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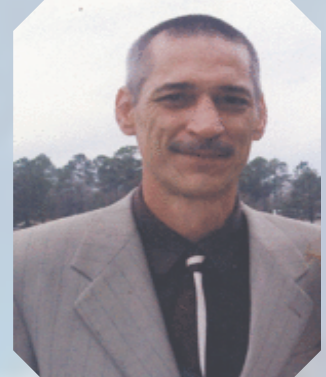
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PROJECT 2000 XXII

June 9 - 12, 2011

San Antonio, Texas

Project 2000 XXII was a “welcome back” to San Antonio for us. We had held Project 2000 IX in this great city way back in 1998.

My name is Debbie Stewart Herklotz and I am a Field Representative for the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation in the State of Texas. I became involved with CPOF in June, 1995 a year and a half after the line-of-duty death of my late husband, Stephen Stewart. Steve was employed with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and died as the result of injuries sustained in



an on-duty accident on January 6, 1994. As guests of the CPO Foundation, my sons, Casey and David, and I attended Project 2000 VI in June 1995 in Washington, D.C.

Project 2000 is a four-day gathering of and for Correctional Personnel from across the United States. The highlight of every Project is the CPO Foundation’s National Memorial Ceremony for Correctional Personnel that have died in the line of duty in the preceding year. After I had worked for the Foundation for a couple of years as Texas Representative I approached the CPOF

Photos: Above, the “Kids and Teens” of Project 2000 IX in San Antonio, June 1998. Right: Fred Immer (second from left), now a CPOF Representative, attended Project 2000 IX for the first time when one of his sons, C/O William Immer who died in the line of duty in 1997, was honored. Fred’s other son, Kurt, is third from the right.

Board of Directors and asked them, “What would it take to get you to consider Texas as a state in which to hold Project 2000?” They proudly told me that they already were considering Texas -- and the rest, as they often say, is history. The June 1998 Project was a great success, all the more so for its being held in San Antonio, a city that has so much history and so much to offer.



Debbie Herklotz

I was very proud and pleased that the Board of Directors once again chose my home state of Texas and the beautiful city of San Antonio to hold **Project 2000 XXII** in June 2011.

Although there have been many changes within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice since Project 2000 IX in 1998, the pride within TDCJ and support for the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation is stronger than ever. ALL of the TDCJ Regional Directors attended **Project 2000 XXII**. And Mr. James (Jim) Estelle, retired Texas Department of Corrections (as it was called at the time) Director was again able to attend Project this year, as he attended in 1998. We are always honored to visit with Mr. Estelle and his lovely wife Marilyn.

You see on this page a couple of “old” photos from 1998 when the National Memorial Ceremony was first



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The "Wall of Honor" at Project 2000 XXII.

held in front of the Alamo and, on the following pages, many more from this year, again to honor those who were killed or otherwise died in the line of duty. I am glad to say that this year there were hundreds more Corrections Professionals in attendance than in 1998.

I hope that everyone who attended this year had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful city of San Antonio and perhaps see more of the State of Texas before or after the four days of Project. I hope also that, in addition to the terrific **Real Texas Barbecue** hosted by the TDCJ on Friday evening, June 10, you were able to experience more true Texas hospitality while you were here.

I would like to mention and thank Volunteer Representative Cathy Stokes, who mostly works in the Huntsville and Palestine area, but you who live and work in Texas are likely to see her at some point ALL over Texas. Cathy retired from Texas Corrections after 32 years of service. We have been friends for many years and I am so happy that she decided to come work with me about two and a half years ago.

I would also like to thank Captain Joe Ponder who assists me and the CPO Foundation in the Amarillo area. Many thanks to Assistant Warden Dawn Williamson from the Gist Unit in Beaumont, Texas. I would also like to thank my husband, Marshall Herklotz. Marshall retired from TDCJ in May 2001 after 30 years of service. He has been a great help both to me and the CPOF from the very beginning.

Thanks to the aforementioned Regional Directors for their participation and support. Also, many thanks to the Dominguez State Jail in San Antonio for providing the CPO Foundation National Honor Guard and all the other Honor Guards with plenty of space for their practice sessions AND for feeding these troops "their own" fantastic barbecue meal!

The Annual National Memorial Ceremony is the key event of every Project 2000 gathering. Other activities of Project 2000 XXII:

Friday --

- *Kids and Teens Lunch and Outing*
- *"Women in Corrections" Seminar*
- *Child Safety and ID Kits*
- *Special Presentation: "The Carrasco Siege - 11 Days in Hell" (1974 at Huntsville State Prison)*
- *Off-site Texas Barbecue hosted by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice*

Saturday:

- *"An Officer is Down" Seminar*
- *"Gangs in Prisons Part I" Seminar*
- *"Time for You" Informal Session for Fallen Family members (no photographs or cameras)*
- *Youth Counseling Session*
- *Kids and Teens Lunch and Outing*
- *"Gangs in Prisons Part II" Seminar*
- *Special Sessions for Survivors of Assaults and their Spouses (no photographs or cameras)*
- *Pizza and Ice Cream Sundae Party for Kids 12 and under*
- *"Teen Night Out"*

There are so many other Texans I would like to thank -- too many to mention! - that were also in attendance and showed their support. I think you know who you are ... I sincerely thank you all.

In closing, I hope to see a good turnout from Texas at **Project 2000 XXIII** next year in Washington, D.C. Please mark the dates now: June 7 - 10, 2012 -- and start planning!
-- Debbie

This year's Honored Officers



The Family Room

Our Family Room this year went very well in the Great State of Texas. Debbie Herklotz and Juanita Garza along with myself, Jennifer Davis, were very excited to meet the newest members of our surviving family group, which is itself part of the big CPO family as a whole. We had spent a busy year planning and discussing things that would make the Family Room feel comfortable and, most important, welcoming to all. We make sure there is plenty of water and refreshments, comfortable seating and colorful flowers. We try to think about the smallest details that could help the families begin their healing process.

It is never easy to meet people from all over the country who in the previous year had had their lives and hearts turned inside out. Unfortunately, that is how Debbie and I and Juanita met. Our lives were forever changed by the unexpected deaths of our spouses. My late husband William Donaldson was murdered by an inmate while on duty in Alabama, and Debbie's and Juanita's husbands were killed in automobile accidents while performing their duties in Texas.

However a line-of-duty death happens, just about

all surviving family members arrive with heavy hearts and nervous anticipation of the Memorial Ceremony and the remainder of the week's events.

There could not have been a more fitting place to honor our fallen heroes than the Alamo. The ceremony went off without a hitch, and, as always, the luncheon that followed was very touching. Our seminar on grief was great and even though Kleenexes were a must, everyone had a chance to share their stories and form lasting friendships and bonds with one another. It was very healing to meet people from all over the country that definitely understood why we were here.

The barbecue was fun and I think everyone enjoyed the food and some enjoyed the dancing (I know I did if you want to call it "dancing"!).

The icing on the cake for all was seeing the children with their smiling faces singing and having the time of their lives at the Sunday Prayer Breakfast.

