son, Jason Baker, joined Law Enforcement and is proudly serving as a New Jersey State Trooper. I often attended the anniversary of Sr. C/O Baker's death, enjoying the memorial ceremony and celebration afterward.

In 1985, right after we received our 501 (c) (3) status with the IRS, Sergeant Howell (Hal) Burchfield was murdered at San Quentin State Prison in California. Sgt. Burchfield left a wife, Barbara, and five children. CPOF was blessed to have Barbara work for us for many years until she had to take a medical retirement. Hal's eldest daughter, Marjorie, became a Correctional Peace Officer and is currently working at Folsom State Prison. Marjorie has told me that she will be

retiring this October.

In 2010, Sr. Corrections Officer John Paskewicz Sr. of Maine Correctional Center suffered a fatal heart attack during a training exercise. His son, John Paskewicz Jr., is a Sergeant at Maine CC and was with his father when the heart attack occurred.

Going back many years to 1965, Correctional Officer Clifford Grogan Sr. was killed at SCI Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His son, Clifford Jr., became a C/O and worked at the same facility as his father. Cliff Jr. is now retired. And, although she wasn't a C/O, Cliff's sister, Diane, also worked at SCI Pittsburgh for many years.

Good Luck and Stay Safe!

A Letter from UTAH

December 25, 2019
CPO Foundation,

My name is Lt. Mark A. Ziolkowski and I work for the Utah Department of Corrections. I went through the Fred House Academy in 2004. It was while I was attending the academy that I first learned the story of Lt. Fred House. We watched a documentary that detailed his career with UDC and the incident that led to his "ultimate sacrifice."* This story, combined with other personal experiences, helped me to discover that I wanted to make Corrections my career.

I never knew about the CPO Foundation and the great work all of you accomplish until I was selected by my Deputy Warden to assist him while he was co-chairing a Deputy Wardens Conference in Park City, Utah. It was at this conference that I met Christine House-Paster. She was introduced by the now Warden Shane Nelson. I learned about the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation from Christine and knew right away that I wanted to be a part of this great organization and its important mission.

Never did I imagine that I would need any assistance of my own -- I only wanted to join to help others!

This past October I started to have major issues with my gallbladder. It was only later, after it was removed, that I learned it had been chronically infected and inflamed. This required me to have the surgery even when it is not the safest thing for me. I have had two previous pulmonary embolisms and I am on blood thinners that I will

have to take for the rest of my life. So, I was very nervous about the surgery but I had no choice. Sure enough, three weeks out of surgery I learned through some leg pain at the ER that I had deep vein thrombosis. The next day I began having chest pain and again had to go to the ER where I found out that I had another blood clot in my right lung. This caused a lot of pain and difficulty breathing for the third time in my life. It has been more painful with each occurrence.

With all the doctor visits, surgery and three ER visits we began to worry about how we were going to pay all the bills. One of the hardest things to do, at least for me, is to ask for help. I knew about the Foundation's catastrophic assistance program but I did not want to put in for it. I felt I might be taking funds away from someone else who might need it more. Even so, I emailed Christine House-Paster whom I had already met and spoken with on two previous visits. She made me feel important and that my request was important. It was so nice to be assured that my need was "OK" and that I would not be taking aid away from anyone else.

The Foundation provided some wonderful relief during a very stressful Holiday Season this year for my family and me that we will never forget. I want to express my deep appreciation for all that the Foundation is and does for every Correctional professional across the country!!

Lt. Mark A Ziolkowski and Family
Nephi, Utah

*Lieutenant Fred House was shot and killed on January 28, 1988 while participating in a tactical raid to end a standoff. A man had blown up an LDS Ward House using 87 sticks of dynamite. The man, along with his two wives, nine children and other family members, barricaded themselves in their home compound for 13 days. After waiting for several days while mediators tried and failed to resolve the situation, Lt. House and a tactical team from the FBI advanced upon the compound. It was then that John Timothy Singer fired upon the Officers, fatally wounding Lt. House. Singer served 25 years in prison.

Lieutenant House's widow, Ann, volunteered for the CPO Foundation for many years as a Utah Representative. As such, Ann regularly attended **Project 2000**, the CPOF's annual gathering and Memorial Ceremony held each June in different cities around the country. Her three children, Seth, Janneke and Christy, attended these June gatherings as well until reaching adulthood. Christy (Christine House-Paster) is now the CPO Foundation's Utah Representative.

NEW YORK



C/O Joylynn Prue, a Supporting Member at Franklin County Jail, was off work for two months recovering from surgery after a heart attack. At left: CPOF New York Representative Jay West, C/O Prue receiving an assistance check and Sergeant Carl Demers, CPOF contact at Franklin County Jail.



Sergeant James Lafave is a Supporting Member at Ogdensburg CF. His wife, Ann, passed away from liver cancer on August 25, 2019. Ann had suffered a stroke five years earlier, and subsequently had several heart attacks. The liver cancer diagnosis was made in March of 2019. Above: Ann with Sergeant Lafave and Ann's niece, Madison.

Below: Three Marcy CF Supporting Members that we helped after they all suffered severe damages to their homes and possessions from the strong winds, heavy rainfall and flooding that struck the area last autumn:



Left: C/O Darrin Dean and C/O Joe Spina, CPOF Contact at Marcy CF.

Below left: Jay West; C/Os Joseph Loconti and Joshua Crowe; and C/O Spina.



C/O Jared Spinner is a Supporting Member at Altona CF. In July of 2019 C/O Spinner had a serious accident at home in which he cut his left hand very badly. It looked like he might lose the use of two of his fingers. C/O Spinner was airlifted to a hospital in Rochester, NY, 300 miles away from his home in Malone, NY. The good news is that doctors were able to repair the injuries, and after having physical therapy C/O Spinner was able to return to work. Above: Jay West, C/O Spinner with his CPOF assistance check and C/O Brad Dupell, CPOF contact at Altona CF.



NEW YORK continued next page

NEW YORK



Office Assistant Nancy Pulsifer, a Supporting Member at Clinton CF, had a tumor growing inside her left femur that required surgery at the University of Vermont. Left: O/A Pulsifer receiving a CPOF check from Jay West.



Right: Jay West presented a CPOF check to Chris Trombley, Recreation Program Leader at Clinton CF, whose daughter, Aria, had surgery to correct some eye issues. Also pictured are Mrs. Trombley (Brittany) and their son, Dayne.



C/O Eugene Yelle of Mid-State CF and his family were displaced from their home due to a fire in May of 2020. Officer Yelle is pictured here receiving a CPOF assistance check from Sergeant Nick Petronella, CPOF Contact at Mid-State CF.

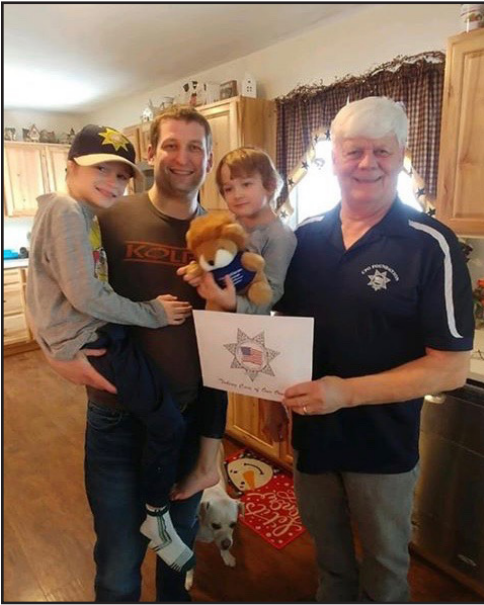


Jay West presented a check to C/O Josh Bennett, a Supporting Member at Bare Hill CF, whose five-month-old [as of February 2020] daughter, Anna, suffered from severe eczema with infections. Also pictured: Bare Hill CPOF contact C/O Mike O'Hare.



