

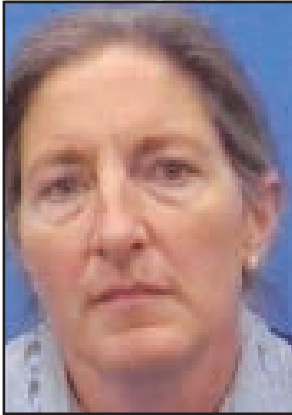
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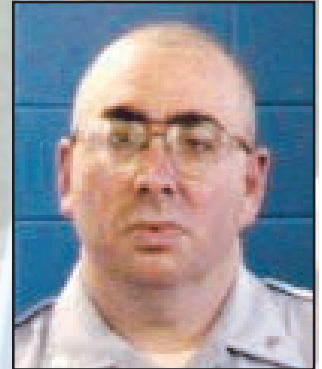
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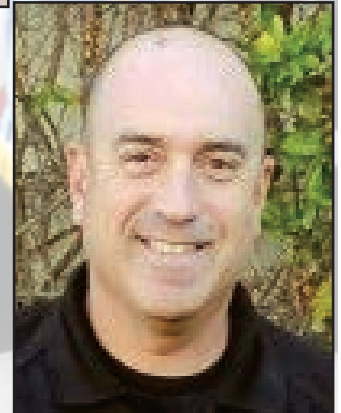


**Federal Correctional
Officer Eric Williams**

**Executive
Director
Tom Clements**



**Correctional Sergeant
Gilbert Cortez
& K9 Mattie**
(Mattie's photo: Page 6)



My name is Glenn Mueller, and I am Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation. It is hard to believe that the CPO Foundation has been in existence now for 29 years. Next year, 2014, will mark our 30th anniversary. *continued on page 45*



In Puerto Rico for Memorial Services for two PR Corrections Personnel who died in the line of duty, left to right are: CPOF Honor Guard Bugler Gilbert Arizmendi III with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ); CPOF Honor Guard Member Lieutenant Donald Genwright, also with the TDCJ; Florida State Trooper Rafael Rodriguez; the father of Agent Mayra Ramirez Barreto; and TDCJ Correctional Sergeant Ariel Rosado.

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I want to take this opportunity to thank the many of you who have called and emailed me, saying that you "miss Joe Vega and think of him often." I do as well.
-- Char
Joe Vega: EOW September 10, 2011

Photo of Joe and Char taken by California P/A Susie Villaneda and presented to Charleene Corby

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ABOUT OUR COVER

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF) is proud to honor the Correctional Professionals on the front cover who were killed in the line of duty. Correctional Sergeant Ricard and Correctional Officer Stell will be recognized in June 2013. Federal Correctional Officer Williams; Correctional Sergeant Cortez and K9 Mattie; and Executive Director Clements, along with Agent Barreto and Correctional Officer Colon-Clausell, will be honored on Friday, June 6, 2014 in Seattle, Washington. CPOF Representatives met with each of these families and, as mentioned throughout this issue, CPOF Honor Guard members attended the services for each fallen comrade.

CPOF is a national Correctional Charity for ALL that work within the Corrections Profession. Thanks to our many Supporting Members who make it possible for us to "Take Care of our Own." -- Char Corby

Correctional Sergeant Mary Ricard



by Bob Kahanic

On Monday, October 1, 2012 the Colorado Correctional Family put to rest Sergeant Mary Ricard, who was brutally murdered in the line of duty.

On Monday, March 25, 2013 the Colorado Correctional Family put to rest the Colorado Department of Corrections Executive Director, Mr. Tom Clements. Mr. Clements also was brutally murdered.



Two murders within Colorado Corrections in a six-month period.

So where do we, as Colorado Correctional Staff, go from here? We move forward, staying strong and believing in what we do to protect the public and serve. We all knew the risks of serving the public by choosing law enforcement as our profession. We remember the oath we took upon entering this service. Thousands take the oath and honor it.

Sergeant Mary Ricard left an extended family, and was dedicated to that family and to her work. She was

killed by an inmate who stabbed her in the neck at Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility in Crowley, Colorado. She had served with the Colorado Department of Corrections for nine years. (The same inmate attacked and stabbed Corrections Sergeant Lori Gann a very short time later in the same location. Sgt. Gann suffered wounds so serious that she has not yet been able to return to work.

Mr. Tom Clements served 31 years with the Missouri Department of Corrections. He started

Left: Sgt. Lori Gann's parents, Ed and Bev Halter, with Theresa Stevens, CPOF Administrative Assistant; Charleene Corby; and Bob Kahanic, CPOF Colorado Representative.



Executive Director Tom Clements

with Missouri Corrections in 1979. After his retirement from Missouri, he accepted the position of Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Corrections in 2011. On March 19, an inmate on parole shot Mr. Clements point blank and killed him when Mr. Clements opened the front door of his own home.

A thousand or more attended the services held for Sergeant Mary Ricard and Executive Director Tom Clements. The CPO Foundation sent its National Honor Guard to each service, and CPOF Chief Executive Officer Charleene Corby and the CPOF Board of Directors also attended each service.

The State of Colorado is very fortunate to have the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation to support Correctional Staff. The Colorado Correctional Staff that are Supporting Members in turn help keep the Foundation strong and able to continue Taking Care of Our Own.

The CPO Foundation will never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice as we strive to protect the public from harm and evil.

Pay it forward.



Correctional Sergeant Gilbert Cortez and K9 Mattie

by **Connie Summers**

As many of you know, as a CPOF Representative I primarily work the prisons in Southern and Central California, but I have also been known to assist Sarah Haynes in Ohio and Sergeant Phyllis Grimes with the Washington, D.C. Jail.

But, again, I mostly work in Riverside and surrounding areas.

On March 25, 2013, I was notified of the tragic deaths in a vehicle accident of Correctional Sergeant Gilbert Cortez and his partner, K9 Mattie. The calls and emails I received were too many to count, but I appreciated every single one of them notifying the CPOF and me that we had lost yet another Officer in the line of duty.

As stated on the Officer Down Memorial Page website, "Sergeant Gilbert Cortez was part of a convoy of state Corrections K9 Officers who were en route to inspect the La Cima Fire Camp in a rural part of San Diego County. His marked vehicle veered off the roadway and overturned, killing K9 Mattie. Sergeant Cortez was transported to a local fire station but died before a helicopter could reach him."

I contacted the family immediately and on Monday, April 1 Charleene Corby, C/O Tony Mosby, who is retired from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and I met with the Cortez family in their home. As most know, planning a funeral for a loved one is one of the most difficult things one will ever have to do. I am glad the CPO Foundation was there to assist during this very difficult time.



VIEWING: April 9

"FORWARD MARCH"

The words, "Forward March," were loudly said and then Gilbert's Correctional brothers and sisters in his elite K9 team walked in. They spent a lot of time saying goodbye to their partner and, as mentioned in other places in this article, "their friend and brother." Honor Guards were there from as far away as Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania and, closer but still a distance to travel, from Oregon and Arizona. Many, many Police Departments and of course many of Gilbert's California Correctional colleagues were also in attendance. Two of the CPOF's National Honor Guard Team members stayed on constant casket watch. What an honor to see them salute and change "the guard" every 15 minutes.

Mattie also had an Honor Guard of her own.

Prayers were said and everyone hugged and kissed the family for over four hours. Flowers and wreaths kept coming, and, when outside, you could hear the K9s -- not barking loudly, but nevertheless they could be heard! We all knew Mattie's co-workers were there.

Photos: Top right, Sergeant Cortez and K9 Mattie, and beneath, K9 Mattie; upper left, the Cortez family and escorts; right, Sergeant Cortez's and K9 Mattie's loyal co-workers and friends.



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Correctional Officer Eric Williams

by Kim Blakley

In the very early morning hours of Tuesday, February 26, I began receiving phone calls, emails and texts. Sadly, whenever my phone rings in the middle of the night my heart skips a beat because I know something terrible has happened.

My worst fears were confirmed. A young Correctional Officer, Eric Williams, who was 34 years old and worked at USP Canaan in Pennsylvania, had been murdered at the hands of an inmate. Officer Williams was the only Officer working in the housing unit at Canaan Federal Penitentiary when he was attacked.

We at CPOF did what we have been doing far too often lately and that is calling in our CPOF Board of Directors and our Honor Guard Troops, making calls and answering MANY incoming calls from across the country confirming that, yes...



we have lost another. The next day as I made my trip to the East Coast I was praying that God

would help me find the right words to say, not only to Eric's grieving parents and family, but to the USP Canaan staff and the thousands of staff that showed up to pay their respects. Words were lost and HUGS were given out in plenty. Many times words really don't do much to comfort those newly grieving. I mean, if you ask, "How are you?" that always feels like such a pointless question under the circumstances, so actually my questions went more like, "May I please give you a hug?" As we know, Big, Tough Correctional Officers don't like you to see their softer side, but that week I don't think many passed up a little "Hug Therapy"!

After the loss of Correctional Officer Jose Rivera in June of 2008 I prayed I would never have to look into the eyes of another parent, another sibling, and say, "I am so sorry for your loss, everything will be all right and we are here for you" when as a parent myself who has lost a child... I sometimes wonder... will it all be okay? I think I have learned that the loss of a child (no matter what age) is not something one EVER truly gets over. We do learn to live and, yes, even laugh through the pain and life after the loss becomes OUR new normal.

Officer Eric Williams loved to hunt, fish, play soccer and go bowling. He recently finished renovating his

Photographs by Captain Wayne Miller, Ret. PA DOC - SCI Dallas

house near Lily Lake, Pennsylvania that, according to his family and friends, he was EXTREMELY



proud of. His sister says, "One of his biggest things was that he was funny. He loved comedy. He had a joke for everything. He was in the wrong field. He should have been a comedian."

All of Eric's co-workers spoke very highly of him as well. Many memories were of him being fun to be around and making people laugh and his SMILE. He was a hard worker, he was fair, he did his job well. I have no doubt that Eric was well respected and loved dearly as was evident by the thousands (yes, thousands) of people who braved the freezing temperatures on Friday, March 1, just three days later to pay their respects at the viewing. Some people stood in line outside in the cold for over two hours to pay their respects and then again filled the church on Saturday to standing room only capacity.

USP Canaan is located right in the middle of a very tight-knit community where everyone pretty much knows one another. Next door to the Penitentiary is a State Correctional Institution and many of the Officers there know each other and are neighbors. Many even grew up together, so this murder affected not only those in the Bureau of Prisons but across the State. However, Corrections as a whole -- State, Federal, County, etc. -- is a tight-knit profession, and when ONE FALLS we all feel the loss and reach out to try and help the family, the co-workers and the community through the grieving and healing process.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention another tragedy that struck the Bureau of Prisons less than 24 hours after Officer Eric Williams was murdered. Almost 2,000 miles away, Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati from the Metropolitan Detention Center in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico was shot and killed in what is believed to be retaliation for his investigations into cell phone



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Correctional Officer Larry Stell

On October 11, 2012, the Telfair State Prison family lost a treasure. Officer Larry Stell's tour of duty ended when he was fatally wounded in the line of duty.

Officer Stell began his career with the Georgia Department of Corrections in August 2001.

During his career, he had two tours of duty each at Wilcox State Prison and Telfair State Prison. His last tour of duty at Telfair State Prison began on September 16, 2012.

He devoted his life to his family, his community and his church, and served as an example for us all. At every opportunity, he told his friends how God had blessed him with an amazing and loving wife. On his days off, he would visit the local nursing homes and minister to the elderly through music and songs. On his job, he ministered to his peers not only by words, but through the life he lived. He attended his church as much as his work schedule would allow and worked tirelessly with the small children.

Officer Stell was laid to rest on October 14, 2012. His service was attended by hundreds of



people who came to pay their respects and show unwavering support to his family. In addition to his immediate family, the attendees consisted of his church family, local community, well-wishers

from afar, varied law enforcement agencies, the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, and a vast number of Georgia Department of Corrections personnel. On that day, we were not separated by titles, social class or any other trivial descriptions. We weren't Corrections Officers, Probation Officers, Police Officers, civilians, male or female, black or white. We were one family of brothers and sisters!

We shall not forget Officer Stell, nor shall we forget his ultimate sacrifice and allow it to be in vain. We shall use our mourning as a common thread to bind us together and we shall strive daily to protect it and strengthen it through mutual respect, loyalty and commitment to one another, for "We Are Our Brother's Keeper."

Michelle Johnson

Telfair State Prison, GA

Welcome Aboard

On Thursday April 25, 2013 Commissioner Avery Niles of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice related that it is a pleasure to welcome an organization (CPOF) that is solely about "Taking Care of Our Own."

Just prior to this announcement Gary Evans and I had the opportunity to present Juvenile Correctional Officer Shyra Ashcraft an assistance check after the untimely passing of her mother. JCO Ashcraft is employed at Metro Regional Youth Development in Atlanta. Both Gary and I look forward to sharing more about the CPO Foundation within the Georgia Juvenile Justice System.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Commissioner Niles, who was formerly a Warden within the Georgia Department of Corrections, for becoming the first Georgia DJJ Supporting Member.

-- Rose Williams, CPO Foundation Georgia Representative

PUERTO RICO

Bugler Gilbert Arizmendi III and I, Lieutenant Donald Genwright of the CPO Foundation National Honor Guard, as well as Sergeant Ariel Rosado with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, were very honored to attend the Memorial Services of Agent Mayra Ramirez



Agent Mayra Ramirez Barreto

Barreto (Extradition Division of the Puerto Rico Department of Justice) and Officer Eliezer Colon-Clausell (Puerto Rico Department of Corrections-Special OPS) in January. There were no Honor Guards present for Agent Barreto's Service, so with the family's grace I took charge of the Service from the Honor Guard perspective. We posted at the entrance doors of the church while CPOF Bugler

Arizmendi played "Amazing Grace." The same was done after the Services at the cemetery with Bugler Arizmendi this time playing "Taps." Puerto Rico DOJ Administrative Assistant Maritza Rosado-Vazquez was very helpful as liaison between the Barreto family and us. The family, as well as Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Rafael Rodriguez, who is Agent Barreto's nephew and who was in uniform and participated with us, were so grateful that the CPOF Honor Guard was present.