We had wonderful families this year who shared their stories and part of their lives with us. It was a true honor. They will forever be in my heart and prayers.

-- Jennifer Davis



Top left: At the Annual National Memorial Ceremony, Friday, June 10, 2011, Shirley Moore-Smeal, Executive Secretary of the PA DOC, sits at far left. Second to the left is Craig Floyd, Chief Executive Officer of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund in Washington, D.C. Both are huge supporters of the CPOF. At the podium is Captain Alvin A. Alexis II of the Texas Rangers of San Antonio. Bottom left: Honor Guards on the march to the National Memorial Ceremony.



CPOF Volunteers from the Philadelphia Prison System were a big and welcome presence at Project 2000 XXII. Here, after a long day, they're relaxing at the Friday night barbecue hosted by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The Honored Officers of PROJECT 2000 XXII



Juvenile Detention Officer Leonard Wall
EOW: January 31, 2010
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office ~ Arkansas

Detention Officer Wall was conducting routine bed checks. When he reached a cell occupied by three juvenile inmates he was pulled into the cell and severely beaten. The inmates took Officer Wall's keys and were about to flee when Sergeant Gloria Wilburn walked up looking for Officer Wall after he did not respond to his radio call. The inmates attacked Sgt. Wilburn (she was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries) and then escaped. Officer Wall was transported to the hospital where he was put on life support until the next day when he succumbed to his injuries and passed away. Officer Wall was an eight-year employee of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Wall is survived by his sister, Wadie, and his brothers, Ferrell, Mark, Lynn and Donald Wall.

Senior Parole Agent Ellane Aimiuwu
EOW: February 7, 2010
Illinois Department of Correction



Senior Parole Agent Aimiuwu was killed in a four-car accident. Agent Aimiuwu was on duty, out making home visits, when the accident occurred. Agent Aimiuwu was traveling eastbound on Interstate 80 when a sport utility vehicle traveling westbound went out of control and flipped over the center median wall. The westbound vehicle struck two cars in the eastbound lanes, landing on top of Agent Aimiuwu's department-issued vehicle. Agent Aimiuwu was pronounced dead at the scene. He had served the Illinois Department of Correction for 12 years.

Senior Parole Agent Aimiuwu is survived by his wife, Patricia; their two children, Ellane Aimiuwu Jr., age 23, and Ehi Aimiuwu, age 22; and their grandson, Jaylen, age 5.



Correctional Officer William Waterman
EOW: March 9, 2010
Georgia State Prison ~ Georgia Department of Corrections

Correctional Officer William Waterman was participating in a tactical squad training exercise when he suffered a fatal heart attack.

Officer Waterman is survived by his wife, Diane.

Detention Officer Arthur Redelfs
EOW: March 13, 2010
El Paso County Sheriff's Office ~ Texas



Detention Officer Arthur Redelfs, his pregnant wife Lesley and their 7-month old daughter were leaving a child's birthday party when they were ambushed by several gunmen. The gunmen opened fire, killing Officer Redelfs, his wife and their unborn child. The baby daughter was found wailing in the back seat of their car. It is believed that Officer Redelfs was the target of an assassination ordered by the Aztecas gang due to issues they had regarding many of the gang members who were serving time in the jail. Officer Redelfs was a 10-year veteran of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Redelfs is survived by his (now) 22-month-old daughter, Rebecca, and his mother, Mathilde Cason, his step-father, Robert Cason, brothers, Rueben & Paul, and sisters, Katrina & Sugar.

The Honored Officers of PROJECT 2000 XXII



Nurse Cynthia Palomata
EOW: October 25, 2010
Martinez Detention Facility
Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office ~ California

Nurse Palomata was attacked by an inmate in the intake area of the jail. Medical staff were responding to a call for help when the inmate appeared to be having a seizure. Nurse Palomata was examining the inmate when he told her he had faked the seizure because he did not want to be in a particular waiting room in the intake area. Without provocation or warning the inmate picked up a lamp and struck Nurse Palomata in the head, knocking her unconscious. Nurse Palomata was transported to a hospital where she was placed on life support; three days later she was taken off life support and pronounced dead. She had served the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office since 2005.

Nurse Palomata is survived by her husband, Gedelfo, and her adult son, Earl.

Correctional Officer Gary Chapin
EOW: November 15, 2010
Crawford County Correctional Facility ~ Pennsylvania



On October 13th, Correctional Officer Gary Chapin was assaulted by an inmate who was upset over an unsharpened pencil. Officer Chapin was trying to handcuff the inmate to escort him back to his cell when the inmate attacked Officer Chapin by punching him in the face and "pile-driving" him to the ground head first. Officer Chapin was knocked unconscious and was transported to the hospital. Officer Chapin never regained consciousness and was placed on life support; he was removed from life support and died on November 15th.

Officer Chapin is survived by his wife, Janis; step-daughter, Mary, age 21; and stepson, Benjamin, age 18.

Senior Corrections Officer John H. Paskewicz Sr.
EOW: November 16, 2010
Maine Correctional Center ~ Maine Department of Corrections



Senior Corrections Officer Paskewicz Sr. suffered a fatal heart attack while participating in a training exercise on "Defending against Attacks with edged Weapons." Officer Paskewicz had just completed one of the scenarios and was speaking to several Officers, including his son, Corrections Officer John Paskewicz Jr., when he suddenly collapsed. Officer Paskewicz had served with the Maine Department of Corrections for 20 years.

Officer Paskewicz is survived by his son, Corrections Officer John P. Paskewicz Jr., and two daughters, Wendy and Kellie Paskewicz.



The Honored Officers of PROJECT 2000 XXII from the Past



Detention Officer Cesar Arreola
EOW: January 18, 2009
El Paso County Sheriff's Office ~ Texas

Detention Officer Cesar Arreola died after becoming ill while participating in tryouts for the Sheriff's Office Special Reaction Team. The team is used to control unruly prisoners or quell potential riots at the County's detention facilities. Officer Arreola was with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office for 14 months.

Officer Arreola is survived by his wife, Martha; their daughter, Jazmin, age 15; and their son, Angel, age 12.

District Parole Officer Reuben Hejl
EOW: May 19, 2009
Huntsville District Parole Office
Texas Department of Criminal Justice



Parole Officer Reuben Hejl died from injuries sustained when he was involved in a single-vehicle accident. Officer Hejl was on duty, out making home visits, when the accident occurred. Parole Officer Hejl had served the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for 11 years and began his career as a Correctional Officer.

Officer Hejl is survived by his daughter, Laci, age 5; step-daughter, Taylor, age 16; his parents, Floyd and Janie Hejl; his brother, Floyd Jr., and his ex-wife, Lynna.

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation Recognizes the Following Killed in the Line of Duty while Serving in the Military



Army Specialist David A. Holmes
Correctional Officer Holmes, Washington State Prison
Georgia Department of Corrections
EOW: June 26, 2010

Correctional Officer/Army Specialist Holmes of Tonnelle, Georgia, was assigned to the 810th Engineer Company, Georgia National Guard. He died in Sayed Abad, Afghanistan on June 26, 2010 of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device.