CPOF contact for Greene CF C/O Jason Guilbeault (above, at right) presented an assistance check to C/O Kyle Anastasio, whose right hand and wrist were seriously injured in a car accident in September. C/O Anastasio had to have several surgeries to repair the bone damage and lost many weeks of work as a result. We are very glad to report that C/O Anastasio has recovered and is back on duty.

NEW YORK



(Left) In February of 2020 Jay West presented an assistance check to C/O Adam Plumb of Clinton CF whose six-year-old son, Caiden, was scheduled for the first of what would be three surgeries in San Antonio, Texas to correct a birth defect affecting his right ear and ear canal. Also pictured is Caiden's little brother, Brodi (and one of the family dogs). Brodi is holding a CPOF "Leo Lion" stuffed toy.



C/O Tim Hammond is a Supporting Member at Washington CF. His youngest daughter, Lydia, was born last July with a congenital heart defect. She had surgery on August 23, 2019 at Boston Children's Hospital. Above: Jay West presented C/O Hammond with a CPOF check to help with the travel expenses involved.

Dear CPOF,

Last April, I suddenly lost the use of my left leg. I was admitted to the hospital and underwent emergency spinal surgery. This was unexpected to say the least and something we hadn't planned for. Thankfully the surgery was a success and I have since regained almost full use of my leg.

I would like to thank CPOF for being there for us during a period of such uncertainty. Your generous gift was put to good use in offsetting our expenses. I pray that this will be the first and last time we will benefit from your generosity but we are so thankful for it.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you've done and all you continue to do for our families.

God Bless,

Lisa Spina, wife of C/O Joe Spina
of Marcy CF.

C/O Joe Spina is the CPOF contact at Marcy CF. We are very pleased to know that Lisa's surgery was a success!



C/O Andrew Varin is a Supporting Member at Mid-State CF. C/O Varin's house whose house suffered major damage from a flood in the fall of 2019. All possessions were lost and the house was uninhabitable. Above: C/O Varin receiving a CPOF assistance check from Sergeant Nick Petronella.

Oklahoma



Left: Administrative Program Officer I Susan Fullerton of Kate Barnard CC was diagnosed with breast cancer. She underwent surgery and radiation treatments. CPOF Oklahoma Representative Debbie Moore requested assistance for APO I Fullerton with her considerable out-of-pocket expenses. Left: Warden Jeff Dunkin and APO I Fullerton with her CPOF check.

Right: Case Manager Robert Jaggars is a Supporting Member at John Lilley CC. The Jaggars's home caught on fire in October 2019, causing severe damage to the main bathroom. The rest of the house sustained smoke damage. Pictured: Deputy Warden Deon Clayton, CM Jaggars and Debbie Moore.



CSM I James Robertson, a Supporting Member at JBCC, passed away unexpectedly at home on October 10, 2019. Left: Debbie Moore; James's widow, Brenda, with her CPOF bereavement assistance check; and Chief of Security Leonard Howard.



At the recommendation of Warden Natalie Cooper and Debbie Moore, Case Manager Ayesha Hicks of Eddie Warrior CC received bereavement assistance from the CPOF. Her husband, Michael, passed away from cancer. Above: Deputy Warden Margaret Roper, Ayesha Hicks, Debbie Moore and Ayesha's daughter, Emory Bertsch.



CSO II Brittany Robertson is employed at Lindsay Medical Security Unit. In April of 2020 CSO II Robertson's mobile home trailer caught fire, resulting in major damage and the displacement of Brittany and her three children. CSO II Robertson, wearing a "COVID-19" mask, is pictured here with her CPOF assistance check.

Virginia



Superintendent Lafayette Fleming, a Supporting Member at Red Onion State Prison, passed away in his home from an apparent heart attack. At left: Supt. Fleming's son, Alex, and widow, Jennifer, receiving a bereavement assistance check

At right: The Fleming family: Jennifer; daughter, Destiny; Supt. Fleming; Alex; and daughter, Maddie.



Administrator Michelle Ford of Dillwyn Correctional Center received an assistance check after she lost her home and all belongings in a house fire. Above: Michelle with her son, Calix, and daughter, Sidra.



OSA Cathy Meade of Red Onion SP sustained serious injuries in a car accident last September. She suffered broken ribs, a broken leg and bruising to her spleen.

OSA Meade had surgery to place a stabilizer in the broken leg. Above: Husband Sgt. David Meade, OSA Meade and Captain James Blevins.



Senior C/O Christopher Haga of Bland CC sustained multiple injuries in a "4-wheeler" accident. He suffered many broken bones, including three in his neck, that resulted in his having two

surgeries and wearing a neck brace for months. Above: Major Jason Watts and Senior C/O Haga.

OSA Phyllis Blankenship of Bland CC Phyllis underwent treatment for breast cancer. Right: OSA Blankenship and Wendy Baur, CPOF Representative for Virginia.



TEXAS



C/O IV Brenda Burns is a Supporting Member at Eastham Unit. Her husband, Darrell, passed away on October 9, 2019. HRS IV Teri Swanson requested bereavement assistance from the CPOF for C/O IV Burns. Above: Assistant Warden Kenneth Hutto, C/O IV Burns with her CPOF check, CPOF Texas Rep Cathy Stokes and Captain Farrell.



Clerk I Donna Goldhawk, also of Eastham Unit, was diagnosed with breast and lung cancer in October of 2019. Her treatments took place at MD Anderson Hospital, 86 miles one way from her home. As with C/O IV Brenda Burns (left), HRS IV Teri Swanson recommended Clerk I Goldhawk for assistance with her out-of-pocket expenses. Above: Assistant Warden Kenneth Hutto, Clerk I Goldhawk, Warden Donald Muniz and Cathy Stokes.



C/O V Karen Haynes is a Supporting Member at Darrington Unit. Her husband, Joseph, died from prostate cancer in July of 2019. Above: Warden Bruce Armstrong, C/O V Karen Haynes receiving a CPOF bereavement assistance check, and CPOF Texas Representative Kelli Forrester.



Left: On November 26, 2019 C/O IV Judy Borne, a Supporting Member at Stringfellow Unit, perished in a vehicle accident when going home after the end of her shift. Her mother, Theresa Gay, received a CPOF bereavement check, as pictured here. Others pictured: Captain L. Jones, Warden B. Hayes, Linda Thurmond (Officer Borne's daughter), Theresa Gay, Kelli Forrester and Assistant Warden F. Gordon.



C/O Marilyn Taylor is a Supporting Member at Hamilton Unit. Her grandson was born prematurely and passed away just hours after birth. Sr. Warden Jerry Rayford requested assistance with funeral costs for C/O Taylor. Above: Sr. Warden Rayford, C/O Taylor receiving her bereavement assistance check, Kelli Forrester and Assistant Warden Blake Lamb.



caught on fire while her children were cooking. There was smoke damage throughout the house. The check helped her with expenses to repair the kitchen. A lot of the work was done by Duncan Unit staff.

Matt McClarin, Senior Warden
Duncan Unit

Right: LM III Ricky Robertson is a Supporting Member at Eastham Unit. His wife underwent open heart coronary artery bypass surgery on August 12, 2019 and was unable to return to work until October 1, 2019. HRS IV Teri Swanson recommended assistance for LM III



Robertson with extra medical bills and other out-of-pocket expenses. Pictured: Eastham Unit Asst. Warden Kenneth Hutto, LM III Robertson, Cathy Stokes and Assistant Warden Johnson.