Officer Eliezer Colon-Clausell

At the Services for Officer Clausell, the Puerto Rico Department of Corrections gave full honors and were so happy and thankful that we participated with them. We stood proud by the hearse as Gil played "Amazing Grace" and Officer Clausell's remains were taken from



the hearse and escorted by the S.W.A.T. team. Rafael O. Malave Ramos, Sub-Secretary of Puerto Rico Prisons, and Janet Rivers Rosado, Chief of the Bureau of Correctional Institutions, personally thanked Gil and me for coming and had photos taken with us.

Puerto Rico is an amazing place and everyone we came in contact with treated us with honor and respect. They were very grateful for what we do and that we traveled that far to honor their fallen comrade. Thanks to the CPOF for giving Gil and me this opportunity to represent the Foundation. Also, many thanks to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for sending Sergeant Ariel Rosado.

Lieutenant Donald Genwright
Huntsville, Texas

Photo bottom left: Bugler Gil Arizmendi III, Sergeant Ariel Rosado, Lieutenant Donald Genwright, Sub-Secretary of Puerto Rico Prisons Rafael O. Malave Ramos and Rhode Island Honor Guard Members Training Instructor John Bray and Correction Officer Al Staton.

Lieutenant Genwright,

I would like to express my sincerest appreciation for the honor you and your fellow CPOF National Honor Guard members provided for my recently deceased Aunt, Agent Mayra Ramirez Barreto. I am truly grateful that the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation participated in the services to show their respect. My family and I thank you from the deepest recesses of our hearts for the honor you provided my Aunt on her departure from this earth.

Thank you.
Trooper Rafael Rodriguez
Ft. Pierce, FL

Christmas greetings, photos and notes from some of "our" Surviving Family Members and Catastrophic Assistance Recipients

The John & Beth Allen Kids:
John, Katie & Emily, NY



Christian Burgert, Son of Kimberly & Christopher Burgert, PA

The Patrick Dooley Family:
Patrick, Madeline & Raiden Scot, OK



McKenzie Bowser, Daughter
of Denise and David Bowser, PA



In Memory of Bob Hathaway,
Father of Cody Hathaway, IL



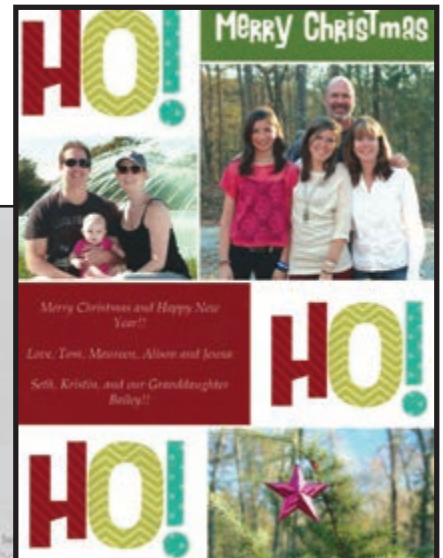
The Lewis Family Kids (& family dog):
Zach, Makenna and Ben; and Roxy, CO



Dear Correctional Peace Officers Foundation,
Thank you so very much for honoring our daughter Tiffany Bishop. It was an incredible program that the foundation put together to honor the fallen officers. We definitely will never forget. Also thank you for the generosity that is more than we could have ever expected. →

Thank you Again!
Sincerely,
Maureen + Tom Bishop

The Tiffany Bishop Family: Tom, Maureen, Alison and Jenna; Seth, Kristin; and (Tom's & Maureen's) Granddaughter, Bailey, GA



Christmas greetings, photos and notes from some of "our" Surviving Family Members and Catastrophic Assistance Recipients



The Jeff McCoy Family: Megan (center), Allie & Alex, OK



Three of the Ronald "RJ" Johnson Grandkids: Drake, Teegan and Braxton, SD



Josh Sparks and Daughter, Kyndall, OK



A.J. Myers, Son of Allen "Pete" and Sheila Myers, SC

Note from Lori Quinones, (Widow of Arnie Quinones); their Daughter, Sophia, CA

Dear Kim & the CPOF family,
 Thank you so much for remembering Sophia and sending her a Christmas gift again this year. She was so excited to open the box and absolutely loves Strawberry Shortcake. She watches the Show and plays with the doll. You brought her so much joy. Thank you for your kindness toward us. God Bless You all. Lori + Sophia Q



The Dennis Stemen Family: Patti, Jonah, Jodan, Bethany and Autumn Dove DeLaGarza, OH



The Timothy "Todd" Williams Family: Daughter, Chloe & Chloe's Cousins, Jake & Justin, AL



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April 23, 2013

Dear Char and CPOF Executive Board,

In 2012 at PROJECT 2000 XXIII's Memorial Service, CPOF recognized Correctional Officer Ernest Grossguth of Rhode Island as an Officer killed in the line of duty and named him "Honored Officer of PROJECT 2000 XXIII from the Past". As you do with every fallen Officer's family, you brought the Grossguth family to Washington, DC as honored guests for the Memorial Service. After informing the Grossguth family of this honor the Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers worked closely with CPOF in assisting with the details of their trip to DC. The Grossguth family was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support, generosity and kindness shown to them by everyone affiliated with CPOF. This was their first "PROJECT" that they had attended, and they could not have been more moved and impressed by the ceremony or more appreciative of the treatment and kindness they received. It had been 17 years since Officer Grossguth's death on March 26, 1995 and CPOF's recognition of Officer Grossguth represents the true meaning of "We Will Never Forget".

It was with this honor given by CPOF in Officer Grossguth's memory that planted the idea to seek out the possibility of having Officer Grossguth's name placed on the National Law Enforcement Memorial that recognizes fallen law enforcement Officers. Ernie had died on the job of a heart attack after serving 34 years with the RIDOC. I worked with Ernie in the '70's as a rookie officer, working side by side with him at Maximum Security. Ernie was a great Officer and a real family man. Two of Ernie's sons, Brad and Robbie Grossguth, followed in their dad's footsteps and are now both Correctional Officers at the Intake Service Center. It was my own personal memories of Ernie that led me to the decision to seriously pursue this matter.

After some research, I was able to obtain the application to the National Law Enforcement Memorial. I compiled all the required information surrounding Ernie's death and submitted the application for consideration. I continued to work closely with the National Law Enforcement Memorial fulfilling all requests for additional information. On March 5th, 2013, I received a letter of approval from the NLEM approving the placement of Officer Grossguth's name on the Memorial Wall as a line of duty death. On May 13th, 2013, I will be attending with other members of the Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers leadership, a Candlelight Vigil at the Memorial in Washington when Correctional Officer Ernest Grossguth's name will be formally dedicated.

I remember being in Washington, DC in the early 80s when Glenn, Larry, Dick, Sal, and others had a vision of forming a national organization to assist Correctional Officers. It's not

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OKLAHOMA

by Ann Tandy



Oklahoma State Reformatory and left a wife and four sons. I of course knew of these losses of two of “our own,” but not that the CPO Foundation was there on both occasions and is still here now.

I first met CPO Foundation Representative Richard Loud during our annual training conference and Oklahoma Employees Memorial Foundation gathering in 2008. Again, at that time I had no idea what the CPO Foundation was about and what they did. I listened to what Richard had to say, checked them out, and decided to become a volunteer and share CPOF throughout the state of Oklahoma.

Oklahoma has had 19 staff killed in the line of duty. Sadly, in 2012 we lost Probation and Parole Officer Jeffery McCoy. As with past line-of-duty deaths, the CPOF was there immediately for Officer McCoy’s wife, two very young children and his parents, who were both in Corrections/Paroles. For me, one of the great benefits of the CPO Foundation is their helping in the healing process and letting the surviving families know that they are not alone.

Each year the CPO Foundation has an annual memorial event called **Project 2000** to honor those that were killed or who died in the line of duty in the previous year. I have been blessed to attend several of these events and I have assisted the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and Debbie Moore in making sure our Oklahoma Honor Guard attends as well. Since attending their first **Project 2000**, the Oklahoma Honor Guard has also been at a number of Correctional funerals, the most recent one being that of Colorado Executive Director Tom Clements. They drove from Oklahoma to Colorado, in the snow, to pay their proper respects to a fallen Corrections professional.

It is a pleasure to be a part of this incredible group of people who work nationwide to help Correctional families in need and provide various avenues of support, proving that indeed “We Take Care of Our Own.”



Like many, I accidentally fell upon Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation. Unbeknownst to me, “they” had been very active in the state of Oklahoma for many years. Going back and reading several issues of their publication, the CPO Family, I learned that the Foundation was here for the family of Food Services Supervisor Gay Carter of the Dick Conner Correctional Center when she was stabbed to death in November of 1998 and again immediately after the murder of C/O Joe “Allen” Gamble in June of 2000. C/O



Gamble was killed in the line of duty at



*Photos: Top left, Ann Tandy, Marianne Seguin (Jeffery’s aunt) and Debbie Moore, Administrative Assistant, Region III, at **Project 2000 XXIII** in Washington, D.C., June 2012.*

Right column: Food Services Supervisor Gay Carter, C/O Allen Gamble and Probation and Parole Officer Jeffery McCoy.

*Left: The Oklahoma Honor Guard, also at **Project 2000 XXIII***

California

Our California pages start with three letters from recent retirees from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. We'd like to remind everyone that you can still be part of the CPO Foundation "family" after retirement by becoming ... yes! a "Retired Supporting Member"!

Hello, Theresa,

I have received your congratulations letter regarding my recent retirement. Thank you and Char so much for the kind words. It was my greatest pleasure supporting such a noble and necessary organization. I want to thank you all for the hard work and dedication, and for supporting all Correctional law enforcement professionals during the difficult and unfortunate tragic experiences inherent with our profession and life in general.

Thank you.

Albert Gaeta, Bakersfield, CA



Dear CPO Foundation,

Words cannot express our gratitude for your help! My husband Daniel was diagnosed with Stage 4 prostate cancer. I know this is not uncommon in men; however, Daniel at the time was only 42 and had no symptoms at all. I just felt that he needed to be tested and I kept bugging him and bugging him. I would tell him, "It's just a simple blood test, please go do it." This saved his life. He is now [late September 2012] in the recovery stages from surgery and doing well.

Prostate cancer is a silent killer in men. I ask all that read this to please have your male loved one get tested.

Thank you for your loving gift. We were blown away by your kindness. You truly made us feel that we are still part of a

larger family that focuses on "taking care of our own!" Here is a picture of our family along with Daniel's parents.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Villegas, Ret. Correctional Officer (CSP-Corcoran), Lemoore, CA

Dear Christina,

I received the assistance check you sent to help with expenses related to my motorcycle accident. It is greatly appreciated. This has been a difficult time for my family, and the check will be very helpful.

I am recovering from my knee surgery [August 2012] but it has been a long and frustrating process. The other aches and pains in my hips, shoulders and neck will most likely continue for quite some time. I am doing my best to be patient during my recovery.

I have been a supporter of the CPO Foundation for many years, and I never thought that I would be on the receiving end of assistance. I am very grateful for the help. Thank you.

Steven Bowers, Ret. Correctional Sergeant (DVI/CTC Academy), Escalon, CA

Sergeant Bowers suffered very serious injuries in a motorcycle accident that took place in October of 2011. He eventually had to take an early retirement. We wish him well with his ongoing recovery and thank him very much for his letter and this picture of his family. Steve is standing in the back; in front are his daughter, Frankie; son, Dakota; and wife, Kelly.



California



Dear Christina,

Thank you so much for your and the Foundation's help with Madox's illness. It means a lot to my family and me that the Foundation is here to help out when unexpected sicknesses hit families.

This picture (at left) was taken two weeks after Madox's hospital stay. He is recovering well but still has a long road ahead. That's his younger brother Broxton in the picture with Madox and me.

Thank you again for your help.

Brock Borromeo, Correctional Sergeant, Lemoore, CA

Sergeant Borromeo is a Supporting Member at Wasco State Prison. His son, Madox, who turned three on December 8, 2012, was diagnosed with Kawasaki disease, an acute childhood illness that affects many systems in the body.

Dear Christina Labio,

I want to thank you and the CPOF for all your support, prayers and love. God bless all of you. It has been hard dealing with our loss. But knowing that our daughter is with the Lord brings peace to us all.

I am sending a photo of our family. Emily is the girl in the wheelchair. She was 12 years old at the time.

You and the CPO Foundation staff will always be in our prayers.

Once again, thank you for everything you have done for my family and me.

Sincerely,

Fernando Cerda, Correctional Officer, and Family,
Bakersfield, CA

Officer Cerda is a Supporting Member at Wasco State Prison-Reception Center. Emily passed away from pneumonia on November 3, 2012.



Left: Correctional Officer Robert Longoria, a Supporting Member at Correctional Training Center, is pictured here with his son, Anthony; wife, Modesta; and daughter, Valerie. Modesta was diagnosed with breast cancer in August 2011 and over the next year underwent chemotherapy, a bilateral mastectomy and radiation treatments. Sadly, Modesta lost her brave battle on August 23, 2012. The CPO Foundation assisted Officer Longoria incrementally during the year of Modesta's treatments and finally with expenses incurred by her death.

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Privatization Policy: It is the policy of the CPO Foundation that we do not recognize privatization in the field of Corrections. The CPO Foundation adheres to the policies of the Federal Government's Department of Justice. These policies recognize only law enforcement Officers within the public sector.

California



Correctional Officer D. J. Stanley, a Supporting Member at CSP-Corcoran, was struck by a vehicle while riding his motorcycle to work. He suffered a shattered pelvis, fractured arm and head trauma. He used his CPO Foundation assistance check to help with expenses while he was off work. This is Officer Stanley with his wife, Marissa, and their four beautiful little daughters. (The babies are, indeed, twins.)

The CPO Foundation assisted Correctional Officer Robert Arellano, a Supporting Member at North Kern State Prison, with medically-related expenses after he was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), a.k.a. Lou Gehrig's disease. We wish Officer Arellano well with the management of his disease, and thank him very much for this lovely photo of himself and his family.



This is a picture of Correctional Officer Cal Sherrick of Pelican Bay State Prison and his wife, Michelle. Michelle was diagnosed with a brain tumor, and the CPO Foundation provided a check to assist with medically-related expenses.

Correctional Officer Grant Bayley, a Supporting Member at San Quentin State Prison, was severely injured in a boating accident. As with many of the CPO Foundation's assists in such situations, Officer Bayley received financial help to pay medically-related expenses.