Army Specialist Holmes is survived by his wife, Latonya; 18-month-old son, Daveion; and 10-year-old stepson, Tejuan Thomas.

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation Recognizes the Following Killed in the Line of Duty while Serving in the Military



Army Sergeant 1st Class Robert J. Fike Correctional Sergeant II Fike, Albion State Correctional Institution Pennsylvania Department of Corrections EOW: June 11, 2010

Correctional Sergeant/Sergeant 1st Class Fike of Conneautville, Pennsylvania, was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 110th Infantry Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard. He died on June 11, 2010 from wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device at Forward Operating Base Bullard, Afghanistan.

Sergeant 1st Class Fike is survived by his 14-year old daughter, MacKenzie, and his parents, James and Christine.

Army 1st Sergeant Robert N. Barton EOW: June 7, 2010

1st Sergeant Barton of Roxie, Mississippi, was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He died on June 7, 2010 when insurgents attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device in Konar, Afghanistan.

1st Sergeant Barton is survived by his wife, Rebecca; and his mother, Correctional Officer Rebecca Paugh-Coleman (Lakin Correctional Center, West Virginia).



Marine Lance Corporal Anthony J. Rosa EOW: September 23, 2010

Marine Lance Corporal Rosa of Swanton, Vermont, was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force. He died on September 23, 2010 of injuries he received when he was shot while on patrol as he was supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Marine Lance Corporal Rosa is survived by his mother, Darcy, and his step-father, Casework Supervisor David Talcott (Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility).

Army Staff Sergeant Jason A. Reeves EOW: December 5, 2010

Staff Sergeant Reeves of Odessa, Texas, was assigned to Alpha Company, 2nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 66th Military Intelligence Brigade. He died on December 5, 2010 of wounds he sustained while conducting operations with the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force in the vicinity of the Gardez Region of the Paktika Province in Afghanistan.

Staff Sergeant Reeves is survived by his mother, Ruthie Reeves (a Managerial Accountant with UNICOR, Federal Correction Complex - Victorville, California); father, David Reeves; and sister, Stacy Roeber.



The Honored Families of PROJECT 2000 XXII



Leading Honored Family Members onto the Alamo grounds to the bagpipe playing of "Amazing Grace"



The Family of Juvenile Detention Officer Leonard Wall (Arkansas)



The Family of Sr. Parole Agent Ellane Aimiuwu (Illinois)



Accepting on behalf of the Family of Correctional Officer William Waterman (Georgia)



The Family of Detention Officer Arthur Redelfs (Texas)



The Family of Nurse Cynthia Palomata (California)

The Honored Families of PROJECT 2000 XXII



*The Family of Correctional Officer
Gary Chapin (Pennsylvania)*



*Honored Family Members at the
National Memorial Service*



*The Family of Sr. Corrections Officer
John H. Paskewicz Sr. (Maine)*



*The Family of Detention Officer
Cesar Arreola (Texas)*



*The Family of District Parole Officer
Reuben Hejl (Texas)*



*The Family of Army Specialist
David A. Holmes (Georgia)*

The Honored Families of PROJECT 2000 XXII



Each Family received a set of three shell casings from the 21-gun rifle volley



Accepting on behalf of the Family of Army Sergeant 1st Class Robert J. Fike (Pennsylvania)



The Family of Army 1st Sergeant Robert N. Barton (Mississippi)



Accepting on behalf of the Family of Marine Lance Corporal Anthony J. Rosa (Vermont)



The Family of Army Staff Sergeant Jason A. Reeves (Texas)



Jason Reeves's parents and, at right, Lt. Ray Stender of SCI Waymart, PA and his mother Gay.

Honor Guards of PROJECT 2000 XXII



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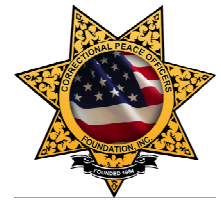


Honor Guards of PROJECT 2000 XXII





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

Right now I want to focus my attention on the uniform staff who participate in our Annual National Memorial Services by marching in the National Honor Guard. I realize it is not easy to attend a CPOF **Project** and be part of the ceremonies. First, you have to be a person who has the time to dedicate and can obtain authorization to organize or join a Color Guard, Rifle Squad or an Honor Guard. Then you have to have your Warden's or Superintendent's approval for you to represent your Prison at different functions. Locally, it is usually no big problem; however, when you tell your Warden, Superintendent, Director or Commissioner that you want to attend, for example

The CPOF's Project 2000 XXIII in Washington, D.C. in 2012

and that you want to take six to eight staff with you; and if your Prison is in California, South Carolina, Texas, Florida or in one of our States (or Provinces in Canada) that is hundreds or even thousands of miles away, some Wardens understandably do require substantial convincing.

After your Warden does gladly grant permission for you and your staff to attend, the really hard work starts. Holding fundraisers and arranging time off for all the staff; training and practice begin; weapons are cleaned; brass and other metal accoutrements are polished; flags and other equip-

ment are accounted for; and uniforms are cleaned and pressed to perfection (don't forget those Irish pennants). Additionally, transportation and hotel reservations need to be made, and, if necessary, fund-raising activities held to offset what expenses your agency cannot cover. Most important of all is making sure that your family, if they are not attending with you, will be taken care of while you are gone for four to five days.

Most of you arrive on Thursday, Honor Guard registration and afternoon practice day. If you're returning, you realize that a whole year has gone by when you see friends that you made at last year's **Project**, and the camaraderie is renewed. You check into your room and make sure you have all your gear and that it is ready to go before you attend the Honor Guard practice that afternoon and the reception dinner that night. You know it is important to get to bed early on Thursday night, because *Somebody* wants you in the hotel lobby at 0500 next morning. Come 0500 on Friday, it is obvious to some that several did not get to bed all that early, but still you all get on the buses to be transported to the Memorial Service site. Once there, yes, you practice some more and those of you who have been to practice before know what it is all about.

On the other hand, the new staff attending **Project** for the first time are trying to figure out "Who in blazes is the old man barking orders?" It all works out and you are in your State's Honor Guard uniform and you are proud. Your professionalism and dedication to the cause, our Fallen Officers, is why practice always comes together as a CPOF Honor Guard Unit looking sharp and standing tall.

At the commands of "Fall in – Forward-march" and as the City of New York Department of Correction Pipe Band starts playing, the Memorial Service begins with marching in formation with sharp uniforms, flags billowing in the wind, accoutrements glinting 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, and if the Master of Ceremonies (MC) moves things along promptly, the speakers will speak for not too long and you won't have to stand at attention for over an hour. Finally the MC gives the signal, the command of "Present arms" is 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 Service. The Memorial Luncheon follows the Service where once again you shine by meeting the surviving families and showing them your love and support. All through **Project** you make the families feel comfortable and loved, especially at the Sunday morning Prayer Breakfast. After the Prayer Breakfast you start saying your goodbyes, packing your "stuff" and making plans to see everyone at next year's **Project**.