Left: Program Supervisor Terry Pickett is a Supporting Member at the TDCJ's ARRMS Division. His daughter, Kristin, passed away on November 14, 2019. He is pictured here (center) with his CPOF bereavement assistance check.

Also pictured: Marvin Dunbar, Deputy Director of the AARMS Division and Kelvin Scott, Director of the AARMS Division (recently retired).

Dear Cathy [Stokes],

This is a picture of Warden Norsworthy and me presenting a CPOF check to Mrs. Dorothy Robinson CMT. Her kitchen

C/O III Sunnee Love of Darrington Unit lost everything in an apartment fire in late November of 2019. Assistant Warden Angela



Chevalier recommended assistance for C/O Love, who is pictured above receiving her CPOF check from Warden Bruce Armstrong, Assistant Warden Chevalier and Assistant Warden James Powers.

TEXAS



C/O V. T. Staton of Beto Unit lost his wife, Mina, on December 15, 2019. Beto Unit HRA Kelly Shay recommended bereavement assistance for C/O Staton, who is pictured above with Assistant Warden Terry Burson, HR Specialist Kelly Shay and Senior Warden Keith Gorsuch.



Sergeant Jehovah Cruz, a Supporting Member a San Saba Unit, lost his home and all belongings in a house fire. Above: Sgt. Cruz (center) with Lieutenant Paige Moore, Major Karla Bailey, Sergeant Mark Ralston and C/O Candace Cagle.



C/O V Robert Flanagin is a Supporting Member at Byrd Unit. His 17-year-old son, Joshua, was killed in an auto accident in January 2020, and Byrd Unit Warden Warren Worthy recommended bereavement assistance for C/O V Flanagin. At the check presentation: Warden Worthy, C/O V Flanagin, Assistant Warden Jones and Cathy Stokes.



Cathy and Kelli,

Thank you and the entire staff of CPOF so much for helping Monica during this tough time. Here is a photo of Deputy Director Charlene Trentham presenting Monica Shepherd with her check.

Tiffany Lumpkin, Executive Assistant Training and Leader Development Division Clerk I Shepherd works at the TDCJ Training and Leader Development Division. She and her family were displaced from their home when a tornado caused considerable water damage to the house from broken pipes, roof leaks, etc.

Georgia



Sergeant Vander Holliday of Jefferson State Prison suffered a stroke in October 2019 and has been unable to return to work.* Above: Sgt. Holliday (center) with Warden Calvin Oliphant and Deputy Warden Stanley Williams.



Starting in early 2015, C/O Jemal Stephens, a Supporting Member at McEver Probation Detention Center, suffered from an ulcer on his left foot resulting from diabetes. His condition worsened over time so that on February 20, 2020 C/O Stephens had to have his left toe amputated. Above: C/O Stephens receiving a CPOF assistance check from Superintendent Tracy McIntyre.

West Virginia



CFC I Sheila Withrow, a Supporting Member at Denmark CC, suffered a stroke in January. Her time away from work was undetermined at the time. Above: Superintendent Mark Williamson; CFC I Withrow; and her manager, Associate Superintendent 2 Sylvia Haney.

To Ms. Barone and Company,

Thank you for your assistance this fall for my family and me. It is greatly appreciated. I retired on December 1, 2019 after 31 years and 10 months in Corrections. I am currently working court security at the Lewis County Courthouse in West Virginia. Please give a big thanks to Ray Wagoner (CPOF West Virginia Representative).

Sincerely,

Brian McClain

In September 2019 Captain Brian McClain, a Supporting Member at NCRJ, was punched by an inmate, causing Captain McClain to lose balance and fall heavily on a dayroom table. He sustained two fractured ribs, a punctured lung and a lower vertebra fracture.

California



Lieutenant Michael Wilber was a Supporting Member at Pelican Bay State Prison. He passed away from heart failure on September 30, 2019. Above: Lt. Wilbur and his family.

To the CPOF,

I am so humbled and thankful for the check to help with medically-related expenses. My daughter drives me to all my appointments at OHSU in Portland which is a 12-hour round trip drive. There will be many more trips necessitating gas and meal costs, so this check is so welcome.

Again, thank you so much,
Teresa Throop

Correctional Analyst Teresa Throop who works in Administration at Pelican Bay SP was diagnosed with cancer in March of 2020. She had been traveling to Portland, Oregon for treatments.

Dear Ms. Christina Labio,

My family and I would like to thank you and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for being there for us in our time of need. I had emergency back surgery and was off work for two months without pay. The generous financial assistance you provided took a lot of stress from us.

We are proud to be members of the Foundation and greatly appreciate your gift.

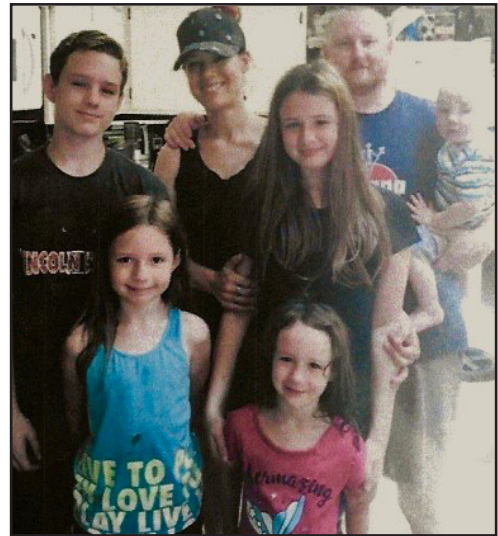
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Juan Gonzalez

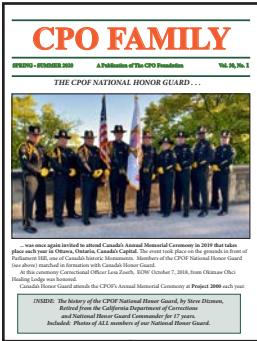
CSATF Correctional Officer

C/O Juan Gonzalez is a Supporting Member at CSATF.



C/O Mark Ziegler, also of Pelican Bay SP and a Supporting Member, had surgery in June of 2019 to remove cancerous growths from one of his feet. A CAT scan after the surgery revealed that the cancer had spread to his bones, including his femur, spine and clavicle. Sadly, the extent of the metastization was such that C/O Ziegler could not survive and he passed away in September of 2019. His widow, Sabrina, received a CPOF bereavement assistance check to help with the funeral expenses. Above: C/O Ziegler with Sabrina and their five children: Ayden, Ava, Annika, Abby and Aric.

TO BE HONORED AT PROJECT 2000 XXXI



Adult Probation Officer
 Russell Salazar
 Kendall County Community
 Supervision & Corrections
 Texas
 EOW: January 31, 2019



Detention Officer
 Gene "Jim" Lee
 Lower Buckeye Jail
 Maricopa County
 Sheriff's Office
 Arizona
 EOW: October 30, 2019



Correctional Officer II
 Ronald Cooper
 Wynne Unit
 Texas Department
 of Criminal Justice
 EOW: May 11, 2019



Senior Officer Specialist
 Andrew Douglas
 Federal Correctional
 Institution - Tallahassee
 Federal Bureau of Prisons
 Florida
 EOW: November 6, 2019



Correctional Officer
 Pedro J. Rodriguez-Mateo
 Ponce Maximum Security
 Facility
 Puerto Rico Department
 of Corrections
 and Rehabilitation
 EOW: August 1, 2019



Sergeant Joshua Voth
 Fremont Correctional Facility
 Colorado Department
 of Corrections
 EOW: December 4, 2019

From the Past



Correctional Administrator
 Debra Johnson
 West Tennessee Region
 Tennessee Department
 of Correction
 EOW: August 7, 2019



Civilian Prison Worker -
 Storekeeper
 Huron Valley Men's Facility
 Michigan Department
 of Corrections
 EOW: February 5, 1996

Florida

Sergeant Lauren Lee ~ EOW: December 12, 2019

On December 21, 2019 a Going Home celebration was held for Lauren Lee, Correctional Officer Sergeant from Zephyrhills Correctional Institution, a fallen hero. Lauren Lee was a Correctional Officer who lost her life at the hands of a drunk driver. On December 12, 2019 she was on her way home from work to enjoy a three-day weekend. Sadly, she never made it to her earthly home.