Retired Correctional Officer Paul Staebler was a Gold Club Supporting Member who, sadly, passed away on February 1, 2013 after a long battle with cancer. He had worked at Avenal State Prison. Condolences to his widow, Jeannette, Paul's other family members and friends.



Georgia

Hello,

My name is Rose Williams and I am the Georgia Field Representative for the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF). I would like to congratulate you on choosing a great agency to begin your career with. I retired from the Georgia Department of Corrections with 34 years of service as a Prison Warden.

I began my career with DOC as a Correctional Officer and worked my way up through the ranks in Security. Wearing the Blue and Gray uniform is very dear and special to my heart.

I made the decision to become affiliated with CPOF after seeing how beneficial its services were to Correctional Employees and their families. It is an honor to represent an organization with its motto, "Taking Care of Our Own." Not only is that our motto, it is truly what we do.

I pray you will never need assistance from CPOF, but, **PLEASE REMEMBER**, that the donations you contribute go solely toward assisting your Correctional Families across this beautiful country. What a blessing it is to be able to help others in a time of need.

If you or your Correctional Family experience a catastrophic situation and need assistance, you may contact me at rosewcpof@windstream.net or at 478-342-1178.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you.



Left: Correctional Officer II Aaron Denard of the Atlanta Transitional Center received a CPOF Foundation assistance check after a fire caused extensive damage to the kitchen in his home.



Above right: Sergeant Kayla Handley (right), a Supporting Member at Pulaski State Prison, received a CPOF check to help with expenses after her son, Joshua May, passed away at the age of 22.



Left: Correctional Officer Patsy Frawley of Rogers State Prison got some CPOF assistance to help with expenses while undergoing double knee replacement surgery. Warden Brad Hooks presented the check.



Above: Mr. William Hendry Jr. received a CPOF check after his son, C/O William Hendry III of Calhoun State Prison, unexpectedly passed away in September 2012. Officer Hendry was a Supporting Member.

Christina,

Thank you for your kindness and prayers during our time of sadness. Shedrick Turner truly loved his job as a Correctional Peace Officer at Atlanta Transitional Center, touching the lives of his fellow Officers and others. He will truly be missed.

The Turner and Milner Family, Byromville, GA
Officer Turner died from unknown causes last September.

NEW YORK



Dear Christina,

I am enclosing a photo of Andrew and me. As you can see, Andrew was full of life -- hard to believe that this photo was taken only one year ago [August 2011]. ... I must say that the generosity that the CPOF has shown toward me has been more than I ever, ever anticipated and I thank you for that. The monetary assistance has come in very handy. ... I met C/O Jen Fay at Woodbourne Correctional Facility and she presented me with the check. As I said, I was taken aback by the generosity of your organization. I know Andrew would be, too. The CPOF had sent him an assistance check before he passed

away and I can tell you he was greatly appreciative. Thank you again for your generosity. It will not be forgotten.

Patsy Somers, fiancée of C/O Andrew Dressel, Liberty, NY

Officer Andrew Dressel was a Supporting Member at Woodbourne CF. He was first diagnosed with cancer in September of 2010. After a long struggle and several surgeries, we are sad to report that Andrew passed away on June 4, 2012.

Dear Mrs. Labio,

First of all, I would like to say thank you for the donation to Officer Ronald Eberts. He was very surprised and grateful. This donation will help this family get their lives back on track.

I have enclosed a photo of the presentation of the assistance packet. From left to right are: Correction Officer Cornacchio, Union rep; Officer Eberts; and myself, Rickey A. Bartlett, Superintendent.

Again, thank you very much!

Rickey A. Bartlett, Superintendent, Willard Drug Treatment Campus, Willard, NY

Officer Eberts and his family lost the entire roof of their house when it was torn off in a "microburst" storm.



Dear CPO Foundation,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CPO Foundation for their continued assistance with the expenses associated with my treatment for melanoma skin cancer. The Foundation's support is greatly appreciated.

Ron Kramer, Correction Officer, Westbrookville, NY
Officer Kramer, a Supporting Member at Otisville CF, had to travel to New York City twice a week for many months to receive cancer treatments. He is second from the left in this photo. With him are his wife, Jennifer; Otisville CF Superintendent Kathleen

Gerbing; and Bob Williamson, CPOF contact at Otisville.

Right: The family of Correction Officer James Ambrose, a Supporting Member at Orleans CF in Albion, NY. Officer Ambrose suffered severe injuries when he was assaulted in early November of 2011, and his wife, Lynn, underwent surgery for uterine cancer. The Foundation provided an assistance check to help with expenses.



NEW YORK

To the CPO Foundation,

Thank you so much for your generosity. This has been a very difficult time. Your thoughtfulness has helped both economically and emotionally. We appreciate your support.

Mark Selbert, Correction Officer, Cheektowaga, NY and Jennifer King *Officer Selbert is a Supporting Member at Attica Correctional Facility. His wife, Jennifer, fell down the basement stairs of their home and suffered injuries so severe that she had to be hospitalized and lapsed into a coma.*



New York Representative Jay West sent us the following photos of CPOF assistance check presentations he has made over the past several months. We are gratified to have helped so many Correction Officers and their families in New York, and thank Jay very much for his energy and commitment.



Left: Mrs. Joyce Vale, widow of C/O John Vale of Greene CF. C/O Vale passed away in November 2012 from pancreatitis.



Right: C/O James Wemette of Bare Hill CF whose wife, Cindy, was diagnosed with breast cancer.



Left: C/O Loretta Myer of Eastern CF, on behalf of her daughter, Christina, who was being treated for Wegner's Granulomatosis. Pictured: DSS Niles, Jay, C/O Myer, DSA Wendland, C/O Armstrong and DSP Colao.



Right: C/O Jim Sheehy of Downstate CF, whose wife, Amy, passed away from cancer. Pictured: Jay, C/O Sheehy, Downstate CF CPOF contact C/O Selena Decicco and Downstate EAP C/O Mike Perez.



Left: C/O's David Charles and Bill Lathan of Taconic CF, both of whom sustained major damage to their homes from Superstorm Sandy. Pictured: Taconic CF Superintendent Patti Nelson, C/O's Charles and Lathan, and Taconic CF CPOF contact C/O Tony Velez.



Right: C/O Mike Mussen of Clinton CF, whose wife, Dianne, passed away. Pictured: C/O Mike Mussen Jr., also of Clinton CF, C/O Mussen and Jay.

NEW YORK



Left: Mrs. Wendy Fick, whose husband, C/O Mike Fick of Greene CF, passed away from cancer in October 2012. Pictured: Jay, Mrs. Fick and Greene CF CPOF contact C/O Brinsley Arthurthun, who initiated the request for assistance.



Right: C/O Jody Boulrice of Clinton CF, who has coronary heart disease and had to have surgery.



Left: C/O Barney Sieradski of Bare Hill CF and his wife, Connie, who are both battling cancer.



Right: C/Sgt. Jed Nichols of Gouverneur CF and his wife, Virginia, who sadly lost their daughter, Courtney, to septic poisoning in January 2013.



Left: C/O Tim Thompson of Riverview CF in the hospital with his assistance check. C/O Thompson was in a snowmobile accident in early March 2013. Riverview CF CPOF contact Tim Rivers initiated the assistance request.



Right: C/O Chris Drollette of Clinton CF with his daughters, Hannah and Mallorie, and wife, Danielle. Mallorie, holding her new mascot, Lucy Lion, is fighting cancer.

New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision

Hello, my name is Pat O'Donoghue. I have been in Corrections for 25 years, starting my Correctional career at Sing Sing Correctional Facility. Now I am a Warrant and Transfer Officer with the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. Along with my partner, Antonio Suarez, we travel all over the United States transporting fugitives and bringing them back to New York. We are always in and out like the breeze, but never too quickly not to share CPOF. I have often said, the CPOF is the "best kept" secret, a secret that ALL of us in Corrections and Community Supervision should know about.

I have asked Charleene to send me applications and magazines, and I will be happy to share "this secret" with all I come in contact with in my travels. As you read just this page *continued on page 45*

Federal News

Greetings to all the Federal BOP staff out there. My name is Barry Fredieu and I am a Federal Field Representative for the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. I retired in November 2011 after 25 years of service at USP Lompoc. A lot of you may also remember me from the days of being a Local Union President and a tireless advocate for our own murdered Officer at USP Lompoc, Scott Williams, and his family.

I was excited and honored to become a full time CPOF Representative in the Federal sector in 2012. I have visited most of the Institutions in the Western, North Central, and Northeastern regions so far. Along the way I have seen a lot of old familiar faces I haven't seen in a long time. At almost every Institution, I've witnessed the support for the CPOF of the staff, the local unions and executive staff. CPOF membership continues to grow in the BOP because I believe staff are more aware now of CPOF and what we do. With the increased membership there has been more communication for catastrophic assistance and an awareness by staff that CPOF is there to assist your fellow Correctional Brothers and Sisters in their times of need.

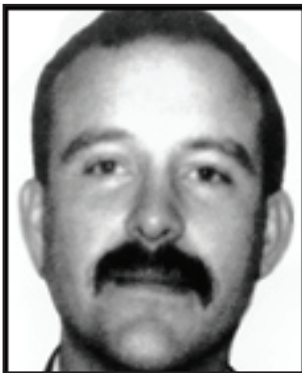
For all our loyal BOP CPOF members, thank you for your continued membership and support. There is always room for more members and I urge those of you that aren't members to become one today. I've personally seen, heard, and been involved in dozens of cases of staff in tragic situations where CPOF has been there to assist. You will soon discover that CPOF really does "Take Care of Its Own."

I look forward to another year of being able to promote and educate more staff on the benefits of the only national non-profit charity strictly for State and Federal correctional workers: The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. Be Safe and Stay Healthy!



*As of March 31, 2013, there are **8,900** Federal BOP Staff Supporting Members of the CPO Foundation. From January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013, **378** BOP Staff had been assisted through the Catastrophic Assistance Program for a total of **\$235,000.00**.*

Highway Sign Dedication for Senior Officer Specialist Scott Williams



**Senior Officer
Specialist
Scott Williams**
USP - Lompoc, CA
EOW: April 3, 1997

On December 6, 2012 a portion of State Route 1 between Vandenberg Air Force Base and the turnoff to the Lompoc Penitentiary at Santa Lucia Canyon Road was designated the "Federal Correctional Officer Scott Williams Memorial Highway."



Left: The family of Scott Williams: his daughters, 21-year-old Kaitlin holding her five-month-old daughter, Raelee; and 16-year-old Kallee. Behind Kaitlin and Kallee are CPOF Rep Barry Fredieu; Scott's widow, Kristy; Kristy's parents, Lee and Linda Gnesa; and Aida Willaims, Scott's mother.

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smuggling at the prison. He had just left the MDC and was driving home when several gunmen opened fire on his vehicle. Needless to say, it was a tragic 48 hours for the BOP. My heart was torn as I truly wanted to be there for Lt. Albarati's family but the viewing and funeral were held on the same days as those for Officer Eric Williams.

I have now been with CPOF for just over 10 years, and 2013 has already been the worst year in history for the Bureau of Prisons staff, with the two murders and most recently on March 31 the fatal heart attack suffered by Correctional Officer Brandon Kountz while responding to a body alarm at FCC Beaumont in Beaumont, Texas.

My heart goes out to these newly bereaved families, and to our past families whom I know these tragic deaths have brought their own losses back to the forefront. Please know you are not forgotten, and along with your loved ones these recently Fallen Officers and their loved ones also will NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

Hello,

My name is Helen Andujar, wife of Lt. Osvaldo Albarati from MDC Guaynabo, Puerto Rico.

I have no words to say how I feel with so many acts of kindness from people I have never met, all the solidarity towards my family in one way or another.

The loss has been tough for my children -- 21, 11 and 7 year olds! -- and me.

I have no way to give a proper thank you. Anything I write or say will not be enough to demonstrate all the gratitude and all the admiration I have towards the BOP family!

It's been overwhelming and also very comforting to know my husband was and will be forever loved and missed.

Every Federal worker reading this, I pray to God his shield protects every single one of you in your line of duty, and that no family goes through such indescribable pain.

May he bless you all, and again, thank you!

Federal Cases

Right: Correctional Officer Chris Barrett, a Supporting Member at FCI Loretto in Pennsylvania, is pictured here with his wife, Kim, and their sons, Nicholas, Anthony and Christopher. Officer Barrett received assistance from the CPO Foundation to help with the many out-of-pocket expenses he incurred when, first, Christopher was in a snowsledding accident on December 24, 2012 and broke four bones in his foot, requiring surgery, and then Anthony was injured at school and had to undergo knee surgery. Both boys had to spend a lengthy time at home recovering.

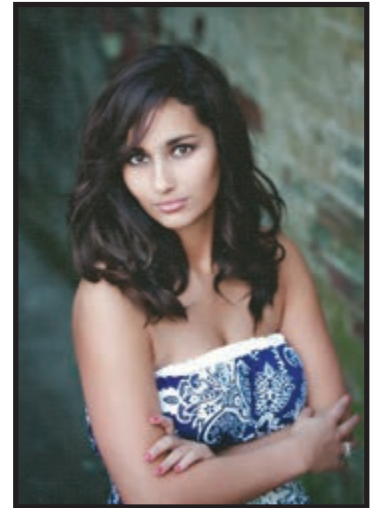


Below: SCSS William Cooley, a Supporting Member at FCI Sheridan in Oregon, was diagnosed over six years ago with a rare blood disease. He has been having chemotherapy and blood transfusions for the past two and a half years. Treatment has stopped working and SCSS Cooley has now been approved for a bone marrow transplant. This will require a three-to-four week hospital stay and a six-to-12 month recovery period. The CPO Foundation assisted SCSS Cooley with the many extra expenses he incurred traveling back and forth to the hospital in Portland for treatments and tests. With SCSS Cooley in this picture are his wife, Terri, and adult sons, Ryan and Todd. We wish SCSS Cooley success with the bone marrow transplant and with his recovery thereafter.



Federal Cases

Right: This is Sarah Comstock, eldest daughter of Senior Officer Specialist Mike Comstock of FCC Beaumont in Texas. We are very sad to report that Sarah was killed in an auto accident in late February of 2013. The CPO Foundation assisted the family with funeral expenses, and our condolences continue for them and their friends.