Once again you are back home with your families, who somehow seem more important now than when you left. You're back to work walking the beat, but with a different attitude, knowing that there are people who do care and appreciate who you are and what you do.

Imagine, if you will, a **Project** Memorial Service without Honor Guards. Chairs are filled with families, friends and visitors listening to speakers talking about Fallen Officers; but there are no flags billowing in the wind, no accoutrements glinting in the sun, no heels echoing off the pavement, no 21-gun rifle volley followed by the playing of "Taps." This is what it would be like without you. Not much of a statement or recognition for our Fallen Officers.

I realize the above description only hits the highlights of what you do, and I also realize that you are aware of what it takes to attend **Project**, but I wanted to remind you, and to inform those that are unaware, of everything that you have to accomplish besides just showing up and looking pretty.

My point is that, without you -- the National Memorial Honor Guard -- **Project** would be only a shadow of itself. Praise our Father above, the CPOF does have you, and because of your dedi-

cation 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.

We are fast approaching the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF) Project XXIII in Washington, D.C. on June 7-10, 2012. The Project 2000 XXIII Memorial Ceremony will be in Friday, June 8, 2012.

Over the last 22 years you have come from all over the United States and Canada to support and participate in the CPOF Honor Guard Memorial Ceremony for our fallen officers. You brought with you the desire to serve as ambassadors to the public, present a positive image of your profession, and demonstrate love and compassion for the surviving families.



In closing, how can I thank a group of professionals like you that breathe life into a cause that has spread over our nation and now has involved our northern neighbor Canada? I suppose I can simply say that I love and appreciate all of you, and thank you so much.

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 June 2012 in Washington, D.C.***

Steve Dizmon
CPOF National Honor Guard Commander

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The Honored Officers of PROJECT XXI - June 19, 2010

Line of Duty Deaths from the Year 2010

Correctional Officer Adam Sanderson
Reception and Medical Center
Florida Department of Corrections
EOW: 3/6/09

Detention Deputy Thomas Carroll
Goodhue County Sheriff's Department
Minnesota
EOW: 3/10/09

Parole Officer Jeffrey Woolson
New York State Division of Parole
EOW: 3/19/09

Corrections Officer Mark Parker
Orange County Sheriff's Office
Florida
EOW: 3/19/09

Correctional Officer Gregory Farnsworth
Nevada State Prison
Nevada Department of Corrections
EOW: 4/21/09

Juvenile Corrections Officer William Hesson
Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility
Ohio Department of Youth Services
EOW: 4/29/09

Correctional Officer Jack Cannon
Valdosta State Prison
Georgia Department of Corrections
EOW: 8/20/09

Fire Captain Tedmund D. Hall
Firefighter Specialist Arnaldo Quinones
Los Angeles County Fire Department
EOW: 8/30/09

Detention Sergeant Ronnie Brown
Polk County Sheriff's Office
Florida
EOW: 9/8/09

Detention Officer Mike Adcock
Walton County Sheriff's Office
Georgia
EOW: 10/16/09

Correctional Officer Daniel Leach
Tucker Holding Facility - LVMPD
Nevada
EOW: 11/21/09

Line of Duty Deaths from the Past

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

Sergeant John Hart
Mt. McGregor Correctional Facility
New York State Department of Correctional Services
EOW: 9/9/02

Correctional Officer I Jamie Longenecker
State Correctional Institution - Huntingdon
Pennsylvania Department of Corrections
Pennsylvania

Military Related

Staff Sergeant Mark C. Baum
Pennsylvania Army National Guard
EOW: 2/21/09

Petty Officer Second Class Sean Michael Wood
United States Navy
EOW: 5/19/09

Sergeant Jeffrey Jordan
Georgia Army National Guard
EOW: 6/4/09

Private First Class Morris L. Walker
United States Army
EOW: 8/18/09

Private First Class Alan H. Newton Jr.
United States Army Reserve
EOW: 10/2/09

Major Eduardo Caraveo
United States Army Reserve
EOW: 11/5/09

Petty Officer Second Class Brian Patton
United States Navy Reserve
EOW: 11/19/09



THE KIDS' AND TEENS' ROOM

San Antonio is already a great city, but it became even more alive when the CPOF Kids and Teens at **Project 2000 XXII** “invaded” it! More about that later ...

Every year, it seems the support the Kids' and Teens' Room receives grows more and more. This year we were blessed with not only one Kids' Room -- but three! That was triple the fun!

Open House day on Thursday is always a great way for the newcomers to see all the fun things there are to do, and for the CPOF kids and teens “vets” to reunite and show their new friends around. Everyone chatted about the previous school year, the sports they had played, and just about everything else that had happened in their lives that year. As I walked the new children around the room, I was incredibly impressed by the way everyone welcomed each other and made one another feel special. No one wanted to leave Thursday afternoon, but eventually we had to close up to get ready for the Welcome Buffet Dinner. This is the first “official” event of every **Project**.

At the Welcome Dinner, it is continuously an honor to work with Mr. Kevin Murphy to present



Early arrivals in the “Video Room,” one of three of the rooms designated for the **Project 2000 XXII** Kids and Teens. That’s Mr. Ned Entwisle in the back. Ned is retired from the Alaska Department of Corrections and is our Representative in that state.

the special bags that he and his organization, the U.S. Deputy Wardens Association, have ready for the children. The children love their surprise and as many times as their parents ask them to wait until they get upstairs, the children cannot help but tear the bags open to see what’s inside.

On Friday, we all attended yet another beautiful Project Memorial Ceremony. The Alamo was a perfect location to honor our fallen moms, dads,

grandparents, and loved ones. After the Ceremony, the kids were ready for fun! Everyone changed into more comfortable clothes and we all headed out



At the Alamo: The gang’s all here!
(A few not quite as “camera ready” as others ...)

of the hotel to our own personal reserved room at McDonalds for lunch. After that, we walked to the Alamo and took in the history. The children took pictures with their newfound friends and really began to strengthen all of those newly formed bonds.

We came back to the Kids' Room for a few more hours of fun and games and then it was time for the barbecue put on by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. This year’s event was a blast! The children danced together “all night” (well, it seemed like all night) and it looked as if the party would

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The “goodie bags” donated by the U.S. Deputy Wardens Association to the **Project** kids at the Thursday Welcome Buffet. This special donation is a regular **Project** “tradition.”

THE KIDS' AND TEENS' ROOM



never stop! I remember looking over the children and teens dancing and playing together and was overjoyed with the happy looks on their faces and how you could see the friendships blooming and memories being made.