Hundreds of friends, family and co-workers, along with Officers from local Sheriff Offices and Police Departments attended the celebration, as well as over 100 Correctional Staff that she had worked with. As I sat and



Left to right: Sgt. Thomas Ewell, CPOF National Honor Guard; Officer Leticia Chavez, Officer James Schooler, Sgt. Denise Bedgood, Sgt. Zachery Bandl and Sgt. Jeffrey Eaton, all of the Sumter CI Honor Guard; William Stranahan, CPOF National Honor Guard; and Jim Freeman, CPOF Florida Field Representative.



listened to the family members, friends and co-workers who spoke, there was no doubt that Sergeant Lee was special not only to each and every person present, but also, it seemed, to each and every person she had come in contact with on her life journey.

William Stranahan and Sergeant Tommy Ewell represented the CPOF National Honor Guard. CPOF Florida Field Representative Jim Freeman was present as well to pay last respects to Sergeant Lauren Lee.

-- Jim Freeman

Left: Sgt. Zachery Bandl of the Sumter CI Honor Guard and Sgt. Tommy Ewell of the CPOF National Honor Guard prepare the flag for presentation to the Lee family.

Sergeant Mark Harden is a Supporting Member at Union CF. His wife, Julie, passed away on February 13, 2020.

Sergeant Harden is pictured here (second from left) receiving a CPOF bereavement assistance check. With him are Union CI Warden Travis Lamb, Jim Freeman, Colonel Jeff Lindsey and Major E. Biaschochea.



Florida

From Jim Freeman:

On behalf of the CPOF Board of Directors and its Supporting Members, we were honored to present an assistance check to Region II Correctional Services Consultant Matthew Daly. Matt has been dealing with some medical issues over the past several months.



We will keep Matt and his family in our thoughts and prayers while on his medical journey.

Above: Region II Correctional Services Consultant Matthew Daly (left) and Assistant Regional Director Tony Anderson.

CSC Daly was diagnosed with throat cancer and underwent eight weeks of daily treatments in Gainesville, Florida.



Classification Officer Leo Scott, a Supporting Member at Marion CF, had a total thyroidectomy in March of 2020. He is currently on FMLA. Lisa Avant, Warden Varnes's Secretary, requested assistance for Officer Scott with his out-of-pocket medical bills. Above: Assistant Warden Lloyd Burke, Officer Scott, Warden Varnes and Lisa Avant.

North Dakota



C/O II Jerry Heck of North Dakota State Penitentiary was assaulted by an inmate who punched him in the face repeatedly. C/O II Heck suffered an orbital fracture as a result and was off work for ten days. Above: C/O II Heck (center) receiving a CPOF assistance check, Director Leann Bertsch (left) and Warden Colby Braun.

Mississippi



Branch Director Lisa Herndon is a Supporting Member at Southern Mississippi CI. Her daughter, Ashley, passed away in November of 2019. Warden Georgia Shelby recommended Branch Director Herndon for assistance with funeral and other costs. Above Branch Director Herndon and Warden Shelby.

Federal News



C/O Robert Olsen, pictured at left, was a Supporting Member at FCC Florence. On September 10, 2019 C/O Olsen collapsed in the institution’s parking lot and was found unconscious. He was transported to the hospital where he spent 13 days in ICU, then several days in a “step down” room. He was sent home but soon was readmitted to the hospital for several more days.

C/O Olsen, his family’s only source of income, was unable to return to work and was very weak and sick. He was scheduled to have a biopsy on November 7, 2019 but, sadly, passed away on October 25, 2019.

Information Technician Christopher Ducote is a Supporting Member at FCC Oakdale. In August of 2019 his (then) three-year-old daughter, Charlee, was diagnosed with Status Epilepticus, a condition that causes severe seizures. Charlee was put on seizure medications that she had to take three times daily. She had to see a specialist at MD Anderson Children’s Hospital in Houston, 258 miles from home. Vanessa Gautreaux recommended assistance for IT Ducote to help with the many expenses incurred from traveling to and from the hospital.



IT Ducote sent us this charming picture (above right) of Charlee, smiling and giving a “thumb’s up” sign from her hospital bed; and, at left, a picture of the Ducote family: Christopher, wife Kerra, and daughters Ally and Charlee on a trip to Disney World.



C/O Dustin Chicko, a Supporting Member at USP Big Sandy, passed away on September 28, 2019 after a long battle with cancer. Above: A family photo of C/O Chicko; his wife, Amie; and their children, Morrison, Luis, Carlo, Cormella and Morcello.



SIA Kerry Jackson of FCC Pollock received a CPOF bereavement assistance check after his wife, Jennifer, died unexpectedly in late July of 2019. Above: Richard Logan, President of Local 1034; SIA Jackson; and Donna Hughley of Local 1034.

C/O Colin Love, a Supporting Member at FCC Forrest City, and his family were displaced from their home due to a strong storm with high winds that caused several trees to fall on it. The house was completely destroyed.

Right: C/O Love; his wife, Monica; son, Cason; and CPOF Federal Representative Annie Norman.



To the CPOF,

Words cannot express our appreciation for the check and gift cards. This is truly a blessing to us! I was devastated when I heard the diagnosis of breast cancer, but your kindness has brightened my spirits.

Thank you so much,
Stephanie & Evan Rhodes

Specialist Stephanie Rhodes is a Supporting Member at FCI Pekin. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2019. At the time of her writing, Stephanie was undergoing chemo treatments to be followed by surgery. Above: Specialist Rhodes and her son, Evan, (with a furry friend).

Dear Ms. Blakley,

My name is Anthony Valencia. I am a Senior Officer at the Federal Correctional Complex in Lompoc, CA. One of our many duties as Correctional Officers is to provide supervision, care and correctional treatment of inmates. Therefore, I am qualified as a Basic Prisoner Transportation (BPT) Officer and member of the Disturbance Control Team.

My daughter, Aria Valencia, is five years old. Aria was born with Transesophageal Fistula (TEF), a rare condition that was not diagnosed before birth. It is a rare birth defect in which the esophagus (the tube that connects the throat with the stomach) does not develop normally. My daughter had her first surgery at two days old to repair her esophagus. It is hard for TEF babies to drink anything, let alone eat anything when they get older. Her next surgery was the insertion of a gastrostomy tube (G-tube). It's a tube inserted through the belly that brings nutrition directly to her stomach. It's one of the ways to make sure kids who have trouble eating to get the fluids and calories that they need to grow. Aria is

now, at the age of five, eating more and more each day. She has come a long way and I know soon she will not have to depend on her G-tube.

We were under the impression that our insurance was going to cover more than it actually did for my daughter's medical supplies. It turned out to be an error in the billing departments.

On behalf of my family and myself, we are honored for the generous donation we received from the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, Kim Blakley, and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for putting some ease on the burden placed on us. And, on behalf of all Correctional Officers, we appreciate the time and dedication the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation provides to keep on TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN.