Left: Senior Officer Gregory Strider, a Supporting Member at FCI El Reno in Oklahoma, was in a very serious motorcycle accident in which he broke his back and an orbital socket, and suffered severe damage to his lips from "road rash." He was off work for many weeks, and received assistance from the CPO Foundation with his many extra expenses. With Officer Strider in this picture are his wife, Elizabeth, and their son, Karston.

Right: Union President Mike Manual (at left); Jackie Southall, widow of Senior Officer Specialist Kelvin Southall; and CPOF Liaison David Woodham from FCC Oakdale, Louisiana. Senior Officer Specialist Southall died after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.



Left: CSM Raoul Watson from MDC Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Watson received an assistance check from the CPO Foundation and was very grateful. The Foundation was able to assist many BOP staff who lost everything and/or suffered severe damage following Hurricane Sandy.

Kim,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the CPO Foundation for the financial assistance provided to our family after the birth of our second child. It was not until three days after her birth that the doctor heard an irregular heartbeat. After being transported to Morgantown, West Virginia they found that she had a small heart murmur and a tricuspid heart valve disorder. We spent five days in the PICU.

During Jadeyn's two-month heart echo, the doctors could no longer see or hear the heart murmur. We recently went back for her one-year heart echo and although the heart defect issue with her tricuspid heart valve (upper right chamber) is still there, it is not causing any health issues and she has met all of the growing milestones. They have no explanation for this disorder at her young age, but there has been no change in her condition so her next heart echo is in two years.

Thank you once again!

Mark, Jessica, Paige and Jadeyn Montgomery, Glenville, WV

Jessica is a Secretary at FCI Gilmer, West Virginia and a CPOF Supporting Member. We were happy to assist the Montgomery family with medical/travel expenses.



North Carolina

by Judy Dease

Since we* started our CPOF career in June of 2002, we have traveled to North Carolina numerous times to attend conferences and deliver catastrophic checks. All this time we had few members in North Carolina but we kept going because there were needs that the Foundation is designed to meet.

Over the years from 2002 to 2013 the Foundation has recognized eight Fallen Officers from North Carolina. Also the Foundation has assisted 83 employees at 40 locations throughout the state. CPOF has provided over \$40,000 to staff at various North Carolina locations.

In August 2011 North Carolina Probation Officer Jeffrey Settle died in an automobile accident between visits to homes of probationers. Current Director Anne Precythe, who was serving at that time as Support Services Administrator, remembered meeting us at a North Carolina Correctional Conference and told Laura Matthews, Jeffrey's supervisor (*see next page*), to contact us. Laura and I got the information together and submitted it to the Board Of Directors. Jeffrey was honored during **Project 2000 XXIII** in Washington, D.C. last year. Laura accompanied Jeffrey's widow, Kelly, and children, as well as his father, Bobby, to **Project**. Laura and Kelly were able to see clearly that CPOF really is about "Taking Care Of Our Own."

While at **Project** Laura told us that she wanted to help get CPOF active in North Carolina. We shared with her that through the years Don had met with every North Carolina Commissioner during various Association of State Correctional Administrators meetings and made them familiar with CPOF and our mission. He also met with other North Carolina state leaders when he could but the responses were always the same: "You cannot come into the facilities in North Carolina."

Former CPOF Representative Linda Smart was able to make some progress and did visit a couple of institutions and training sites. However, one day she was met and advised that she could no longer visit these sites. Linda did do a lot to spread the word and was able to get some members who joined through

**Judy and her husband, Don Dease (photo), are CPOF Representatives in South Carolina and Georgia, following their retirements from the South Carolina DOC. As this article makes clear, they also have done as much as possible to maintain a presence for the CPO Foundation in North Carolina after Linda Smart moved to Arizona to be with her family. Don Dease is now on the CPO Foundation Board of Directors.*

the Bank Draft Program. CPOF is also included in the North Carolina State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC). **Note: Until CPOF achieves a payroll slot in North Carolina, please become a Supporting Member during the upcoming SECC in North Carolina, checking off CPOF's code number to select CPOF as your charity of choice.**



Later last year, Laura called and invited us to attend the North Carolina Probation and Parole Association conference. There we had a chance to visit with Support Services Administrator Anne Precythe again and also to meet the Director at the time, Mr. David Guice. We explained our problems to Mr. Guice who asked us to see him after the November election.

Since that time, we have been to North Carolina three times. We have met with the families of two North Carolina Officers, Correctional Officer Edward Pounds and Correctional Officer William Wright, who will be recognized at **Project 2000 XXIV** this year, with the Administrators at the facilities where they worked and also had a very informative meeting with Mr. Guice, who is now Commissioner of the Division of Adult Correction within the N.C. Division of Public Safety.

Our third trip was to attend the funeral of Probation Officer James Matty in Surry County. While there, Commissioner Guice and Director Precythe invited us to a meeting with the staff who were tremendously hurt by Officer Matty's death. While introducing us, Director Precythe told of meeting us at a conference. She said we were nice and had some nice CPOF informational items, but as we talked she knew that we cared. She told about how we helped Officer Settle's family and the fact that we were there at Officer Matty's funeral showed what the Foundation stood for. She also told them proudly that she was a Supporting Member. We then talked briefly about the Foundation. After the meeting there were several folks from the office who wanted more information about the Foundation and asked what they needed to do to become Supporting Members. Information was sent to the work unit the following week.

As noted above, we will recognize Officers Edward Pounds and William Wright at **Project** this year. In addition to their families we have extended invitations to senior staff members from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. We hope they will attend to share in the recognition of these two Fallen Officers.

North Carolina

by Laura Matthews

On August 4, 2011, Probation and Parole Officer Jeffrey Settle was killed in the line of duty. I was his supervisor. His death marked the first line-of-duty death for the N.C. Division of Community Corrections. We had no experience with such a tragic event and no frame of reference to draw from to enable us to assist the Fallen Officer's family and grieving co-workers. I was designated by the agency to spearhead this process and assist this family. Several days passed and our current Director, Anne Precythe, who at that time was the Division's Support Services Administrator, contacted me. Anne told me she was a Supporting Member of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation and that she believed they could help us.

We contacted CPOF and were met with a multitude of unwavering support. Through this Foundation, I realized that even though we had a long arduous road ahead we would not be alone in our journey and that we would make it to the other side. Linda Smart, the CPOF Representative at that time, was at our work site within 24 hours with financial support for Kelly, Jeffrey's widow, CPOF lions for the their three children, and emotional support for me and our staff. That financial support continues for Kelly some 18 months later as I write this article. Kim Blakley, Research Analyst for CPOF, immediately stepped in to help me with the paperwork required for benefits for Fallen Officers killed in the line of duty, including the PSOB (the Public Safety Officers Benefit) with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Judy Dease personally came in April of 2012 and invited Kelly, the children, Jeffrey's parents and me to attend **Project 2000 XXIII** in June of 2012. CPOF's **Project** is an annual ceremony held each June to honor Correctional Officers and Probation/Parole Officers killed in the line of duty and to honor Correctional Officers and Probation/Parole Officers who suffered as catastrophic victims during the past year.

From the moment we were invited to **Project** and accepted the invitation every need was met for us. Beginning with the pilot of our aircraft, who had all passengers remain seated as the Settle family disembarked the aircraft when we arrived in Washington, D.C. We were met at the gate by a CPOF Honor Guard Team and taken to our hotel. Both Kelly and Jeffrey's dad, Bobby, were assigned an Escort Officer who left them only when it came time to retire at night. The children were having a difficult time and Kelly was apprehensive at first about the "Kids Room" (where the children are



The Jeffrey Settle family at Project 2000 XXIII in Washington, D.C., June 2012.

cared for during **Project**). However, once the children got there they *were* cared for the entire time and they felt so loved they did not want to leave. Every aspect of **Project** was special and perfect. Not Kelly, Bobby nor I could think of one detail that was left out.

I was, and still am, amazed that there is a Foundation just for Correctional Officers and Probation and Parole Officers. As I write this and reflect on the horrific tragedy of losing one of our own; I feel so blessed to have met Linda, Judy, Don, Kim and the rest of the CPOF family. Words cannot express how much those relationships have meant to Kelly, Bobby and me. CPOF could not bring Jeffrey back but they certainly held our heavy hearts in their hands until we could begin to heal. Naysayers who think it is "too good to be true" do not know the heart of this Foundation because it is Good and True.

Since meeting the CPOF family two Correctional Officers' families who were killed in the line of duty have been located and they are being honored this year at **Project 2000 XXIV**. We recently had a critical incident to occur in Surry County and some of the first people to be notified were Don and Judy Dease. They immediately responded to the work site and have continued to support our staff and the Officer's family. This Foundation continues to serve our Officers and our State.

It is my hope that the North Carolina Department of Public Safety supports the CPO Foundation and affords our Correctional Officers and Probation and Parole Officers the opportunity to join this Foundation through payroll deduction. This will enable the North Carolina Correction family to do our part to assist families from across this great State and Nation when they experience catastrophic circumstances and line-of-duty deaths. Our family should be able to pay it forward by supporting CPOF.

TEXAS



Left: Cathy Stokes, one of the CPO Foundation's three Texas Representatives, presented the Goree Unit with their Lifetime Facility Sponsorship plaque. Says Cathy, "All facilities in Region I are now Lifetime Sponsors!!" Pictured are Cathy Stokes, Goree Unit Warden Kelly Strong and Region I Director Michael Upshaw.



Right: HRS III Renee Schauss, a Supporting Member at Byrd Unit, was off work for several months owing to numerous medical problems. She received a CPO Foundation check to assist with her many out-of-pocket medical expenses. Pictured are Cathy Stokes, Renee Schauss, Elaine Emert and Byrd Unit Warden Edward Howell.



Left: Clerk II Valerie Carroll is a Supporting Member at the Hamilton Unit. Her son, Marcus, was murdered on January 6, 2013. Ms. Carroll's CPO Foundation bereavement assistance check to help with funeral expenses was given to Hamilton Unit Warden Bill Lewis by Debbie Herklotz, CPOF Texas Representative, at the January 2013 ACA Convention. Pictured are Lieutenant Donald Genwright, a member of the CPOF National Honor Guard; Warden Lewis; Debbie Herklotz; and Sergeant Ariel Rosado.

The group is standing in front of the CPO Foundation's "Traveling Wall of Honor," which is displayed at the Foundation's booth at conferences and conventions.

SPECIAL NOTE:

When Debbie and I visit the units and do pre-service and in-service classes, we often see many of you who have transferred/moved. IF this *CPO Family* was forwarded to you, please take the time to email Vicki@cpof.org and update your address.

Thanks,
Cathy Stokes

TEXAS



Warden II John Rupert of the Coffield Unit sent us these pictures accompanied by his kind notes. All three Officers are Supporting Members.

“Timothy Meredith, C/O IV, was injured while performing his job duties at the Coffield Unit. The CPO Foundation offered him the financial support he needed to help with his travel expenses to his doctor visits.”



“Phillip Story, C/O IV, received generous financial support from the CPO Foundation when his daughter had a traumatic automobile accident. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we wish to thank you.”



“On behalf of the Coffield Unit, I would like to thank the CPO Foundation for their financial assistance to one of our Officers, Brock Sanchez, C/O III. Officer Sanchez and his family lost their home to a fire on 10/31/12.”

“I can’t thank you enough for all you have done and continue to do for our staff and families.”

Right: C/O V Maxey Couture, a Supporting Member at the Clements Unit, received bereavement assistance when her mother, Paula Nuss, passed away.

Mrs. Nuss herself was a Supporting Member until she retired in 2011. Pictured are Lieutenant Sherry Washington, C/O V Couture, CPOF Texas Representative Captain Joe Ponder and Clements Unit Warden Richard Vogelgesang.



Nevada

My name is Gene Columbus and I started in Corrections at the Nevada State Prison (photo at right), now closed. It is the idea of the Nevada Department of Corrections for NSP to become a museum, as it does have a lot of history and, as you can see in the photo, opened in 1862.



After the closing of NSP, I transferred to Northern Nevada Correctional Facility where I hope to finish my career in Corrections (but that is still many years away).

I am currently the President of the Nevada Correctional Association (NCA). We proudly support the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation.

I remember the early days of the CPOF, being friends with many California Correctional Officers, CCPOA and CPOF Chairman Glenn Mueller. Glenn started his Correctional career at Folsom State Prison and retired in 2000 as Folsom's Warden, very impressive! The CPOF was founded in 1984 and, again, Nevada Corrections and the NCA are proud to be partners with CPOF.

PROJECT 2000 XXIV

The CPOF's annual four-day event called **Project 2000** that includes the Foundation's Annual National Memorial Ceremony is being held this year in Reno and Sparks, Nevada. NCA is proud to be the Host Correctional Association. It is my hope, working with Nevada's Director, Mr. Greg Cox, that we can arrange it so that as many Nevada Correctional staff who want to attend can do so and experience ALL that **Project 2000 XXIV** offers.



On Friday, June 14 of this four-day event we will honor all who are listed on the opposite page. God bless them all. Sadly, in 2012 Nevada lost one of "our own": C/O Hardin, from High Desert State Prison (photo at left) in Las Vegas.

I would be remiss if I did not thank CPOF and Charleene Corby for assisting the Nevada Department of Corrections in helping Officer Hardin's family, with airline tickets, to attend Nevada's own Memorials in May of 2012. The Hardin family stayed two nights in Carson City and attended the Carson City Memorial and then one night at John Ascuaga's Nugget and attended a second memorial in Reno in honor of Officer Hardin.

Catastrophic Assistance Program: As you read this *CPO Family* magazine you will see that the CPOF has assisted dozens and dozens of Correctional staff needing a hand up. That is just what is discussed in this issue. There are thousands more Correctional families that CPOF has reached out and touched.