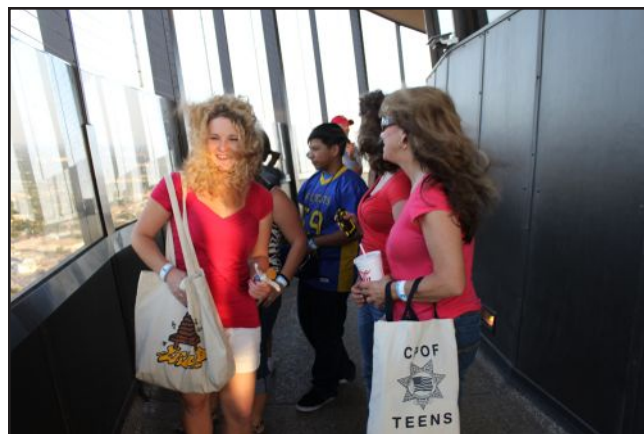
After that long night of being silly and dancing, the kids and teens eventually started to trickle back in on Saturday morning. We started the day with Mr. Gary Evans's Youth Counseling Session. Mr. Evans is one of the CPOF's Chaplains. He provides the children with an opportunity during this time to open up about memories and experiences that bring them together. It is very rare in the life of a youngster who has lost a parent in a brutal way to be able to talk with and directly relate to other children who have experienced the same traumatic loss.

As afternoon drew near, we lined everyone up and headed a few streets down to the Buckhorn and Texas Ranger Museum where we had a hamburger buffet lunch and a ton of fun exhibits



Photos this column: Top, dancing at the Friday night barbecue; above, at the Buckhorn and Texas Ranger Museum.

to enjoy. After having a blast running around the exhibits and playing in the "fun house" we walked right across the street to the San Antonio Children's Museum. We split up into groups and stood inside bubbles, played with water, flew a pretend airplane, and basically absorbed every fun experience we could. We headed back to the hotel to get



Top: The view from the top of Tower of the Americas. Above: It was just a little windy up there! Fortunately, our "Teen Girls" were unconcerned about the state of their coiffeurs, including Mandy (facing the camera).

ready for Teen Night Out and, for the 12 and under set, a "movie night extravaganza."

This year, the teenagers went to the "Tower of the Americas" and a stroll down San Antonio's famous River Walk. At the "Tower of the Americas" we saw an incredibly realistic "4-D" movie about all that the state of Texas has to offer. We also got to ride the elevator all the way to the top and see the incredible view. We had a fun pizza dinner and then we went back through the River Walk and completed our night with a trip to Baskin-Robbins.

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It was a fantastic evening, and laughter and friendship ruled the night.

The younger children who stayed back were definitely not left without anything to do. As I mentioned, we gave them a "movie night extravaganza!" For the first time, this year we purchased



Three of "Our Kids."



The Project 2000 XXII Teens

a giant blow-up movie screen that we set up in the lobby outside the Kids' Rooms. There were even theatre-like ropes on poles to define the folding chair seating area. The children watched movies, had their own pizza party and enjoyed ice cream sundaes that, following tradition, they made themselves.

We ended another terrific **Project** weekend with our Sunday Prayer Breakfast. The children sang their hearts out and everyone was blessed to hear Kelcie Wood from Florida sing a beautiful song. As the Prayer Breakfast continued, many parents started to retrieve their children to catch their flights home, and everyone realized that it

was time to say good-bye to our new friends. Even though it is always a bittersweet moment, the children and teenagers knew they were leaving an experience they would never forget. They had met wonderful people and formed friendships that would persist far longer than the **Project** weekend.

"CPOF Kids and Teens" as a whole is always magnificently blessed by the outpouring of generosity it receives through donations, volunteers, helpers, prayers and support. The kids and teens need one another, and CPOF gives them that opportunity, that outlet, as well as fun memories that



"Ain't no mountain high enough ..."



Kelcie Wood and Mandy Donaldson sing at the Sunday Prayer Breakfast

will last a lifetime. We are always thankful and we strive to "pay it forward" year after year.

Unbelievably, another **Project** has come and gone. *Not* so hard to believe: we are already well into planning and preparing for the next one! We hope that as many of our kids and teens as possible return to experience **Project 2000 XXIII** in Washington, D.C. Meanwhile, let's all stay in touch.

-- Mandy Donaldson

A HUGE THANK YOU to ALL
who made these generous donations to the CPOF at Project 2000 XXII!

<i>State of Alabama Department of Corrections</i>	\$5,900.00
<i>American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 817</i>	\$1,500.00
<i>Texas Department of Criminal Justice (from Golf Tournament)</i>	\$3,865.24
<i>American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 3048</i>	\$400.00
<i>Council of Prison Locals 33</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Correction Captains Association (NYC)</i>	\$1,500.00
<i>City of New York Department of Correction Pipe Band</i>	\$1,500.00
<i>Philadelphia City Prison System</i>	\$2,520.00
<i>State of Oregon Department of Corrections (from Golf Tournament)</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Suffolk County, NY Correction Officers Association</i>	\$5,000.00*

**For a New Lifetime Sponsorship*



The TDCJ also presented a \$52,884 check representing the total of Agency Purpose Charity donations from the various Texas Units sent to the CPOF from March through May 2011 and designated for Project 2000 XXII.



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The Project 2000 XXII Memorial Wreath. The Wreath is first placed at the Memorial Ceremony and afterward carried to the banquet room where it remains near the speakers' stage for the duration of Project.

The "Missing Officer's" Table is set at every Project 2000 event. It honors and signifies each of the Fallen who are no longer with us.



Survivors of Assaults

by Ellis Peoples

CPO Foundation Representative in Missouri

Correctional Staff throughout the country are a unique group of individuals. Children often want to be police officers or firefighters when they grow up, and some of them hold onto this dream into adulthood, often realizing that dream. However, the only Correctional Staff I have ever met whose dream was to become a Corrections professional were those who grew up in a family where at least one family member worked in Corrections.

We are trained to maintain control in any given situation. We are taught to protect the public, our co-workers, and ourselves through constant vigilance



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

and the ability to gain and keep that control in any given situation. Sometimes even our training is not enough to prevent an unprovoked attack by an inmate or parolee.

From that point on, lives are changed forever -- not only the Staff member, but their families and friends as well. These men and women have experienced the worst possible event of their careers, and still be able to tell their own stories.

My wife Mary and I attended the very first meeting of the CPO Foundation Assault Survivors group, and I have attended every meeting since. I have the privilege of serving as informal "moderator." Mary was unable to come to **Project** this year, but I know



The Assault Survivors' meeting is about to begin, with Ellis Peoples (standing) introducing himself and welcoming everyone. After this, no more pictures will be taken and it will be a closed-door meeting.

she would join me in expressing great appreciation for past "Survivors of Assaults" attendees that return and offer words of wisdom to new attendees. Their understanding means a great deal to newcomers.

It is a closed meeting, and no photographs or recordings are permitted once the meeting starts. Everyone in the room is given the opportunity to share their stories. As is customary, the meeting began slowly as the assault survivors began to speak. Others in the group nodded in agreement when someone brought up something they were experiencing. We



Correction Officer Rodney Brown of Rikers Island, New York City. NY.

cheered when an Officer told of being able to regain consciousness and go to the assistance of fellow Officers. We shared in the frustration when we were told of the difficulty in getting medical care because the medical care provider had to deal

with Workers Comp in order to get paid.