Sincerely,

Anthony Valencia, Santa Maria, CA
C/O Valencia is a Supporting Member. We thank him for this encouraging letter and are very pleased to know that Aria is doing so much better.

Missouri

NECC FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT for CPOF

On September 26, 2019 NECC held its first Golf Tournament to raise money for CPOF. It turned out to be a great day with a great group of people playing. We had teams from JCCC, WERDCC, 2 teams outside of NECC and numerous NECC employees with friends or family. On this day alone we raised \$3100.00 which puts us over the goal we set! We truly appreciate everyone that has supported this event and hope to have another one next year!



Recreation was the winning team with a score of 7 under Par. The JCCC team also scored 7 under Par, but they lost the match based on a play off drawing.



You represented NECC very well.....GOOD GAME !!

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

Missouri



C/O I Michelle Tucker of Women’s Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center suffered a knee injury and was off work for several months on LWOP. Above: C/O I Tucker receiving a CPOF check from Deputy Warden Todd Francis. AOSA Cynthia Shepherd recommended C/O I Tucker for assistance.



C/O III Jason Booker of SCCC had a house fire on April 1, 2020. The house was severely damaged from the fire itself and water. Above: Warden Michele Buckner presenting C/O III Booker with a CPOF assistance check.

Arkansas

Administrative Assistant I Earlene Edwards, a Supporting Member at East Arkansas Regional Unit, is pictured here (second from right) holding her CPOF assistance check. With her are Arkansas CPOF Field Representative Annie Norman (left), Human Resources Manager Raja



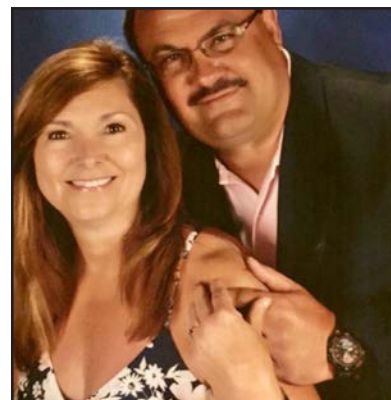
Rogers and Major Jeffery Deen. In January 2020 Earlene developed complications with her eyes causing her lids to close involuntarily, resulting in partial blindness. She underwent surgery but was restricted with her driving and for several weeks had to see a specialist weekly in Little Rock, a trip of 105 miles each way. Earlene exhausted all her time on the books when caring for her husband who passed away from cancer.



Corporal Marvin Doyle, also of East Arkansas Regional Unit, was diagnosed with colon cancer last fall. He had surgery, followed by a series of treatments. While undergoing these procedures Corporal Doyle incurred major out-of-pocket medical expenses. He is pictured here (on the left) with Deputy Warden James Dycus, Jr.* and Annie Norman.

** Since the time of this photo, Mr. Dycus has become the Deputy Warden of Wrightsville Unit (see below).*

Rehabilitation Program Manager Donna Dycus of Ouachita River Unit suffered a heart attack in April of 2020 and was hospitalized. She is the wife of Deputy Warden James Dycus, Jr. of Wrightsville Unit. The CPOF assisted James and Donna, pictured at right, with the out-of-pocket medical expenses they incurred during this time.



North Carolina



On September 6, 2019 C/O III Alfredo Hernandez of Central Prison was on the job when he started having chest pains. He felt that he could not wait to be relieved and so drove himself to the hospital. He had suffered a tear in the ascending lining of his aorta and underwent emergency surgery that lasted 10 hours. As of October 23, C/O Hernandez remained off work and it was unsure when he would return. Left: C/O Hernandez with his CPOF assistance check, as recommended by Laura Matthews, CPOF Representative in North Carolina.

Dear Mrs. Labio,

I would like to thank you and everyone for the assistance and for thinking of me. It means a lot to know that I have a job that's so supportive of me.

Thanks,

Doran Fayson

NCDPS Probation and Paroles Officer Doran Fayson was displaced from her home after it was rendered unlivable after severe damages from a house fire.



C/O III Johnny Lyons of Marion CI was diagnosed with brain and kidney cancer, requiring surgery and chemo treatments. Above: C/O III Lyons with his CPOF assistance check.



Unit Manager II Daniel Gilleon of Burke CI was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer last summer. He was off work for many months undergoing extensive treatments that required him to travel to and from home several times a week. His wife, Nichole, accompanied Daniel to the treatment sites, thereby having to take time away from her work. Above: The Gilleon family: Unit Manager II Gilleon and Nichole; and their children Torry, Eric, Alexis, Ashley and Hailey.

North Carolina

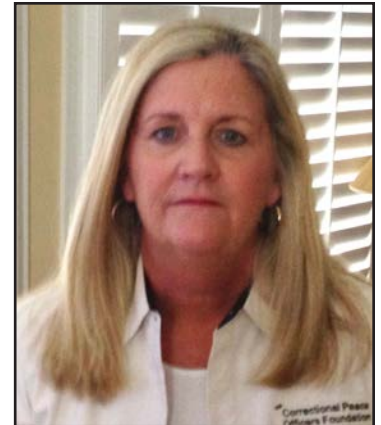
Ms. Labio,

There are no words to express our appreciation for the check from CPOF. It will help immensely with some of the expense incurred during my wife's double transplant. On December 26, (2019) she received a new heart and a new liver. It was a congenital heart defect that led to this 43 years later. It has been a struggle, but things are now better for her. She is in rehab and we think she will be out of the hospital within a couple of months. Please accept our gratitude and thanks to the Foundation.

Sincerely,
Sergeant Tracy Carawan,
Swan Quarter, NC

Sergeant Tracy Carawan works at Hyde CI. During Mrs. Carawan's rehabilitation she had to stay nearby Duke Hospital where she had her surgery, 180 miles away from the Carawans's home.

Hello! This is Laura Matthews. I am proud to be the CPOF's North Carolina Representative, starting in 2013.* I want to tell all of you what we have done in North Carolina over the past seven years.



We have:

- Acquired over 3,100 active Supporting Members.
- Assisted 1,233 North Carolina Correctional families through our Catastrophic Assistance Program, for a total of \$747, 464.00.
- Assisted the surviving families of 13 North Carolina Officers who lost their lives in the Line of Duty, for a total of \$515,000.00.

Five of these Corrections professionals were killed in the year 2017. Four were from the same facility, Posquotank CI. The first to be killed in that terrible year worked at Bertie CI. All were honored at our 2018 Annual National Memorial Ceremony at **Project 2000 XXIX** in Houston, Texas.

These accomplishments were made possible by the loyalty and generosity of our Supporting Members, and by the strong support we receive from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety and throughout the United States.

THANK YOU, ALL!

**Must give a shout-out to my husband, Ricky, who has been my faithful assistant from the very beginning!*

In February 2020 Sergeant Daves, a Supporting Member at Alexander CI, suffered a collapsed artery in the middle of his brain that caused a mini stroke, memory loss and numbing on one side of his body. We are very pleased to know that Sgt. Daves's recovery is progressing so well.

Pictured: Sgt. Daves; his wife, Jessica; their children, Chase and Avery; and the family dog.



Ms. Labio,

I would like to thank you for everything that the CPOF did for me during my medical issue. It means so much to my family and me. Please also express my gratitude to all of the members of the CPOF Board. I have returned to duty and so far, everything "medical wise" has been going great.