And I would be remiss if I did not mention and thank Kim Blakley for researching and locating Correctional personnel from the past, one being Nevada Correctional Sergeant Vincent Tatum, and giving them and their families as well the recognition they deserve at **Project 2000 XXIV**:

- Correctional Director James Michael Francke, Oregon Department of Corrections
EOW: January 17, 1989
- Correctional Officer Thomas Jackson Sr., Moberly Correctional Center
Missouri Department of Corrections ~ EOW: July 3, 1983
- Correctional Sergeant Vincent Tatum, Southern Desert Correctional Center
Nevada Department of Corrections ~ EOW: September 2, 1982
- Guard Archie Boutwell, Prison Camp - Greenville
Alabama Department of Corrections ~ EOW: December 10, 1957

**Corrections Professionals to be Honored at
PROJECT 2000 XXIV, Reno, Nevada, June 2013**

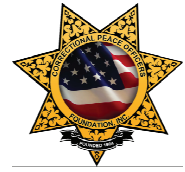
- Correctional Corporal Barbara Ester, East Arkansas Regional Unit
Arkansas Department of Corrections ~ EOW: January 20, 2012
- Correctional Officer Tracy Hardin, High Desert State Prison
Nevada Department of Corrections ~ EOW: January 20, 2012
- Corrections Officer Britney Meux, Lake County Sheriff's Department, Illinois
EOW: March 6, 2012
- Correctional Sergeant Ruben Thomas III, Columbia Correctional Institution
Florida Department of Corrections ~ EOW: March 18, 2012
- Correction Officer/Deputy Sheriff Ryan Tvelia, Norfolk County Sheriff's Office, Massachusetts
EOW: April 10, 2012
- Correctional Officer William Wright, Mountain View Correctional Institution
North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division of Adult Correction ~ EOW: April 11, 2012
- Substance Abuse Counselor II Lorraine Quinn, Gurney Unit, Texas Department of Criminal Justice
EOW: May 10, 2012
- Probation/Parole Officer Jeffery McCoy, Central District Community Corrections
Oklahoma Department of Corrections ~ EOW: May 18, 2012
- Correctional Officer Timothy Betts, Wabash Valley Correctional Facility
Indiana Department of Corrections ~ EOW: August 26, 2012
- Correctional Sergeant Mary Ricard, Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility
Colorado Department of Corrections ~ EOW: September 24, 2012
- Correctional Officer Larry Stell, Telfair State Prison
Georgia Department of Corrections ~ EOW: October 11, 2012
- Correctional Officer Edward Pounds, Neuse Correctional Institution
North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division of Adult Correction ~ EOW: January 9, 2010

MILITARY: Serving during Operation Enduring Freedom

- Army Specialist Ryan P. Jayne, stationed in Oswego, NY, died in Afghanistan
~ EOW: November 3, 2012
Son of C/O Paul Jayne of Southport Correctional Facility, New York
- Army Sergeant Richard A. Essex, stationed in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, died in Afghanistan
~ EOW: August 16, 2012
Son of C/O Charles Essex of Pelican Bay State Prison, California
- Army Specialist Blair D. Thompson, stationed in Ft. Campbell, KY, died in Afghanistan
~ EOW: June 25, 2010
Son of C/O Vincent Thompson of Marcy Correctional Facility, New York



Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Inc.



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

Greetings: First, 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 surviving family members.

A very special thank you to all the Commissioners, Directors, Wardens and Superintendents, because without your support for the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation and the support for your staff, the CPOF would not be able to function. Your continued approval for your staff to attend the CPOF **Projects** and Memorial Ceremonies when one of our own is "killed in the line of duty" is essential.

Right now I want to focus my attention on the uniform staff that participate in each year's Annual National Memorial Ceremony by marching in the National Honor Guard. Honor Guard registration and afternoon practice day is always on Thursday, the first day of every **Project**. After practice that afternoon Honor Guards attend, in uniform, the Welcome Dinner that night. Come 0500 on Friday morning, you all get on the buses to be transported to the Memorial Ceremony site. Once there, yes, you practice some more, the better to hone your skills to show to their best your professionalism and dedication to the cause, our Fallen Officers.

The Memorial Ceremony begins with marching in formation with sharp uniforms, flags billowing in the wind, accoutrements glistening in the sun and your heels echoing off the pavement. You know all eyes are upon you, especially those of the surviving families and friends, so you tuck your chin in a little tighter and push your chest out a little further and you march with pride in your chosen profession and in remembrance of our Fallen Officers. The Colors are posted, the speakers will speak and finally the MC gives the signal for the command of "Present arms" to be given and the Rifle Squad performs the 21-gun rifle volley. This is followed by the playing of "Taps."

The Colors are retrieved and the command, "Fall out" is given, ending another Memorial Ceremony. The Memorial Luncheon follows the Ceremony where, once again, you shine by meeting the surviving families and showing them your caring and support. All through **Project** you make the families feel comfortable and loved, especially at the Sunday morning "We are Family" Breakfast. After the Sunday breakfast you start saying your goodbyes, packing your "stuff" and making plans to see everyone at next year's **Project**.

Project would be only a shadow of itself without you, the National Memorial Honor Guard. Praise our Father above, the CPOF does have you, and because of your dedication and professionalism 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.

In closing, I thank, love and appreciate you so much, a group of professionals that breathes life into a cause that has spread over our nation and our northern neighbor, Canada. Remember: You are the ones that make **Project** what it is and you know what it really means when you read or hear the motto, "Taking Care of Our Own."

Thank you for your past attendance and I look forward to seeing all of you in Seattle, Washington for the CPOF's **Project XXV**, June 5- 8, 2014.

Steve Dizmon
CPOF National Honor Guard Commander
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Florida



To: Stephanie Barone, Charleene Corby
Cc: Freeman, James
Subject: Sincere thanks

We presented a check for assistance to Ms. Teresa Allen, Data Entry Operator, at Madison CI. Teresa's husband lost his life in an automobile accident on February 3, 2013.

Here is a photo of the presentation of the assistance check. Left to right in the photo are: Assistant Warden Glenn Young, Teresa Allen, Warden J.T. Freeman, and Classification Supervisor Shelley Bearden.

I want to thank the Foundation for their continued support. You are always here for our staff in times of need.

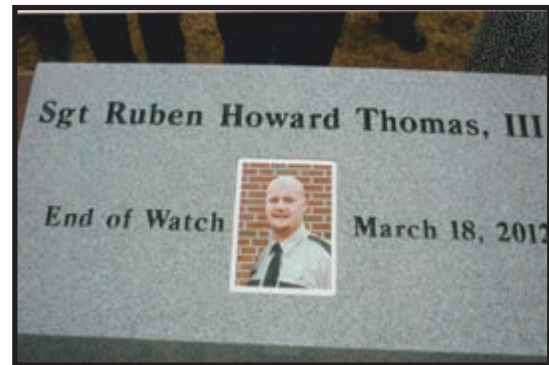
J.T. Freeman
Warden, Madison C.I.

Dear Mr. Freeman,

I want to thank you and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation from the bottom of my heart. Your support and kindness during this most difficult time in my life will never be forgotten. On a day when I was full of sorrow, a hand reached out and reminded me that I am not alone. I am blessed to have such a great work family and am proud to be a part of this my chosen profession. Again, thanks so much for the support. The funds will be used toward a headstone that "Al" would have loved and greatly deserves.

*Sincerely,
Teresa D. Allen
DEO, Madison Correctional
Institution/Work Camp*

Remembering a Brother- Memorial Park Dedication for Sgt. Ruben Thomas at Columbia Correctional Institution



"Today, Monday, March 18, 2013, marks the one year anniversary of the murder of Sgt. Ruben Thomas, a Florida Department of Corrections Correctional Officer who was working at Columbia Correctional Institution when he was stabbed by an inmate. In the year that has followed we have mourned the loss of one of our own while considering ourselves blessed for having been associated with him.

"Sgt. Thomas was honored today by his fellow officers, community members and family with the dedication of the Sgt. Ruben Thomas Memorial Park at Columbia Correctional Institution.

"The Memorial Park has been constructed and paid for by the Columbia Correctional Institution staff to honor Sgt. Thomas' service and ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of our state. Sgt. Thomas is terribly missed by his family at home as well as his fellow officers."

-- excerpt from the announcement of
Sgt. Thomas' Memorial Park
Dedication



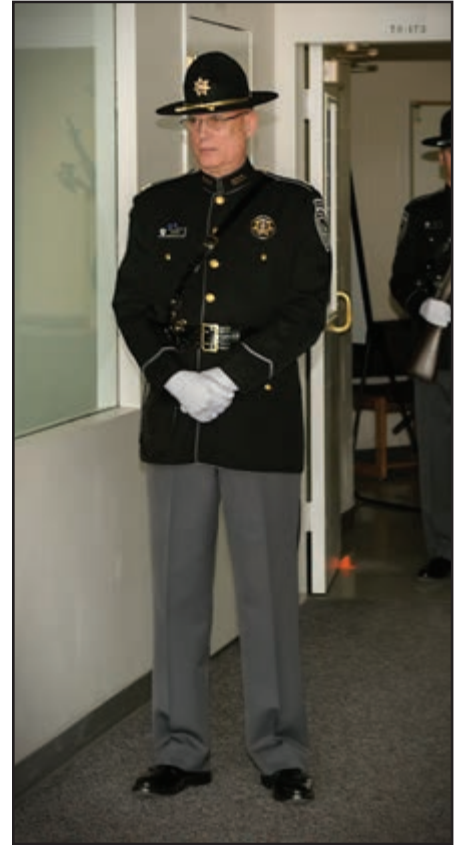
Oregon

Oregon Department of Corrections retiree and Honor Guard Captain John Whitney passed away unexpectedly on February 6, 2013 in the comfort of his home at his desk, surrounded by the many awards and memorabilia of a life of service. Captain Whitney began his 26-year career with the Department of Corrections in 1980 as a Correctional Officer and spent most of his career as a Sergeant at the Oregon State Penitentiary, where he retired in 2006. He continued to work for the department in a limited capacity, first as the Honor Guard Sergeant from 2006 to 2008, and then, as the Honor Guard Captain from 2008 until his passing. He was instrumental in founding the department's Honor Guard in 1992 and developing it over 20 years to an impeccable standard. It was his passion. Capt. Whitney spent countless hours at other public safety ceremonies at both the state and national level. He became highly respected among Honor Guards across the country as a prolific commander and leader.

The Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation's National Honor Guard Team that include Oregon DOC Employees Sergeant Antony Ruvalcaba and Correctional Officer Steve Perrine, both from Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, along with hundreds of Correctional staff both statewide and nationwide, were in attendance to pay their respects and honor a fellow Officer. CPO Foundation's Representatives Correctional Officer Michael Seefeldt from Two Rivers Correctional Institution and Corporal Dan Weber from the Oregon State Penitentiary were also at Capt. Whitney's service.

Among the many organizations that Capt. Whitney belonged to and was a part of, he was also a long-time Supporting Member of the CPO Foundation. Our hearts and prayers are with his family, especially his wife Carol and his daughter Michelle Dodson, who is also an Oregon DOC staff member and a CPOF Supporting Member.

Below: Honor Guards in attendance at Captain John H. Whitney's Memorial Service. Next page: Thank-you note from Carol Whitney.



***Honor Guard Captain
John C. Whitney
Oregon Department of
Corrections
December 10, 1942 -
February 6, 2013***



Oregon

March 18, 2013

To all of the wonderful people of CPO Foundation,

It meant so much to my family and me to have the CPO Foundation represented at John's service. He was always proud to be a part of the CPO Foundation Annual National Memorial Ceremony each year. His Honor Guard duties were a high priority in his life and I loved him all the more for it.

I want to thank you for the check that was presented to me by Kim Blakley on behalf of Charleene Corby. It was very unexpected and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Carol Whitney



Lieutenant Raul Legarda, a Supporting Member at Eastern Oregon Correctional Facility, received a bereavement assistance check after the death of his three-year-old granddaughter. The child was killed by her mother's boyfriend. Lt. Legarda traveled to New Mexico to be with his daughter and pay for the funeral. Michael Seefeldt, CPOF Representative in Eastern Oregon, wrote, "I had the privilege of making the bereavement assistance presentation to Raul Legarda. He expressed his sincere gratitude, and shared with me that he remembers first hand what CPOF did for his colleagues following the New Mexico Prison Riot. He was impressed and felt ever since that the Foundation truly does take care of people."



Lieutenant William McMillen of Two Rivers Correctional Facility, pictured above with his wife, Christy, was hospitalized to be treated for a debilitating illness of the nervous system. Michael Seefeldt recommended assistance to the McMillens to help with medically-related extra expenses incurred.



Bethany Church is the daughter of Corporal Carla Church of Oregon State Penitentiary. Bethany was born with very serious abnormalities of several digestive system organs. She has had many surgeries and treatments; one major procedure had to be performed at a hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dan Weber, CPOF Representative in Western Oregon, recommended assistance for Corporal Church with her many extra expenses. The good news: Bethany's big SMILE!

Washington

To the CPO Foundation:

Mauro Partida has been with Coyote Ridge Corrections Center as a Class Counselor II since 2006. He has always been a faithful employee to us, and an important part of our correctional family. Over the last few years, Mauro has been undergoing lung cancer treatment and working as much as he could tolerate. After a brief remission, the cancer has returned. Mauro now labors under doctor's orders that severely restrict his time at work while he undergoes intensive treatment to hopefully stop the disease once again. As we saw his leave time dwindling, we reached out to the CPOF for assistance and, of course, they came through for us. Mauro and his family, along with all of us at CRCC, want to thank you for the check you provided him. It was very much appreciated. As always, CPOF is there when we need you. Thank you all.

Lori Telleria, CPM, Coyote Ridge Correctional Center, WA

Photo: CRCC Superintendent Jeff Uttecht presenting the CPOF check to Mauro Partida, CCII



Left: CRCC Superintendent Jeff Uttecht presented a CPOF bereavement assistance check to Mrs. James Schlatter after the death of her husband from an apparent heart attack. Mr. Schlatter was a Cook at CRCC and a Supporting Member. He left the facility to go home on December 2, 2012 and was found shortly thereafter unconscious in his truck on the side of the road. He was taken to the hospital but passed away there.

Right: Sergeant Douglas Fedderson, a Supporting Member at Washington State Penitentiary, suffered severe injuries in a motorcycle accident and was off work for three months. WSP Superintendent Stephen Sinclair presented Sgt. Fedderson with his CPOF assistance check.



HELLO to all Supporting Members in Washington State:

My name is Charleene Corby. With Dee Dee Wernet off on an extended medical leave, I am asking you ALL to be our "eyes and ears" at your institutions and Central office.