I think I was touched the most deeply by what happened to one couple

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Survivors of Assaults



Left to Right: Correctional Officer Russell Houston of South Mississippi Correctional Institution, MS; Correctional Officer Donald Malick of State Correctional Institution - Mahanoy, PA; Correctional Officer Cassie Fueston of Pasquotank Correctional Institution, NC.

whose experience was unique. The assault occurred in their home, and they told of praying and quoting Bible verses to one another while waiting for the ambulance to arrive. Later at the hospital, she wouldn't allow the surgeons to begin until a final word of prayer was said, and only then would she leave her husband's side.

At the beginning of the meeting, we set up extra tables so that we all could sit together, figuratively forming an unbroken "square" circle with no begin-

ning and no end. We were able to share our stories as peers: everyone in the room had survived a serious assault, or was a family member of the survivor.

Every year, this circle will grow -- a tragic statement, but true. However, this circle will also grow stonger as it remains unbroken, and we will welcome those who follow with open arms and words of comfort and understanding.

WE ARE SURVIVORS.



Left to Right: Correctional Captain Robert Johnson, Lee Correctional Facility, SC; Correctional Captain Theo Primm, Robert N. Davoren Detention Center, New York City, NY; Correctional Officer Joely Greer, Robertson Unit, TX.

Assaults on Correctional Officers continue to happen every day. Some assaults on our Officers have been so vicious and brutal as to disable or incapacitate them for life; force them to leave the profession; and/or cause intense emotional trauma not only to themselves but also to their families that affects them all forever.

Even many Correctional Staff do not hear of the assaults that happen daily in our various Correctional institutions and facilities. This is very unfortunate because knowledge of the frequency of assaults, while daunting, is also empowering.

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Left to Right: Correctional Counselor Jason Unwin, United States Penitentiary - Florence, CO; Correctional Counselor Jay O'Neil, United States Penitentiary - Florence, CO; Correctional Officer Ken Clegg, Eastham Unit, TX.



Left to Right: Correctional Officer Sarah Torres, California Substance Abuse & Treatment Facility, CA; Correctional Officer Maria Lopez, California Substance Abuse & Treatment Facility, CA; Correctional Sergeant Gloria Wilburn, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, AR.



Left to Right: Correctional Cook Supervisor Georgia Newman, Federal Correctional Complex - Pollock, LA; CPOF National Honor Guard Member Steve Salais accepted the awards on behalf of Correctional Officers Paul Hicks, Jr and Clayton Maxwell of Pelican Bay State Prison, CA; CPOF National Honor Guard Member Roy Hilliard accepted the awards on behalf of Correctional Officer Wesley Aanrud of Pelican Bay State Prison, CA.

It is essential that every Officer take it upon himself or herself personally to always be prepared and on the alert. Never let your guard down, and never forget that the individuals that you are supervising are not only law-breakers, but, in all too many cases, serious offenders and/or career criminals. There is a reason that they are incarcerated and remanded to your custody!

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

The CPO Foundation operates an extensive Catastrophic Assistance Program (CAP) that aids and supports Correctional Personnel and their Families in times of crisis, emergency or extreme need. Situations include dire straits caused by natural disasters, long-term medical conditions, sudden deaths of spouses or children, total losses from house fires, and various other devastating occurrences that exhaust the financial resources of a Correctional Officer and/or his Family. Each year, we invite to Project several of the hundreds of Correctional Officers who have been helped by the CAP in the preceding year. They eloquently show the "Face" of this huge and vital program that, to date, has helped over 23,300 Correctional Officers and Families nationwide in catastrophic need.



Left: Lieutenant William Morrison, a Supporting Member at Federal Correctional Institution - Albion in Florida, and his wife Susan. Susan has a condition called Dystonia, a neurological movement disorder. In 2010 Susan received a "Deep Brain Stimulator" implant, a procedure that required three separate surgeries in a hospital three and a half hours' drive from the Morrison's home. Each surgery required a one-week stay in the hospital for Susan. The wonderful news is that Susan responded extremely well to the Stimulator -- Lt. Morrison said in a letter written in August 2010 that "Susan has made miraculous improvements and there are more to come" -- and we are very happy that Lt. Morrison and Susan were able to accept our invitation to be our guests at Project 2000 XXII.

Right: Correctional Officer Shawn Gilbreath, a Gold Club Supporting Member at Robertson Unit, Texas and his wife Kelly. In March 2010 the Gilbreath's then-nine-year-old son Mark had surgery for a brain tumor, after which he underwent chemotherapy and radiation treatments. A one-year-later spinal tap done in March 2011 indicated that, thankfully, Mark was clear of cancer cells. We hope that the check-ups and tests he will have periodically for the next year or so will have the same excellent results!



Left: Correctional Sergeant James Kroth, a Gold Club Supporting Member at Lexington Assessment and Reception Center, Oklahoma. Sergeant Kroth was diagnosed with non Hodgkins lymphoma and has been undergoing tests and treatments for over a year and a half. We are glad that he felt well enough to join us at Project 2000 XXII.

Right: Mrs. Brenda Hambrick, a Supporting Member, is a Training Specialist III at TDCJ headquarters in Huntsville, Texas. Her son Chris was killed in an auto accident at the age of 21. Prior to this tragic event, Chris, Mrs. Hambrick and Mr. Hambrick all had had various serious medical problems and issues over the course of several years.



Recognized for Bravery "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" at Project 2000 XXII



*Supervisor Robbie Jones and
Corrections Officer Senior
Tonya Meunier
Nottoway Correctional Center
Virginia*

On January 27, 2011, Corrections Officer Tonya Meunier had just completed her shift at Nottoway Correctional Center and was on her way home when she came across an accident. Officer Meunier ran to the SUV, and attempted to reach into the driver side of the vehicle to assess the driver's condition, when smoke coming from the engine turned into flames.

At the same time, Supervisor Robbie Jones was going home when he noticed the accident at the intersection. He ran to the SUV and attempted to break the passenger side window by hitting it with his fist, and kicking it, but with no success. The flames had started just as someone handed Supervisor Jones an ax, and he was able to break through the rear window. He entered the burning vehicle, unfastened the seatbelt and removed the driver from the SUV.

Other motorists helped put out the fire, and Officer Meunier and Supervisor Jones then realized it was a state vehicle. They were later informed that the driver inside the SUV was Warden Shirley Avent, who died at



*Correctional Sergeant Albert Deem
Pittsburgh State Correctional
Institution, Pennsylvania*

While driving on the interstate, Sergeant Albert Deem passed a van that had hydroplaned, causing the driver to lose control and hit a barrier on the side of the road. The airbags in the van exploded and knocked the driver out of her door. Sergeant Deem pulled alongside and asked the driver, who was bleeding, if she needed help. She replied yes just as the van started rolling away, and she chased after it, yelling "My babies! My babies!" The van began to pick up speed, so Sergeant Deem raced after the van and pulled in front of it. He allowed the van to hit his bumper and slowed down until the van came to a stop. The three young children that were in the van were not injured and, in fact, slept through the entire incident. Sgt. Deem's heroic efforts saved the children from coming to any harm.

the scene. Corrections Officer Tonya Meunier and Supervisor Robbie Jones displayed selfless acts of courage without regard to the imminent danger to themselves as they tried to assist Warden Avent.