Again, thank you so much for taking care of us!
Darren Daves, Correctional Sergeant III

COLORADO



C/O Carla Milburn, a Supporting Member at Limon Correctional Facility, was diagnosed with metastatic liver cancer. She underwent many aggressive treatments at a hospital 116 miles from her home. Sadly, C/O Milburn passed away on December 8, 2019. Above: C/O Milburn (center), with son, Jake, and husband, Bryan.



Probation & Parole Officer Casey Grossnickle of Grand Junction P&P office and his wife, Briana, were both killed in a head-on vehicle accident on October 7, 2019. They left behind four children under the age of 18. Casey's father, Lonnie Grossnickle, was responsible for both funerals and took legal guardianship of all four kids. Above: Casey, Briana, Logan on his high school graduation day in 2018, Landon, Luke and Sasha.



C/O Robert Randolph is a Supporting Member at Sterling CF. His wife, Loretta, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2016. Since then she underwent surgery and other treatments. Unfortunately, the cancer metastasized to other parts of her body including her brain. Loretta lost her battle in December 2019. Above: Robert; Loretta; and children, Victoria and Michael.



C/O John Pena, a Supporting Member at Buena Vista CC, was in a mountain bike accident on October 3, 2019. He suffered right shoulder separation, and had to have surgery and follow-up treatments. He received a CPOF check to help with the considerable out-of-pocket medical expenses he incurred. Above: C/O Pena with his check.



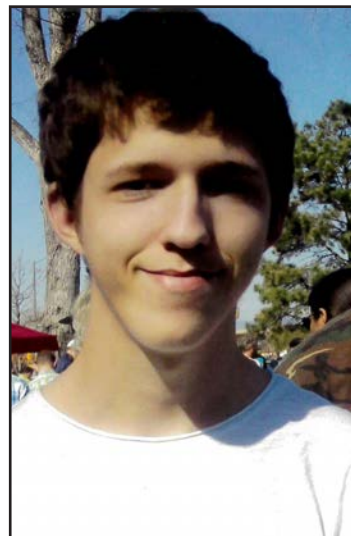
C/O Bobby Walck is a Supporting Member at Fremont CF. His wife, Robin, suffered a stroke in November of 2019 and had to have daily physical therapy C/O Walck lost many days of work staying home to help care for Robin and their three young grandchildren, who they recently had adopted. Above: Warden Siobhan Burtlow, C/O Walck, Guy Edmonds and Guy's wife, Connie.



ACT II Charlie Kuhn works at Colorado Territorial CF. His 10-year-old daughter, Peyton, had spinal surgery in mid October of 2019. Afterward, Peyton had a series of physical therapy treatments, requiring Charlie and his wife to take turns (and thus be off work) taking Peyton to her PT appointments. Above: ACT II Kuhn and Peyton with their CPOF assistance check.



C/O Cassandra Castillo, a Supporting Member at La Vista CF, was diagnosed with MS last July. She suffered many complications, leading to doctor visits, a hospital stay and taking expensive medication. Guy Edmonds presented C/O Castillo with a CPOF check to help with her expenses, as shown in this picture.



Correctional Officer I Jerri Green, a Supporting Member at the Denver Correctional Complex, received bereavement assistance after her only son, 20-year-old Anson (left) passed away from injuries he sustained in a car accident on December 20, 2019.

COLORADO continued next page

COLORADO



To the CPOF,

I, Sergeant J. Gold, wanted to write you and say thank you very much from my family and me. The assistance check is very appreciated. I am very grateful for all the support from my co-workers at the Buena Vista Correctional Complex, as well as

Warden Jason Lengerich, Mr. Guy Edmonds and the CPO Foundation.

Once again, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. Stay healthy, safe, and God Bless you all.

Sincerely,

Jeanny Gold

Sgt. Jeanny Gold, a Supporting Member at Buena Vista CC, has had multiple medical issues since January of 2019. In June she underwent surgery to repair a rotator cuff, then was having continuous back and hip pain. Sgt. Gold had hip replacement surgery on November 4, 2019. All of her doctors' appointments and surgery took place in Denver, 124 miles from her home.



Teacher Mary Gagliardi, another Supporting Member at Buena Vista CC, suffered a dog bite on November 3, 2019. The bite became infected and she was hospitalized in Denver, 140 miles from her home, for four days on IV antibiotics. Above: Associate Warden Bryan Coleman and Guy Edmonda presenting Teacher Gagliardi with a CPOF check to help with her out-of-pocket medical expenses.

C/O Chris Willner is a Supporting Member at Colorado State Prison.

His daughter, Elizabeth, started having breathing difficulties when she was three months old.

Elizabeth was first diagnosed at the hospital with bronchitis. A few days later she was still struggling to breathe so her doctor had her

taken by ambulance to Children's Hospital where she was diagnosed with a renal virus and a double ear infection. Her oxygen levels were at 70%. Lizzy was put on oxygen and had a feeding tube inserted. On January 7, 2020. She was finally able to eat on her own but had to remain in the hospital for a considerable period of time. Above: The Willners' eldest daughter, nine-year-old Leanna, and Lizzy at four months of age.



Shelby County, Tennessee



Correctional Deputy Stephanie Jackson lost her home and belongings in a house fire. Above: CPOF Volunteer Liaison Tora Newton, Deputy Jackson with her CPOF assistance check, Sergeant Michelle Harding and Officer Lashundra Holmes.



Correctional Deputy I Pierre Finnie tore a ligament in his left leg and had to take time off work recovering. Above: CPOF Volunteer Liaison Tora Newton, Captain Lawanda Talley, Sergeant Sereta Stanley, Assistant Chief Takietha Tuggle and (sitting center) Deputy Finnie with his CPOF check.

Illinois



Office Associate Mindy Street works at Robinson Correctional Center. Her husband, Rob, died from pancreatic cancer on September 16, 2019. Above: Executive Secretary Angela Frapp, who recommended OA Street for bereavement assistance; OA Street receiving her CPOF check; and Warden Michelle Neese.



The CPO Foundation just helped my wife and me with a gracious gift after the total loss of our home due to a fire. Not everyone has a job where they have people that help out when a family has a major crisis such as we had. Their kindness is greatly appreciated.

Thank you so very much.

Kevin Aukamp, Vandalia, Illinois
Account Technician I Kevin Aukamp (above) works at Vandalia Correctional Center. Kevin and his wife, Crystal, lost their home and belongings in a house fire on December 28, 2019. Crystal was in the house sleeping when the fire happened. Thankfully, she was able to make it out of the house and get help.

Pennsylvania



Food Service Instructor Christopher Kantz works at SCI Somerset. Christopher's six-year-old son, Levi, suffers from hearing loss and inner ear complications. He has had several surgeries and is undergoing other medical procedures to treat his condition. This has led to the family incurring many out-of-pocket medical expenses. Above: FSI Kantz receiving a CPOF assistance check

Dear Christina and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation,

Words can't express how grateful we are for the generous monetary assistance. Despite all of the challenges Mark and our family have faced over the past several months, we have been blessed in many ways. God bless you and this wonderful Foundation.

Love,

The Shaffer Family

Lt. Mark Shaffer, employed at SCI Pine Grove, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma last August and was going through a series of treatments.



C/O Jesse Hardesty of SCI Mercer (pictured at right) died on October 1, 2019. His mother, Lynn Becker, was responsible for the funeral expenses. Above: SCI Mercer Superintendent Melinda Adams, Ms. Becker, PSCOA Business Agent Tim Crytzer and PSCOA Mercer President Jason Ellis.



C/O Charles Ellermeyer of Jefferson County had aggressive kidney/bowel cancer. His last day of work was February 2, 2020. He received a CPOF assistance check to help with extra expenses during his treatment. Charles is pictured above with his dog.