My thanks and appreciation go to longtime Supporting Members Superintendents Stephen Sinclair and Jeff Uttecht for being just two of such individuals. To be able to personally present a check to one of your Officers or staff members needing a "hand up" certainly has to warm the heart.

Your contact in my office to submit a fellow staff member for consideration is Shanna. She can be reached at Shanna@cpof.org.

Thank you.

Washington

Dear C.P.O.F.,

The loss of a child is not within the natural order of events we think should occur in our lives. We witness these tragic events on a daily basis and our emotions are swayed for those surviving. If it hits home, your world is rocked to the core.

When my father passed several years ago, I myself was rocked. It was the natural order of life, but far too soon than any of my family expected. My son's passing had far greater impact on us though. For all families that have experienced the loss of a child, my pain and suffering is shared.

My son was an adult. Thirty-three years of age and struggling in this harsh economy. He was just on the rebound, steady employment and dealing with his own life circumstances as best he knew how. He never came to me for help, determined to make his own way. He left behind a two-year-old daughter, our granddaughter Cameryn. She will have to go through life not really knowing her biological father. We will have to provide as much of his memory for her to hold on to in the years to come.

The compassion extended by The Correctional Peace Officer Foundation comforts us in our hour of grief. I urge all to become a part of and support this Foundation in its endeavor to provide as much as possible to others in a time of need. Good people doing tireless work in the toughest of times for those of us lost in pain and suffering.

My family and I extend our deepest sincere gratitude to all making this organization possible. I pledge my support now, as I have for the many years. I wish never to need your services again and rest assured you will be there for all should the need arise.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Allis, Jr., Correctional Officer

Monroe Correctional Complex, Monroe, WA

Officer Allis is a Supporting Member at Monroe Complex. His son passed away from anoxia (complete absence of oxygen, a very rare occurrence) of the brain. Officer Allis is pictured above with Dee Dee Wernet, CPOF Representative in Washington, and Monroe Correctional Complex Superintendent Robert Herzog.



Left: CPM Rick Karten of Coyote Ridge Correctional Center spent 18 months coping with many medical problems and illnesses. Colleague Lori Telleria, also a CPM at CRCC, recommended assistance to CPM Karten to help with his many out-of-pocket expenses. In this photo, he is receiving the check from Superintendent Jeff Uttecht.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS?

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

Thanks!

Superstorm Sandy devastates the Jersey Shore

by Robert Karkovice

As Memorial Day and the start of the summer season nears, almost an entire rebuild is underway at the Jersey Shore, after Superstorm Sandy devastated homes and businesses last fall.

When Sandy made landfall in New Jersey on October 29, 2012, locals evacuated with prized possessions and a few days' worth of spare clothing. Few anticipated the severity of the storm and how long displacement might last.

Nearly five months later, hotels, restaurants, shops and attractions are preparing to re-open and are in need of a heavy tourism season. Homeowners, however, have their reservations about what conflicting messages the public may be receiving.

Seaside Heights Boardwalk, Casino Pier and Breakwater Beach make up an iconic part of the coastline for many who have spent their childhood summers at the Jersey Shore.

Casino Pier's signature attraction, the Jet Star roller coaster, was framed as the backdrop for Sandy's devastation, as it washed into the ocean and remained dismally amid the water for months after the storm.

Despite severe damage to the pier and its attractions, it is set on re-opening. The pier is being disassembled in areas deemed structurally unsound and new pilings are being placed where fresh boardwalk will lie in the future.

Like many, there is frustration with new building requirements and the bureaucracy of insurance companies and governmental agencies. The rebuilding process is quite complicated – more so than anyone can imagine.

Ohana Grill in Lavallette has been closed since Sandy ransacked the town in October.

Between the winds that knocked the power lines down and the surge of water that overtook the barrier island, restaurants in the areas are faced with trying to rebuild before the summer gets into full swing.

Winds gusted to near 90 mph in the hardest-hit areas of New Jersey, knocking out power to more than 2.4 million customers. Sandy's destructive winds were responsible for more than double the number of power outages caused by Irene in 2011.

Despite a hopeful attitude, the coast is draped with concern, from both business and homeowners alike. I believe we will see people returning to Seaside to support the businesses that are back open, but I fear that the rentals and hotels they used to stay in may not be re-opened in time for the summer.

Businesses to the north of Casino Pier were severely impacted. I asked myself the question of whether they will ever return.

I know the phones have been ringing off the hook about the summer rentals, and that is keeping most folks optimistic about the future. If the number of people in town on the weekends surveying their homes and the damages is any indication to what this summer brings, things will be good.

But for some homeowners, there is a dangerous mixed message of preparedness for the summer season and the future of disrepair in the community. As for most of our Correctional family members that were affected by this storm, they have fought back hard to rebuild their homes and are moving on with their lives.

The community of Mantoloking, New Jersey, just a few miles north of Seaside Heights and about two-and-a-half-miles long and just a couple blocks wide with the Atlantic Ocean on the east and Barnegat Bay on the west, was cut in two by an inlet during the storm. That was fixed quickly, and Route 35, the main road through the barrier island community, has also reopened after repairs.

All 521 homes in the Mantoloking community were damaged. About 60 were swept away entirely and hundreds more will have to be demolished. Most of the homes are grand summer getaways. (Only about 100 residents typically stay through the winter.) However, for the first time in almost months, residents are living again in Mantoloking, this town that suffered some of the worst of Superstorm Sandy's wrath.

New Jersey



South Carolina

MY CPOF JOURNEY

by Gary R. Evans

Hello, my name is Gary R. Evans I have been a volunteer Field Representative for the Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation and a Chaplain for the CPOF and the South Carolina Department of Corrections for the past nine years. I just wanted to let all my friends and family at SCDC know that I retired in January 2012 after 25 great years with the greatest people anyone could ask to work with.

For nine years I have been helping, meeting with and talking with Corrections professionals in South Carolina and Georgia who have suffered catastrophic illnesses and accidents and who have lost belongings and even their homes to fire, floods and tornadoes. It is such an honor to offer them the assistance provided by the Supporting Members of CPOF. I signed up for CPOF in 1995 when I first heard about the organization and what it was all about, and have been a member/supporter ever since. Later on in about 2000, I started working closely with Don and Judy Dease who at that time were the South Carolina Field Representatives. In 2003 I attended **Project 2000 XIV** in Charleston, South Carolina. I was already "hooked" on the Foundation. But **Project** was a life-changing experience for me. The love I felt among the other Corrections professionals was unreal. We were truly there for each other and, believe it or not, every year since then has been that much better. I thank GOD every day for the opportunity to be part of the CPOF *family*.

If for any reason you need me, please feel free to contact me at garyevans.cpof@gmail.com. I look forward to these coming years with great excitement.

Here's Gary presenting assistance checks to a couple of South Carolina Officers in a time of need:



Transportation Officer Jack Branham lost his 19-year-old son in a car accident. From left to right: Gary Evans, Jack Branham and George Lambert, Jack's Supervisor.



Correctional Officer Oliver of Goodwin Correctional Institution lost everything in a house fire. From left to right: Warden Boulware, Officer Oliver and Gary Evans.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for the outstanding work that you do and also to Gary Evans who when called upon with my problem sought to personally help me in any way he could. Whenever I have needed assistance the CPOF has always assisted me throughout the years. Whether it be from a house fire or hard financial times they've been there for me and my family. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks for your help and all that you do.

C/O Justin Donald, Pellon, SC
Officer Donald is a Supporting Member at Kirkland CI.



Alabama

from Jennifer:

Most of you already know me, but for those of you who don't, my name is Jennifer Donaldson-Davis. I first was introduced to the Correctional Peace Officers' (CPO) Foundation after the murder of my husband William (Bill) Donaldson in January of 1990.

Our daughter Mandy was four at the time of her Daddy's death and is now a woman of 27, teaching fourth grade.

Mandy and I continue to "pay it forward" and help as best we can the newly bereaved families going through what we have gone through. Each year at the CPOF's Annual National Memorial Service, there are many families needing our love and knowledge. Losing a loved one either in the line of duty or through illness or accident is always very difficult but, again, we try to help however we can.

I am your main contact here in the state of Alabama to submit a Correctional co-worker for financial assistance due to a catastrophic event in their life. I work closely with Shanna in the main office and our email addresses are jen_cpof@bell-south.net and Shanna@cpof.org.

In this photo, I am presenting a check to Bibb Correctional Facility Radio Operator and Supporting Member Tina Sanford after she and

her husband Tommy suffered severe damage to their home and its contents in a fire. I have had a kitchen fire myself, and I know how fast fires can spread. So, *be* the one to email Shanna and myself if someone at your facility is in need of a "hand up."

I want to give Mandy's and my thanks and appreciation to the CPO Foundation for all they have done for our family. I also appreciate all they have done for many, many Alabama Correctional families. If the CPOF has assisted you in the past, why not take the time and update CPOF with a recent family photo and/or a nice note on how you are doing?

I hope that after the CPOF assisted you, you were able to "pay it forward."



Dear CPO Foundation,

On behalf of my daughter, son-in-law, wife and myself, we would like to thank all of the CPO Foundation staff and members for your gracious donation to help us in our time of need. My granddaughter, Kylee, was born 12 weeks early on October 27, 2012, and weighed one pound, one ounce. She spent three months and five days in the Neonatal ICU Unit at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. My daughter and son-in-law were out of work during this time, staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Pensacola. Kylee came home on January 11, 2013 weighing four pounds, two ounces.

Special thanks to Charleene Corby, Shanna Bredeson, Easterling CF Chaplain Tony Askew and Easterling CF Radio Operator Maxine Rhodes. Chaplain Askew and Radio Operator Rhodes initiated the application for assistance from the CPO Foundation. We are so thankful to the CPOF for this blessing that you gave. God bless you all.

Above is a picture of my son-in-law, Kylee, and myself at Sacred Heart Hospital about two weeks before Kylee was released.

Joel Tew, Correctional Officer, Easterling Correctional Facility, Clio, AL
Officer Tew, a Supporting Member, and his son-in-law, Correctional Officer Frederick Grubbs, are both employed at Easterling CF.

Like Jennifer, I also became familiar with CPOF after the murder of Bill. I was a Correctional Officer at what was then West Jefferson CF. In June of 1990 I took the train to Washington, D.C. and attended what I believe was the first "Project 2000."

I became a CPOF Supporting Member immediately. Years later I became a Chaplain. I'm still a Chaplain and your main contact at Easterling CF. I, like Jennifer and Mandy, truly believe in "paying it forward." Please contact me if I can be of ANY assistance. And West Jefferson CF is now the William E. Donaldson Facility in memory of our Fallen Officer, husband and dad. Rest in Peace, my friend. -- Tony Askew



Pennsylvania

from Wendy:

In this photograph: Superintendent Fisher, Officer Josh McConaughey, his son Colton and Officer Jamie Ardrey of SCI Smithfield. Officer Ardrey contacted CPOF with a request for our help after Colton suffered burns requiring extensive medical treatment. I am happy to report that Colton was able to join us at SCI Smithfield for the check presentation during their annual Child of Dreams celebration.



I was also happy to accept an invitation to attend an event that has been an annual Christmas tradition at their institution the past 11 years. "Nothing is impossible, it just hasn't been done yet" is the motto adopted by the employees who have reached goals some would have said were impossible. Over the past 11 years they have raised over \$100,000 for charities in their community. This year just a few of the things they were able to sponsor: their 11th "Make a Wish" child on a trip to Disney World, 40 gift bags made for veterans at the Altoona Veterans Hospital, \$1,000.00 to a local food pantry and \$500 to send a high school scoliosis patient to a boot camp to correct her spine. The list goes on but my space here is limited (for those in PA I will include this and more in the next Newsletter).

The difference these Correctional Staff make for their community shows first-hand what we can do to let the public know what amazing people make up the Department of Corrections. Thank you to Officer Ardrey for contacting us on behalf of his co-workers and including CPOF in the symposium -- plus the invitation to attend the Child of Dreams program.

Wendy Baur, CPO Foundation Pennsylvania Representative



Above is a photo of Correctional Officer I Kenneth Bardo accepting a CPOF check from SCI-Frackville Superintendent Robert Collins and myself. C/O Bardo has been off work since August of 2012 due to a medical condition causing him to have seizures. He has been out with no time for a number of months now, and also no money coming in. C/O Bardo was very appreciative of the donation, and hopes to return to work soon.

-- David S. Clemson, Captain, SCI-Frackville, PA

It seems life moves at the speed of the SECA campaign. One is over and we are immediately preparing for the next. If any of you missed the opportunity to sign up in 2012 and would like to continue being Supporting Members, please contact our office to request either a bank draft or lump sum application. We continue to grow in Pennsylvania with the addition of County Jails -- **Welcome to Washington County, our newest addition!** -- and the participation of both our State DOC and County Honor Guards at Project. We are on our way to building a united front by spreading the message of "taking care of our own."

We recently lost Correctional Officer Eric Williams of USP Canaan. The Honor Guards and Staff that came from across the country to the bitter cold of Pennsylvania to stand side by side with their own as a show of respect for their fallen Brother is a testament to the mission statement this Foundation was built on. For those in our "frozen tundra," a Newsletter will be out soon covering more of what's going on here.

God bless all of you, stay safe and watch out for each other. -- Wendy

Mississippi



Left: Mississippi Probation/Parole Officer Brad Taylor, a Supporting Member, had major back surgery that kept him off work for three months. With him is CPOF Volunteer William Brand, who recommended assistance for Officer Taylor.

Right: Correctional Officer III Antoinette Norman, also a Supporting Member, received an assistance check to help with medically-related expenses incurred last year. With her is Ora Starks, CPO Foundation Volunteer Representative in Mississippi and a member of the CPOF National Honor Guard.



New Applicants and Membership in Mississippi

*by
Ora Starks*

I became a member of the Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation in 1999. I really was amazed that there was an organization to assist Correctional staff during their times of need. I later got more involved with the organization and soon became a Volunteer Representative in the State of Mississippi for the Foundation.

It gives me great pleasure to recruit new Supporting Members for such a great organization from Mississippi State Penitentiary and other MDOC employees and sharing with them and providing information on how the CPO Foundation supports Correctional staff in so many ways. I also like to see and/or hear their responses about the Foundation when I share with them the Mississippi Newsletter, DVDs of past Projects, the CPO Family magazine and the testimonies of Correctional staff that the organization has assisted. I especially like telling MDOC staff that our very own Commissioner Christopher Epps is one of the CPO Foundation's Board members.