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Recognized for Bravery "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" at Project 2000 XXII

*Correctional Officer Luis Hernandez and Correctional Officer Gaston Benjamin
Calipatria State Prison and Lancaster State Prison, California*



In October of 2010, Correctional Officer Gaston Benjamin, a single father of four young children, became very ill, leaving him in desperate need of a kidney transplant. After having no one to turn to, a Specialist from California State Prison Lancaster worked with Warden Brenda Cash to send a flyer to all CDCR institutions asking for help. Correctional Officer Luis Hernandez heard of the Officer in dire need and learned that without this transplant Officer Benjamin might not survive. Officer Hernandez underwent a battery of tests, and in January 2011 he was cleared to donate the "gift of life." In February, 2011, Officer Benjamin

and Officer Hernandez met for the first time at a pre-operative meeting, which was witnessed by family members of both Officers. On March 8, 2011, the kidney transplant took place. The UCLA staff reported that the transplant went well, and that the organ immediately began to function at the conclusion of the procedure.

Above: Officer Hernandez and Officer Benjamin. Right: Officer Hernandez and his wife, and Officer Benjamin and his family.



Injured on Active Military Duty



California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility (CSATF) Warden Kathleen Allison accepted awards on behalf of Staff Sergeant K.C. Mitchell, US Army, son of Correctional Officer Rowdy Kyle of CSATF.



CPOF Representative in Washington DeeDee Wernet accepted awards on behalf of Sergeant Daniel Biskey, US Army, son of Correctional Officer Steve Biskey of McNeil Island Corrections Center, Washington

Staying in Touch: Letters & Pictures from Past/Returning Family Survivors from Kim Blakley's "Mailbag"

Dear Kim,

Our experience at Project 2000 XXII in San Antonio was absolutely wonderful!

We appreciate the way our family was treated with warm compassion, dignity and respect by the entire staff. The entire event far surpassed what we had anticipated.

The memorial at the Alamo was especially moving. Thank you for your hard work and dedicated efforts with CPOF. It was a pleasure to meet you.

With deep gratitude, Lynn & Janet Wall

Lynn Wall is one of the brothers of Detention Officer Leonard Wall who died in January 2010 from injuries suffered in an attack by inmates. Officer Wall worked for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in Arkansas. Janet is Lynn's wife.



Congratulations to Kaitlin Brown (left) on her graduation from high school. Kaitlin is one of the daughters of Detention Sergeant Ronnie Brown (pictured with one of his step-daughters) who died in September 2009 from injuries suffered in an attack by an inmate. Sergeant Brown worked for the Polk County Sheriff's Office in Florida. He was honored at Project 2000 XXI in Buffalo, New York in 2010.



Dear Kim,

Thanks for your cards and prayers. Cody is missed so much. He was our second son we lost so our summers are filled with sad emotion.

Maycee, who is nine years old now, told me just the other day about her Christmas gifts from you and CPOF. She likes to play with Barbies. She talks a lot about her dad and she was only 16 months old when he passed away.

You do a great job for the CPO Foundation and remembering our loved ones.

Sincerely, Bob & Brenda Hathaway

Bob and Brenda are the parents of Senior Officer Specialist Cody Hathaway of USP Marion in Illinois. Officer Hathaway died in June 2003 of a massive heart attack while at a training exercise. He was honored at Project 2000 XV in Washington, D.C. in 2004.

Dear Kim,

Just wanted to thank you and CPOF for all you have done for us. Receiving your monthly notes brought a smile to my face. You have a heart of Gold.

May the Lord Bless you and yours. We hope to attend another CPOF function in the future so we can see our friends again :)

You are all so wonderful. Keep up the work of touching hearts.

Love, Lori & Sophia Quinones

Loressa "Lori" Quinones is the widow of Firefighter Specialist Arnaldo Quinones who died in a forest fire in Los Angeles County in August 2009. He and Fire Captain Tedmund Hall, who also died, were trying to rescue Corrections personnel and inmates trapped inside the dining hall of a California conservation camp. Sophia (pictured), now two, was born a month after her father's death. Firefighter Specialist Quinones was honored at Project 2000 XXI in Buffalo, New York in 2010, as was Fire Captain Hall.



Dear Kim,

Our family appreciates your note of remembrance of our son Tom. Two years seems impossible, when days feel like weeks, and weeks feel like months.

We often reminisce about our time in Buffalo during Project, and the kindness and honor your organization showed to us was very moving.

Thanks and Love, Virginia Carroll

Mrs. Carroll is the mother of Detention Deputy Thomas Carroll of the Goodhue County Sheriff's Department in Minnesota. Deputy Carroll suffered a fatal heart attack in March 2009 while participating in a training exercise. He was honored at Project 2000 XXI in Buffalo, New York in 2010.



We congratulate Brooklynn Osborne as well on her graduation from high school. Brooklynn is the daughter of Clerk Rhonda Osborne who worked at the Connally Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Rhonda was assaulted by an inmate in October of 2004 and strangled to death. The inmate then took his own life. Clerk Osborne was honored at Project 2000 XVI in Portland, Oregon in 2005.

Correctional Officer Robert Bascochea is a Supporting Member at California Medical Facility. His daughter Courtney (pictured here with her parents on her wedding day) was diagnosed with a brain tumor in October 2010. She had to spend two and a half months at Loma Linda University Medical Center (an eight-hour drive from her home) for proton radiation treatments. The CPO Foundation assisted Officer Bascochea with travel, lodging and other related expenses incurred during Courtney's extended stay in Loma Linda.



Correctional Officer Gale Currie was a Supporting Member at Avenal State Prison. He passed away on March 3, 2011 due to complications from pneumonia and cancer. The CPO Foundation assisted Gale's widow Karen with funeral and related expenses. Karen sent us this very nice picture of the Currie family from a years-ago Christmas. Standing is son Michael, then 17; Gale is at left, Karen is at right and in the foreground is son Allen, then six.

Dear Christina Labio,

Thank You for the generous donation and kind thoughts regarding the passing of our son Gage. This adversity has changed his mother and me in many ways. My prayer continues to be that the changes will ultimately be positive and for good. Gage will never be forgotten, as our thoughts turn to him daily.

Sincerely,

The Streiff Family, Nipomo, CA

Gage Streiff, pictured at right, died at the age of 18 on June 12, 2011 from heart complications suffered during surgery to fix a broken bone. His father is Correctional Officer Eric Streiff, a Supporting Member at California Men's Colony.



Correctional Officer Matthew Powers of Pelican Bay State Prison is pictured here with his wife Julie and their children, Trent and Madison. Julie was diagnosed with cancer in her left thigh and had two surgeries in June 2011, followed by radiation treatments.



The CPO Foundation assisted Officer Powers with expenses incurred by travel to and from Julie's treatment center in Coos Bay, Oregon.