Pennsylvania



C/O Derek Spangler of SCI Lancaster had appendicitis requiring an appendectomy that lasted three hours. He was hospitalized for five days and was out of work for approximately eight weeks.

Dear Members,

I want to thank the CPOF for the generous contribution given to help in the loss of my beautiful wife, Lori, on November 5, 2019. My sons, Johnathan (19) and Christopher (14) have had a lot to deal with over the past few months. We stay strong due to the tremendous support we have received from the Correctional Community.

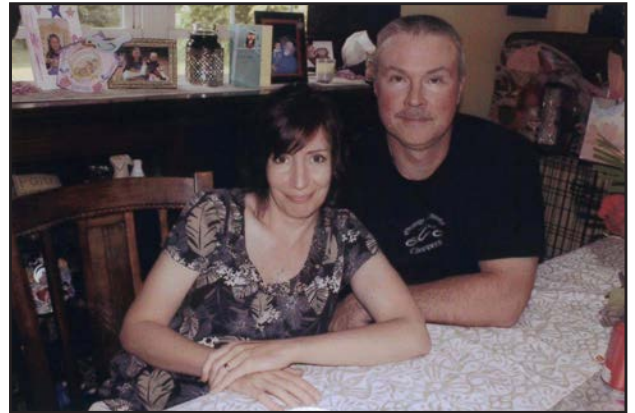
Jonathan is studying to be a Criminal Justice Major at Mercyhurst University. Christopher is looking into becoming an Athletic Director after he finishes high school. I am still walking the blocks in a Correctional facility and it makes me proud to say I have the greatest support program anyone could ask for here in the DOC.

Respectfully,

John C Vargo

CCC Monitor John Vargo works at Progress CCC.

New Jersey



Sgt. Stephen Miller of Bayside State Prison died in a motor vehicle accident in September 2019.

Above: Stephen and his wife, Sharon, who received a bereavement assistance check to help with funeral expenses.

Christina,

Thank you so much for the generous assistance from the CPOF and for your thoughts and prayers. The past year and a half dealing with two different cancers has been emotionally and physically draining. Your organization and people like you have been a tremendous blessing through it all. You are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Bonnie Sides

Senior C/O Bonnie Sides works at New Jersey State Prison. She is also on the PBA 105 Executive Board. She was diagnosed with colon and thyroid cancer. Treatments caused her to be off work for a considerable time.

Massachusetts



surgery. Above: C/O Kelly (left) and C/O Parent (right) with their CPOF assistance checks. Between them is Robert Dunn, retired from the Massachusetts DOC.

On November 7, 2019 C/O Robert Wood, a Supporting Member at Souza Baranowski CC, was assaulted by an inmate, who struck C/O Wood multiple times in the head and slammed his face into a metal door frame. The inmate then wrapped his arms around Officer Woods's neck and slammed him to the floor. Then two other inmates joined in and began kicking and stomping C/O Wood. Once Staff responded to the scene, C/O Wood got to his feet and actually helped to restrain the inmates. C/O Wood was then sent to an outside medical facility to be treated to the many injuries inflicted to his head, face and ribs.

Right: C/O Wood with his CPOF check and Robert Dunn.



My name is Robert Dunn. As you can see, I had the honor of presenting assistance checks to three Officers who were assaulted at Souza Baranowski CC. I retired in 2016 after serving 25 years in the Corrections Profession for the Massachusetts Department of Corrections. I retired as a Lieutenant from MCI Norfolk. I had the privilege of serving on the Honor Guard, Special Operations Tactical Unit and Employee Assistance Unit as the Coordinator of the Military Peer Support Program.

I have been a Supporting Member of CPOF for many years and proudly became a part of the CPOF National Honor Guard Team in 2017. In February of this year we had a two-day practice at the main office in Sacramento, California. We proudly welcomed C/O Shauntia Brown from Shelby County in Tennessee as

a new CPOF Honor Guard member. We practice each year to prepare for our National Memorial Service which, sadly, due to the virus has been postponed to September 3-6 in Bloomington, Minnesota.

When we can regain our "new normal" I plan to continue addressing the Academies and visit prisons in Massachusetts. If you are already a Supporting Member – thank you. It's because of individuals like you that we able to assist Officers like those above. If you are not a Supporting Member and you are reading this publication for the first time, check out our web page and download an application.

*Thank you.
R.D.*

Connecticut

December 19, 2019

Seasons Greetings to the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation.

I am Lieutenant John Dyson, State of Connecticut Department of Correction.

I want to thank you for your gift to my family and me with respect to the passing of my wife, Denise, on November 19, 2019.

I have witnessed your generosity from the time I first joined the CPOF in 2005 when I was a Correction Officer with the State of Maryland Division of Correction. Officer David Warren McGuinn was murdered in July 2006 and the CPOF invited his family to their June 2007 Annual National Memorial Ceremony where Officer McGuinn was honored. CPOF also provided the McGuinn family with their substantial death benefit.*

I thank you again, and look forward to being a help whenever I can.

From the Dysons, we thank you.

Lieutenant John Dyson is a Supporting Member at Brooklyn CI. John's wife, Denise, passed away due to complications from cancer.

The CPO Foundation also assisted the family of C/O Jeffery Wroten of Roxbury CI, State of Maryland Division of Correction, who died in the line of duty on January 27, 2006 and was also honored at the June 2007 Memorial Ceremony.

Several years earlier, we had assisted the family of C/O Gregory Collins of Eastern CI, State of Maryland Division of Correction, who lost his life in the line of duty on June 4, 2001.



C/O Christopher Thomas, also of Brooklyn CI, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 40 in December 2019. His family received a CPOF bereavement assistance check to put toward funeral expenses. Left: C/O Thomas; his wife, April; and their children, Taylor and Madison.

Vermont



C/O I Jonathan Myers of Southern State lost his home and all belongings in a house fire. Above: C/O Paul Maskell (referring party) presenting C/O Myers with his CPOF assistance check.

Rhode Island



C/O Rene Gauthier is a Supporting Member at Medium Security. He and his family lost their home when lightning struck it on August 19, 2019 during a thunderstorm.

Above: C/O Gauthier (center) with C/O D. Hall and CPOF Rhode Island Representative Manny Leander.

Montana



I want to personally thank you and the CPO Foundation for everything. My family and I appreciate the acknowledgment and assistance that you have given us in this matter. Thank you again for all you have done for me and the rest of this amazing profession. You all are AMAZING!

Sergeant Brett Coughlin works at Montana State Prison. He was in an auto accident on July 18, 2019. Sgt. Coughlin suffered several serious injuries. He had to have surgery on 12/30/19 to repair his left bicep tendon, as it was broken. There were also a few spots on the left labrum in his shoulder that needed to be repaired. He was off work for a couple of months healing and recovering. We are very glad to report that Sgt. Coughlin made a full recovery and started back to work full time in the beginning of March 2020. Left: Warden Lynn Guyer and Sgt. Coughlin with his CPOF assistance check..

Collections Tech Dianne Grant, a Supporting Member at Montana State Prison, has Meniere's disease in her right ear. This affliction is caused by excessive fluid in the inner ear, resulting in recurrent incidents of imbalance. CT Grant had a cochlear implant placed in her right ear in 2013. She was already deaf in her left ear.

In late 2019 she suffered an ear infection that caused a Meniere's attack, resulting in CT Grant losing 25-40% of hearing in her right ear. She needed to have her implant replaced; however, her insurance denied her claim.

Montana Representative Lisa Hunter recommended assistance for CT Grant, who is pictured at right with her CPOF check. With this check and money from her savings account, Dianne was able to order her new cochlear implant processor on May 13, 2020. She is so grateful to be able to get this processor so she can still hear with her right ear.