By enlightening staff and sharing information it really brings the Foundation more into reality, which motivates them to join and become Supporting Members. As a result, in the State of Mississippi our membership continues to grow.

The CPO Foundation is true to its motto of "Taking Care Our Own."



Left: Ora Starks with Correctional Service Aide I Teresa Jones. Mrs. Jones, a Supporting Member, had abdominal surgery in late September 2012.

Right: MSP Superintendent Earnest Lee, MSP

Inmate Locator Mrs. Vivian Roach and Ora Starks. Mrs. Roach was diagnosed with cancer in early 2012 and has been undergoing regular treatments.



MONTANA

MONTANA STATE PRISON'S COMMUNICATION FAIR/STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

by Theresa Stevens, CPO Foundation's Administrative Assistant

As most in Corrections know, the week of May 6-10, 2013 is Correctional Officers Week. On May 7, 2013, CPOF's Colorado Representative Bob Kahanic and I attended Montana State Prison's Communication Fair/Staff Appreciation Day. We were well received and all who are Supporting Members were very happy to see us there. There were many vendors in attendance, a barbecue and even little contests with gifts and raffle prizes. This was all done to show appreciation for the staff's hard work and dedication to their profession. We saw a variety of staff not only from MSP,



Wallace Building exterior.

but from the Central office as well. Staff included mental health, Correctional Officers, Sergeants, Lieutenants, Captains, Training Officers, Correctional Counselors and even the Warden and his staff were on hand most of the day.

Many stopped by our table just to say hello and to thank us, CPOF, for what we do. Some stopped to increase their donations. And we had several sign up to become new Supporting Members.

While most might find that touring a prison does not sound like "fun" or something one would choose to do, I find that it is interesting to see how our prisons around the nation differ from one another and to hear how certain systems work and how some do not. Bob and I were given a tour of Montana State Prison by Dave Garcia who is the DOC Training Officer for the Department of Corrections in Montana. Bob and I would like to personally thank Dave for his hospitality and for the informative tour.

Lucy Jensen

Lucy is the daughter of Jeff and Tammy Jensen of Pompeys Pillar, Montana. Jeff is a Correctional Counselor at the Montana Women's Prison in Billings. Lucy was diagnosed with Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia and due to complications she was hospitalized for seven months following her November 29, 2011 birth. She has had many ups and downs concerning her health, including spending a second Christmas in the Denver Children's Hospital after surgery for a perforated bowel. The beginning of February [2013] Lucy will be going to the Aerodigestive Specialty Clinic in Denver. Jeff has exhausted all of his hours due to Lucy's health condition, so any sick hours MWP staff members would be willing to donate would be greatly appreciated.



GOD BLESS!

Jeff, Tammy, Paiton and LUCY Jensen

Philadelphia Prisons System

by Donna M. Huffnagle

Administrative Technician/HNT, Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility

With recently named Field Representative Larry Bottner and Philadelphia Prisons Warden Michele Farrell heading up the Philadelphia CPOF Committee, Philadelphia hit the ground running with fundraising and membership drives.

Their fundraisers included a "Christmas Wreath Raffle," which contained ten (10) \$25.00 restaurant gift cards (photo at right). This effort netted them a \$2,600.00 profit for CPOF.

The next item on their agenda was memberships. After running a membership drive at all six (6) facilities, 140+ new members were signed up.



Still the momentum continued with their "Sweetheart Raffle" held in February. This raffle consisted of an extra large heart-shaped box of candy with ten (10) \$25.00 gift cards (photo at left) that would ensure the perfect romantic evening for two to celebrate Valentine's Day. The committee netted \$1,600.00 from this event.

Although this committee has been making monumental strides in both fundraising and memberships, it was not without tragedy.

During this time Philadelphia lost two dedicated employees. In true CPOF form the families of these employees received a helping hand from the Foundation, reinforcing their motto, "Taking Care of Our Own."

Sadly, in addition to losing two (2) members of the Philadelphia Prison System, Philadelphia had fifteen (15) employees who experienced a catastrophic event. Again, the CPOF came to the aid of these Officers and their families.

The CPOF also assisted in honoring PPS Officer William Weber, who while on military leave was injured in the Middle East conflict and returned home. Philadelphia is happy to report that Officer Weber has returned to work and is doing well.

Philadelphia will continue to keep up the momentum with their upcoming Grillin' and Chillin' Raffle. The committee agrees that this raffle for a gas grill and a cooler full of picnic items will be another profitable fundraiser for them.

Warden Michele Farrell, committee members and PPS Honor Guard members will be attending **Project 2000 XXIV** in Reno, Nevada. All look forward to meeting and sharing experiences with Correctional Staff from around the country.

Looking toward the future, the Philadelphia committee will continue to promote memberships and conduct fundraisers that will help enable the CPOF to always "Take Care of their Own."



Left: CJO Director Yolanda Lockwood, Detention Center Warden Juanita Goodman, Detention Center Deputy Warden Adrian Christmas and CPOF Representative Larry Bottner.

Right: Larry Bottner, House of Correction C/O Sandra Truit, CJO Director Lockwood, and Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility Warden Michele Farrell.



Correctional Sergeant Gilbert Cortez and K9 Mattie

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SERVICE: April 10, 2013

"STAND BY"

Honoring Correctional Sergeant Gilbert Cortez and K9 Mattie

The service started promptly at 1:00 pm with, again, Honor Guards (HG) from all over the United States in attendance. From the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Secretary Dr. Jeffery Beard, Director Kathleen Dickinson and Undersecretary (A) Operations Martin Hoshino were there. Also attending was CPOF Foundation longtime friend and Supporting Member George Giurbino.

CPOF National HG Commander Steve Dizmon escorted Nohema Cortez, Gilbert's widow, into the church. Other CPOF National HG members and California HG's escorted C/Sgt. Cortez's daughter, Marisa; son, Andres; and the rest of the large extended Cortez family.



Right beside the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation dignitaries was the Riverside Police Department, proving that when one of us hurts, we ALL hurt.

Mattie was not only C/Sgt. Cortez's K9 partner but also, as the pastor said, "The 'other woman' in Sergeant Cortez's life." All in the church smiled and some even managed to laugh. The Correctional Officers with their K9's are an elite group, and Gilbert's partners ALL called him a friend and, more important, a brother. The pastor also asked us to speak to our hearts and our minds and keep the entire Cortez family including Gilbert's parents in our prayers.

C/Sgt. Cortez was noted for his community work and was often described as "an angel on earth" who ALWAYS put Corrections in a positive light.

Also in attendance at the service were Manny and Bertha Gonzalez, parents of C/O Manuel Gonzalez II who was murdered in the line of duty in January of 2008 at the California Institution for Men (CIM). At the time, nearby facility CRC covered positions at CIM, as did Youth Training School, so that as many CIM staff as possible could attend Manny's funeral. YTS is now closed, but many of their staff transferred to CIM and they, along with others at CIM, covered positions at CRC so that many at CRC could attend the "celebration of life" for their "Fallen Brother."

Warden Cynthia Tampkins spoke on behalf of the entire California Rehabilitation Center (CRC = 800 + C/O's strong) and also on behalf of the Governor of California, Jerry Brown. Warden Tampkins said that California Peace Officer Gilbert Cortez served the Department proudly for 23 years. He also said that this tragedy "does not make sense." We will all process our grief for Gilbert and Mattie and celebrate our love in their memory.



Photos this page: Top right, California Correctional Officers and (center) CPOF National HG Commander Steve Dizmon; upper left, more of Sergeant Cortez's and K9 Mattie's co-workers and friends; above, at the funeral service. Next page, left column: More photos from Sergeant Cortez's and K9 Mattie's service.

Glenn Mueller's message, continued from front page

I, along with the other “Founding Fathers” of the CPOF, NEVER thought in a hundred years that it would become the organization it is today. However, with dedicated individuals like all of you out there from all over the United States, we have become what we are, an outstanding Correctional Charity. Thank you all very much.

One thing the CPOF Board of Directors and I really wanted to accomplish was to form a CPOF National Honor Guard Team. With the expertise of Commander Steve Dizmon, this goal has been achieved. This team of Corrections Professionals, the CPOF National Honor Guard, was established to be at each and every funeral/service when one of our own is murdered or otherwise dies in the line of duty. Sadly, 2012 dealt us the largest number of line-of-duty deaths we have ever had since our beginning. We had National Honor Guard troops at each service. Tragically, some murders/deaths occurred on days so close to each other that in some cases only two or three National Honor Guard members could attend the funeral – but they were there.

For those of you reading this publication, the CPO Family, for the first time – welcome. You will read over and over again in this magazine that “you are our eyes and ears” at your facility, and it’s true. Even with the great resources of computers and emails, we still need you, your phone calls and emails when someone at your jail, facility, prison or central office(s) is in need of a “hand up” due to a recent catastrophic event in their life.

In closing, I am proud to be the current Chairman of the CPOF and, again, welcome to new Supporting Members and may ALL of you stay safe.



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New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision

and pages 20 and 21 on New York, you can see how many Correctional families the CPO Foundation has assisted, amazing! The CPOF is blessed to have Jay West and Dave Wedzina here in New York State, and Antonio; and I want to do the same as they do for Warrant and Transfer Officers and Parole Officers.

I have been a Supporting Member of the CPO Foundation for a number of years and I will continue to inform fellow Officers of the work and dedication of the CPOF's Supporting Members, Staff and Board of Directors.

Arizona

Arizona Department of Corrections – Department Van Rollover

All of us here at CPOF were extremely concerned when we heard of the horrible transportation accident involving a Department of Corrections van carrying nine Arizona Correctional Officers to work. The van had blown a tire and rolled over on the interstate. With our cell phones so connected to the world, I was with my Boss and I immediately shared with her what had happened.



My name is Theresa Stevens and I handle the State of Arizona when such a terrible accident takes place. I have been to Arizona several times with CPOF Representatives Richard Loud and Donnie Almeter, making many check presentations to Arizona Correctional Staff that recently lost a loved one or who were in a terrible accident like the above. We assisted the widow of Arizona DOC Administrator Don Horne, who died from a heart attack, and then she lost her daughter just a few short days later from heart complications. We have assisted a Sergeant and his family from Maricopa County who lost their home to a fire just before Christmas and another Sergeant who lost his 17-year-old son in an ATV accident. His 19-year-old son was seriously injured in the same accident.

I am also the Catastrophic Assistance Coordinator for Maricopa County and ALL the Correctional Counties in Arizona. Although I do have to admit that if you are



Left to right: Mr. Horne's other daughter; CPOF Volunteer Liz Shaffer-Smith; C/O Larry Sampson (Stacy's husband); Mrs. Carolyn Horne (Don's widow); Joyce Sampson (Stacy's mother-in-law); CPOF Representative Richard Loud, CPOF Administrative Assistant Theresa Stevens and Mr. Charles Ryan, Director of the Arizona Department of Corrections.

a Supporting Member through the United Way Campaign in Maricopa County, you have seen more of Attica Survivor Donald Almeter (September 1971) and Richard Loud.

With the help of Sheriff Joe Arpaio and Captain Ansel Harmon, both Richard and Donnie were able to address ALL the shift changes in Maricopa County. They also attend the Arizona Correctional

Association Conference in Phoenix every year.

We look forward to many more Arizona Counties coming "on line."



Sergeant Raymun Miranda of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office received a CPOF assistance check after two of his three sons were in an ATV accident on a family camping trip. Both sons, one 17 and the other 19, were very seriously injured and, sadly, the 17-year-old did not survive. Pictured are Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, Sgt. Miranda, CPOF Representative Richard Loud and CPOF Administrative Assistant Theresa Stevens.

NOTE: In November the Arizona State Employees Charitable Campaign will start. Please consider making CPOF your "charity of choice." The code number is **ST317**.

The Maricopa County Charitable Campaign also will run in November. The code number is **58891**.

Thank you all who contributed in 2012. We look forward to your continued support this year and in years to follow.

FYI: Both Arizona State & Maricopa County code numbers may change.

UTAH

I have visited and shared the Correctional Peace Officers (CPO) Foundation with all the prisons here in Utah over the past six months –well, actually, if the truth be known, for the past eight years. For those of you new to CPOF and “just” became Supporting Members – welcome – and to our longtime Supporting Members, thanks for all the assistance you have given me while at ALL the complexes.

Those of you who are Supporting Members know of our extensive Catastrophic Assistance Program (the “CAP”) that assists those Correctional Professions needing a “hand up.” For those of you “just” learning of this important benefit that the CPO Foundation offers – read this *CPO Family* magazine and learn more.

My name is Carol Manning. I am a longtime resident of Utah and have raised all my children here. Except for one that resides in Nevada, the rest are all here. At times, you have seen several of the girls with me at shift changes.

The CPO Foundation is a National Charity for those that work within Corrections. The “CAP” benefit I talked about above is for ALL in Corrections, because when one suffers a loss or a serious illness, it’s human nature that we all want to assist or show support through cards, notes, those ever-important phone calls and/or financial aid. Your contact in the Sacramento main office to submit a Correctional co-worker needing a “hand up” is Shanna Bredeson. Keep in mind that we are here for ALL in Corrections, Probation and Paroles and the Juvenile Justice Service as well, in all states. Again, the CPO Foundation is for ALL in Corrections.

CPOF and I often hear from Millie Anderson, widow of Stephen Anderson (EOW June 25, 2007). I was in Philadelphia for CPOF’s Annual Memorial Ceremony when I heard of C/O Anderson’s passing. As soon as I arrived home I contacted Ann House, widow of Lieutenant Tom House (EOW January 28, 1988), and together we did all we could for the Anderson family.

As you read through this publication you will see that already this year we have had seven line-of-duty deaths, one being from our neighbor state Colorado, Executive Director Tom Clements, very tragic and very sad. The work that the CPO Foundation does is very important and I am very glad to be a part of this great organization and, again, your main contact in our State of Utah.

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often that a dream comes true, but to their credit they made it happen. I have been attending CPOF conferences and Projects on behalf of RIBCO since the earliest one held in Washington, DC when there were less than a hundred in attendance. I am proud to say that RIBCO has been a loyal supporter of the Foundation from its inception and is currently a Lifetime sponsor.