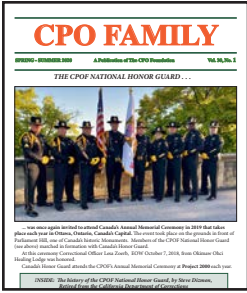
Wyoming



Lt. Dennis Phillips is a Supporting Member at Wyoming State Penitentiary. In early October of 2019 Lt. Phillips and his family lost their home and all their belongings in a house fire.

At left: Warden Curtis Moffat (right) presents Lt. Dennis Phillips with a CPOF assistance check. Also pictured is one of Lt. Phillips's sons, Brent.

South Carolina



As we all know, there is much chaos going on in the world. There are many things we cannot understand, where the world/our lives may be headed. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to dig deeper within ourselves, to see more than what has only been reaching the surface. There is a

marvelous story of a man who once stood before God, his heart breaking from the pain and injustice in the world. "Dear God," he cried out, "Look at all the suffering, the anguish and distress in your world. Why don't you send help?" God responded, "I did send help. I sent you."
 (- David J. Wolpe)

We must stand tall and be that help. During these trying times we must all do our part, to love each other and protect each other during this global pandemic. No greater time than now does the motto of the CPOF apply to us all: "Taking Care of Our Own."

I would like to let the Correctional Staff of South Carolina as well as everyone else in the CPOF family know that you are in my thoughts and prayers daily!
 Gary R. Evans
 Chaplain and South Carolina Field Representative



Truck Driver Lisa Hill is employed by the South Carolina DOC. Truck Driver Hill had a heart attack on February 12, 2020. She was airlifted to a hospital where she received two stents to relieve artery blockage. She remained in ICU for several days. Above: Richard C. Hodgkiss, Director of Support Services & Industries for the SCDOC presented Truck Driver Hill with a CPOF assistance check to help with her substantial medical expenses.



Above: C/O Shawn Moore, a Supporting Member at Broad River CI, underwent surgery to remove one of his toes. He was off work for several months recovering. Gary Evans recommended assistance for C/O Moore during this time. Pictured: Major Carter Gary Evans, C/O Moore and Warden Stephan.



Evans Correctional Institution
 On March 5, 2020, Evans CI Executive Staff presented Lt. Damon Clark (a Supporting Member) with a check from the CPOF. Lt. Clark headed home one morning after work and found that his house had burned down. He and his family lost everything, and they had to move to a hotel for a considerable time. Lt. Clark has been employed with the South Carolina Department of Corrections since December 28, 2005. Above: A/W Hubbard, A/W Gause, Lt. Clark and Warden Stonebreaker (who recommended Lt. Clark for assistance).

What is the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation?

The Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation is a national, non-profit charitable organization created in 1984. The CPO Foundation is dedicated to the preservation and support of the surviving family of Correctional staff who lost their lives in pursuit of their chosen profession of protecting the public from those remanded to Correctional Custody and Supervision in the nation's prisons and jails. Thus, first and foremost:

- The CPO Foundation is devoted to sustaining and assisting, financially and emotionally, the surviving families of Correctional Officers and/or staff who were slain in the line of duty or assaulted at the hands of incarcerated felons.
- The CPO Foundation strives to promote and project a positive image of the modern Corrections profession and its practitioners, both internally and publicly.
- The CPO Foundation hosts an event called **Project 2000** each June that features an annual Memorial Ceremony to honor Correctional Staff across the Nation who have lost their lives in the line of duty.
- The CPO Foundation operates an extensive Catastrophic Assistance Program to assist Correctional Staff and/or their families in times of emergency, extreme personal crisis or other critical needs.
- The CPO Foundation is registered with the Internal Revenue Service under IRC 501 (c)(3), 509 (a)(1) and 170 (b)(1)(a)(vi) Tax ID # 68-0023302. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. The CPO Foundation is headquartered in Sacramento, California.

YOU can become a supporting member of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for as little as a \$5.00 per month donation!

Catastrophic Assistance Program (CAP)

The Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation defines as catastrophic a situation in which an Officer or Correctional Staff member suffers extreme financial hardship as a result of serious illness, injury or other dire event. The majority of the Catastrophic Assistance Program's funds derive from the contributions of the CPOF's Supporting Members. It is therefore prudent and necessary for our Catastrophic Coordinators, along with our contacts at individual facilities, to verify the nature and extent of a financial need.

Remember: You are our "eyes and ears" at your facility. If you know of someone who is in need of assistance due to a recent catastrophic event, contact us at **mail@cpof.org**.

The Journey

by Connie Summers-Humphrey
CPOF California Representative

After reading this issue of the **CPO Family** many are on their next Journey of Life. In mid 1995 a perfect opportunity was set into place for me to become involved with an organization called the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. For those who were lucky enough to have met Jean Smith, the “Grandma” of CPOF, and to work with her, as I did, consider yourself fortunate. Jean was wise and knew her way around the country quite well. Jean’s husband Ed worked at Youth Training School (YTS), later renamed Heman G. Stark Training School. Both Jean and Ed introduced CPOF to the Youth Authority in California.



Jean Smith

After traveling with Jean for a while, I made a decision to become a full time Field Representative to answer a much-needed call, Taking Care of Our Own. Though if it weren’t for the fine CPOF contacts in some of the institutions that took their own time to help me promote CPOF during shift changes, the journey and effort would have been more difficult and challenging.

My duties expanded to other states, Washington with Jean Smith and Colorado with Robert Wright. Robert also introduced me to Virginia where I worked for nearly six years.

Our Field Representative in Ohio is Ms. Sarah Haynes. She is fabulously possessed with class and wisdom, and we two have had some great journeys together. Sarah’s daughter, Bonita, was murdered on

August 6, 1996 while on her job as a Correctional Case Manager at Lima CI. I cannot think of Bonita without also remembering Youth Counselor Ineasie Baker of Heman G. Stark Training School (mentioned above) who was murdered on August 9, 1996, three days after Bonita was killed.

During the last ten years I consider myself fortunate to have joined up with a sensational “guru,” Mr. Charles Bennett. Charlie is retired from CDC and helped me sharpen my skills as a CPOF Representative. He has been an incredible friend, as is Mr. Horace Little who I believe helped groom Charlie. Mr. Little retired after 30 years in Corrections as a Correctional Health Administrator. Horace is in his mid 80’s and has a young mind and heart. The man today continues to travel the world and stays active in martial arts. Wow!

Leaving the best for last is our Charleene Corby, CEO of the CPOF. Char mixes her bowl of compassion, love and concern for all of her Field Reps and creates magic!!!

The road to success is not straight. There are curves, hurdles, cautions and red lights. But if you have a Spare called Determination, an Engine called Perseverance, Insurance called Faith, and a Driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success.



Sarah Haynes



Connie and Charlie



Charleene Corby



CPO Foundation

P. O. Box 348390, Sacramento, CA 95834-8390

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

PRESS RELEASE FROM COBA NYC

June 18, 2020



TWO BRAVE NYC CORRECTION OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO K9 DIVISION THWART ATTEMPTED INMATE ESCAPE FROM RIKERS ISLAND TODAY!

“Thanks to the heroic actions and quick thinking of K-9 Correction Officers McCardle and Braska, an attempted inmate escape was thwarted earlier today at Rikers Island. These two brave officers immediately jumped into action to bring the inmate back into custody without any regard for their own safety.

We proudly salute them for their bravery and for reminding the public the critical role Correction Officers play every day in maintaining public safety.”

Elias Husamudeen
COBA President