In closing, I want to personally thank you and the Foundation and your staff for all they have done and all they will do for the ‘families’ who have lost loved ones, the positive image of Corrections you promote around the country, the assistance you provide to Correctional Officers and their families in times of crisis, your support of the RIBCO Honor Guard and honoring Ernie’s memory. Your endless support and dedication is a true testament to the spirit of “Taking Care of Our Own”.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Rivard

Letters and Photos from States "All Over"

Arizona

To the CPO Foundation,

Thank you so much for all the help we have received. It has helped beyond anything we expected. It is a struggle to go back and forth to visit and expensive to go to Las Vegas. We have so far been forced to give away our three dogs, one of our children was dropped from school, and any savings for our baby's furniture is gone.

I calculated the cost of a rental and hotel and gas and came up with \$350 for three days every week. That leaves us with little or nothing to work with when we are back in town. We did manage to stay in the Ronald McDonald House; however, we had to stop because they can't save a room if we aren't there for more than a day and we would rather leave that for less fortunate people that need it.

The plan was to stay in the truck at the hospital while there on the weekends but my dad was able to get a hotel discount at the Days Inn. So this money will be going to that and gas for three days every weekend.

We are lucky we didn't have our baby while driving home because if we had kept going we would have been in the desert at 3:00 am and without cell service. I don't know if my wife or baby would be here right now and that alone was enough stress.

Our baby will be in the hospital for another two months possibly. Hopefully, she does better so we can bring her back home.

Once again, thank you for all the help.

Officer Amir Ashrafzadeh, Central Intake Administrative Officer,
Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, AZ

Officer Ashrafzadeh and his wife, Sandra, were in Henderson, Nevada visiting family when Sandra went into premature labor.



Arkansas

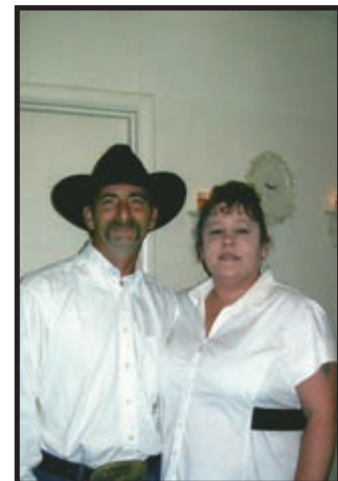
Dear Ms. Shanna Bredeson and Correctional Peace Officers Foundation,

Thank you so much for your assistance and prayers during our time of need. As you know, my husband, Thomas, had a stroke on December 27, 2012 that left his left side paralyzed. I have worked for the Arkansas Department of Corrections for 12 years, and the love and support from fellow Officers such as those at CPOF never cease to amaze me. I never imagined that when I signed up to be a Supporting Member that I myself would need assistance. I just wanted you to know that my family is very grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Kelly, Thomas and Dawson Whaley, Newport, AR

Kelly is a Corporal at McPherson Unit. We wish Thomas all the best for a successful recovery. He is pictured at right with Corporal Whaley.



Letters and Photos from States "All Over"

To Ms. Shanna Bredeson,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the CPOF for the catastrophic assistance given to my family and me with the loss of my wife, Marsha, in a fatal motor vehicle accident on December 8, 2012.

I have been a member of CPOF for many years to help Correctional personnel in need. I never dreamed that I would ever need assistance.

My family and I were devastated by Marsha's loss and we have made it through with God's help and that of family, friends and organizations such as the CPOF.

We appreciate the funds and the inspirational card titled "Journey." It was uplifting and we will be eternally grateful for the support of the CPOF in the darkest time of our lives.

Thank you again, and may God bless you and the CPOF.

Dale, Michael and Melissa Reed, Grady, AR

Dale Reed is the Warden at the Quachita River Unit. Our condolences continue for the Reed family and their friends on the very sad loss of Marsha. The photo above is of the Reeds' son, Michael; daughter, Melissa; Marsha; and Warden Reed.



Idaho

Correctional Officer Donald Schlader, a Supporting Member at North Idaho Correctional Institution, received a CPO Foundation assistance check to help with funeral expenses after the death of his and his wife's unborn baby girl. Pictured at left are Sergeant Mary Strang, Officer Schlader and NICI Warden Lynn Guyer.

Illinois

Shanna,

We presented the check to C/O Shawn Ovens. He is very appreciative. The money will help pay for gas to and from the children's hospital in Iowa City. The baby is scheduled for one more surgery. Thank you from all the employees at East Moline Correctional Center. The CPOF is truly a blessing and a great organization. Presenting the check is Assistant Warden Williams and Major Humphrey. Officer Ovens is in the middle.

Angie Caudill, Record Office Supervisor
East Moline Correctional Center.

Officer Ovens' and his wife's daughter, Brynn, was born with a heart condition.



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Tennessee



Career Management Instructor Charlotte Vaughn of Northwest Correctional Complex was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer that required surgery to remove part of her stomach. After the surgery in mid August 2012, Instructor Vaughn had to be off work for the rest of the year to recover. NCC Deputy Warden Brenda Jones recommended Instructor Vaughn for assistance with extra expenses. In the photo at left are NCC Warden Henry Steward, Deputy Warden Jones and Instructor Charlotte Vaughn.

Ms. Bredeson:

Enclosed [right] is a picture of Warden Tony Howerton presenting the CPOF check to Officer Kenneth Knight. In the picture from left to right are: Deputy Warden Mike Parris, Officer Kenneth Knight, Warden Tony Howerton and Officer Rick Moss.

On behalf of Warden Howerton, we consider it a privilege to be associated with your organization and on behalf of "Kenny," as we know him, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your assistance to him. It is comforting to know that someone cares for us as we consider our staff here at MCCX family, and family takes care of family. Thank you again.

Sherry Oody, Executive Secretary, Warden Tony Howerton's Office, Morgan County Correctional Complex
Officer Knight's wife, Delphine, died on November 13, 2012 from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and emphysema.



Virginia



Officer Winfred Jones and his wife, Vonett

December 20, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Winfred Murrell Jones. I am a Senior Officer at Dillwyn Correctional Center in Dillwyn, Virginia. I've served the agency for 13 years and I am thankful for all the great professionals that serve with me. I've been a member of the CPOF for several years, yet I never thought I would be a recipient of its services. In August of 2012 I suffered a heart attack that not only altered my health, but it affected my ability to care for my family. This great Foundation upon hearing of my situation stepped in to assist my family and me when we were almost assured we were at a place of no return. Mounting hospital bills, new medications and doctors' co-pays were added to our already burdened financial state. The assistance that I received from this agency expressed to me and my family that we now were a part of an extended family, that of the CPOF. Not

Letters and Photos from States "All Over"

only was this agency concerned about my medical condition and recovery, but they also were concerned about my family. No words can express the thanks and appreciation we have for this great agency and its members. I am so proud to be a Supporting Member of the CPOF.

In closing, I would like to thank the staff and members of the CPOF. May God forever bless you and your families.

With Much Thanks,

C/O Winfred M. Jones and the Jones Family, Gladstone, VA

West Virginia

Correctional Officer Elizabeth Smith of Northern Correctional Facility received a CPO Foundation assistance check when a storm caused damage to her property and the exterior of her house, and knocked out power for a long time. Officer Smith and her husband are the parents of four children. In the photo at right are CPOF West Virginia Representative Ray Wagoner, Sergeant Brenda Huffman, Lieutenant Ray Plumley, Officer Smith and Sergeant David Stemple.



Dear Shanna Bredeson,

On behalf of the staff at Potomac Highlands Regional Jail, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the support that the CPO Foundation provided for our Lieutenant, James S. Collins, and his family during the time of their loss due to James' seven month battle with cancer. Sadly, he passed away on October 18, 2012.

Lieutenant James Collins had been employed by the WV Regional Jail Authority for 17 years. He had made a great impression will all staff, and was a great role model, friend and co-worker. He will be missed greatly and will continue to be in our hearts.

We want to thank the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation again for their generous contributions to the family.

Sincerely,

Mike Lawson, Administrator, Potomac Highlands Regional Jail, Augusta, WV

Lieutenant Collins, a Supporting Member, already had stage 4 brain and lung cancer when he was diagnosed.

Dear Shanna,

Please accept my sincere thank you for the thoughts, prayers and assistance check that your organization sent to me following my husband Denis' recent illness. I appreciated it very much.

Denis is now well on the road to recovery and feeling better with every passing day. He is still having additional tests for some of his other health issues, but he is recovering nicely.

Once again, thank you.

Beverly A. Rollins, Cairo, WV

Ms. Rollins is an OA I and a Supporting Member at North Central Regional Jail. Her husband, Denis, had severe pneumonia and was hospitalized for three weeks. He has had three surgeries on his lungs.

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May 7, 2013***
by Don Dease

On May 7, 2013, North Carolina Peace Officers' Memorial Day, two Corrections professionals were recognized during the annual memorial service. Since 1892, North Carolina has been recognizing law enforcement line-of-duty deaths; however, 2013 marks the first year that Corrections professionals were included.



The William Wright family receiving their plaque. Pictured are Michael and Mary Cramp, sister and brother in law; Earline Wright, mother, behind Emily and Sarah, nieces; Archie Wright, father; Captain Robert Whittington; Attorney General Roy Cooper; and Warden Susan White of the Mountain View Correctional Institution.

In 2012, Probation Officer Jeffrey Settle, who died in August of 2011, was on the list to be recognized when someone realized that the service had never included those from Corrections, or Probation and Parole. Probation Officer Settles' name and recognition were withheld. Through the efforts of Laura Matthews, his supervisor while working, Jeffrey was returned to the Honor Roll and recognized this year. Also, Office William Wright from Mountain View Correctional Institution, who died in the line of duty in 2012, was recognized at this time.

This May 7 Tuesday was a beautiful Carolina day and many law enforcement professionals attended the event to pay their respects to the seven Officers who were honored. (Two of seven were from Corrections.) Prior to the service, each family met privately with Mr. Roy Cooper, Attorney General for North Carolina, and received a plaque and a state flag commemorating this memorial. The entire ceremony was well orchestrated and respectful of each individual honored.

In addition to the families of Officers Settle and Wright, representatives from the Probation district where Jeffrey worked and the prison where William worked

attended the service, along with North Carolina Division of Public Safety Central Office personnel. We enjoyed a reunion



Table honoring seven Fallen Officers

with the Settle family, who attended **Project** in 2012, and we also visited with the Wright/Cramp family who will attend **Project 2000 XXVI** in 2013.



Various honor guards and law enforcement Officers outside of church forming a corridor to honor families after the service

Hawaii

My name is Roger Sherman and I am a Sergeant at the Oahu Community Corrections Center (pictured).

Retired Lieutenant Carl Aaron introduced me to the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation back in the 1990s. One never knows how helpful the CPOF can be until there is a need. Here on the Islands we have called and requested assistance for our Correctional Officers and clerical staff many times over the years.

I had the chance to review this issue of the *CPO Family* before it went to press. After reading of ALL the Correctional Brothers and Sisters that lost their lives last year in the line of duty on the Mainland, I want to send all our respect and condolences from each of the Hawaiian Islands. Rest in Peace, our Brothers and Sisters

Here in Hawaii we can become Supporting Members through the Aloha United Way Campaign. The campaign runs for a rather short period of time, and with that said, I am unable to get to ALL of the Islands to promote CPOF to the fullest. So I ask you when the campaign starts up to check your booklet and becoming a Supporting Member. For those of you that are already Supporting Members, encourage your co-workers to contribute and make CPOF their "CHARITY OF CHOICE."

Again, it's about "Taking Care of Our Own." With a minimum donation of \$5.00 a month -- as little as \$2.50 a pay period -- you can assist your Correctional Sisters and Brothers in their times of need. We cannot do this alone, everyone needs someone. I believe it's all about family and friends. Your contact on the mainland is Shanna who can be reached at Shanna@cpof.org.

Mahalo,
Sergeant Roger Sherman



ALOHA, UNITED WAY

From Norm Baker, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President Community Impact:

I'm very pleased to announce that the Aloha United Way (AUW) Board of Directors approved your [CPOF's] application for Community Support Agency status for 2013. This means that you will be eligible to receive designations through our Donor Choice program. Your agency name and designation number will be displayed on the campaign materials for our 2013 workplace campaigns.

As a reminder, we encourage Community Support Agencies to display the Aloha United Way logo (<https://www.auw.org/help/campaign/campaign-toolkit-home/>) on their marketing and fundraising materials. We suggest that you add a note under the logo saying "Our AUW Designation Number is **75880**" or something similar. This will alert recipients of your marketing and fundraising efforts that they can give to you through Aloha United Way.

Your AUW designation number is **75880**, and it will appear in the campaign materials. For returning Community Support Agencies, please note that *your designation number has not changed from 2012*. For agencies that are new to the Aloha United Way system, your five-digit designation number is used by a donor on our pledge forms to designate to you. The number is permanent so feel free to use it on materials knowing it will not change in later years.

Agency name: Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Inc
Designation number: 75880

Mahalo,
Norm Baker



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Boston

My name is Paul Glavin and I am a Correctional Officer at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital Correctional Unit here in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. I have been a Correctional Officer for 31 years.

My first introduction to the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation was in June of 1992 when I was approved to attend my first **Project** event. I believe it was **Project 2000 III**. I drove with a colleague to Washington, D.C. and enjoyed the "Gangs in Prisons" Seminar very much, as well as all the rest of what the four-day event offered. Except for one year, I have returned every year and now I am in charge of setting up the "Fallen Officers Wall" that, sadly, grows larger every year. If you have never been to **Project**, plan to. As a Corrections Professional, it will surely enhance your Correctional career.



BOSTON STRONG

Like many of you on Monday, April 15, I was watching the 26-mile Annual Boston Marathon,

cheering when the runners started crossing the finish line, when tragically two bombs detonated, killing three people and injuring many, many others. Two of the injured are Massachusetts Correctional Officers.

I know that Charleene contacted Massachusetts DOC Commissioner Luis Spencer immediately, offering CPOF's assistance.

We now hear all over, "*Boston Strong.*" Boston is a strong city and, like New York City, we will overcome and recover. Please, however, keep those prayers coming.

"Taking Care of Our Own"