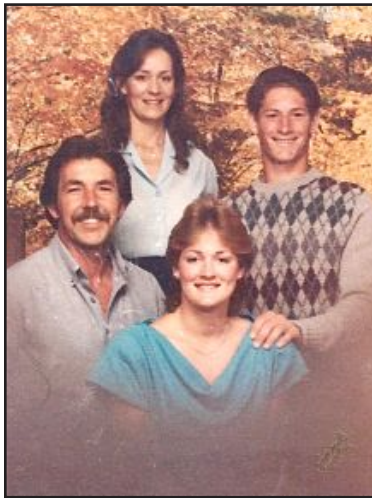
Dear Christina Labio and the CPO Foundation,

I, Eric Harris (Correctional Officer at Folsom State Prison) and my family would like to thank everyone at the prison and Foundation for thinking of us and helping us out in a really tough time. It is greatly appreciated and was very generous of the Foundation. There are no words to describe how much this has helped us in very difficult time. Thank you very much again.

The Harris Family, Folsom, CA

Correctional Officer and Supporting Member Harris lost five months of work due to illness.

At right is the family of Correctional Officer Alfonso Caro, a Supporting Member at California Substance Abuse and Treatment Facility. Sadly, 17-year-old Anthony (at far right) was killed in a car accident in July 2011. The CPO Foundation provided bereavement assistance to the Caros and, as with our other Correctional families that have suffered the heartbreaking loss of loved ones, continues to keep them in our prayers and thoughts.



Gayle McCurdy, pictured at near left and (standing) in an old family photo sent to us by Correctional Officer and Supporting Member David McCurdy of High Desert State Prison in Susanville, CA, was killed in a car accident in August 2011.

Dear CPOF,

Thank you so much for all your help and financial assistance to help pay for our lodging at the Kiwanis Family House at the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento and for some of our other expenses. My wife Cheryl had medical problems and complications from her kidney transplant, and your assistance gave us great comfort and less stress about how we could pay for a place to stay and fuel costs. My wife received a kidney transplant on July 21, 2011. On this day, our daughter-in-law donated one of her kidneys to a complete stranger while Cheryl received her kidney from a donor from Tampa. This was possible due to the Kidney Paired Donor Program. There were nine recipients and nine donors.

The usual stay for a kidney transplant is five days but my wife had to stay for 29 days because of complications, two surgeries and several treatments. When she was finally released from the hospital she was sent to the Kiwanis Family House near the UC Davis Medical Center for two and a half weeks so that she could continue with her treatments, tests and monitoring.

Cheryl is home now (early October 2011) in Reno. She is doing well and they have her on the right course for recovery. She still has to travel to UC Davis Medical Center once a week for tests and checkups with her doctor, and she has blood draws twice a week in Reno. She continues to take a lot of medications.

I wish to thank you again for your help. It was deeply appreciated.

Anthony and Cheryl Pizzola, Reno, Nevada

We wish Cheryl all the best for a successful recovery.



Federal News

My name is Barry Fredieu. I've worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons at USP Lompoc in California for almost 25 years, and am currently finishing my career as a Senior Correctional Officer. I have also served as the AFGE Local 3048 Union President for the past six years, along with other positions in the Local for the last 15 years.



I first became involved with CPOF when I attended **Project 2000** in Tampa, Florida, where I accompanied one of our seriously assaulted staff members who was present when Officer Scott Williams was murdered at USP Lompoc on April 3, 1997. Working with a Line of Duty death is a very difficult thing to do. I remember it like it was yesterday,

I met with the CPOF Board of Directors in Tampa, and was instrumental in helping to get payroll deduction for potential CPOF members in the Federal Bureau of Prisons

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José Rivera - USP Atwater, California:

In 2008, hearing of the death of Correctional Officer José Rivera I immediately stepped up to the plate, calling Kim Blakley and offering my assistance. Some of that week was a blur, as Correctional Officers from all over the United States were arriving to unite in a small hotel in Merced. I was especially surprised to see C/Os from as far away as Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Missouri, Texas, Oregon, New York, our neighbor state of Nevada, Pennsylvania, City of Philadelphia, and of course, hundreds and hundreds from California.

The Rivera family is dear to my heart. When I was notified that a freeway sign was going up to honor and remember José I immediately, again stepped up to the plate. I got off work at midnight, grabbed a few hours of

sleep and then drove five hours to Atwater for what I will call "a Celebration." Charleene and I were met at the Atwater Community Center by AFGE Local 1242 President Don Martin and Brian Estrealla. These two Correctional Officers on short notice did an amazing job securing the Community Center and providing all in attendance with refreshments. Also in attendance were CPL-33 President Bryan Lowry, CPL-33 Western Region Vice President Tim DeBolt, members of the Atwater Special Operations Response Team, staff from FCI Dublin and many representatives from the local law enforcement agencies.

Paying respect to a fellow Fallen Officer is always appreciated. Special thanks go out to Joe Bauman and Ryan Sherman of CCPOA and their legislative office for introducing the José Rivera California Memorial Highway bill through Congressman Jeff Denham's office and pushing for the bill to be adopted.



I have retired from the BOP and am thrilled to have been hired as the CPOF's Federal Field Representative beginning in January, 2012. I have partnered with Kim Blakley, Federal Coordinator, on many shift changes over the past several years and have learned what it takes to be an effective CPOF Representative. I'm looking

forward to a long and productive next career with CPOF and assisting our Federal Correctional Officers and their families in their times of need.

Before I close, I

do need to brag "just a little." In the year 2000 CPOF membership in the Federal Bureau of Prisons was just over 300. Currently we have over 8000 members and that is something to be very proud of. With Kim's help and the help of ALL OF YOU I look forward to doubling "our" Supporting Membership in the Federal Bureau of Prisons.



Federal Cases

Dear Kim,

It was so nice seeing you in the lobby during your recent visit to USP Lee and getting to finally put a face with the voice on the other end of the line of many phone calls. You asked if I wanted to share my son Thomas' story and I think this is a great opportunity to thank the people who have helped us through this terrible ordeal. On October



2, 2010, Thomas was in the back of an SUV with several of his sophomore cadets (he is a student at Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets), when the vehicle flipped into a ravine, trapping him in the back. The rescue crews extracted him approximately one hour after the accident and he

was med flighted to the Roanoke, VA trauma center with several life threatening injuries. He spent nine days in the hospital and we brought him home on October 11, 2010. Thomas spent the next three months recovering and going to physical therapy with the goal of returning to VT in January 2011. He met his goal and this past summer had his last surgery removing the rod and hardware from his left leg. I am very happy to say he is running more than two miles and ready to get back to the Army program this fall semester.

I would like to thank several people. First, the rescue crew, med flight personnel, and the staff at the trauma center. They no doubt saved his life. I would also like to thank my fellow staff at USP Lee for their cards, phone calls and genuine concern. I would never have thought of contacting you,

because when you are in an emergency situation, you think only of the people involved, so when you called my cell and I was sitting next to Thomas in the hospital, it was a great feeling knowing that people who do not know you personally cared. I thank Brian Shoemaker, the Union President for calling you on my behalf. Warden Zych stood by us and showed concern and compassion for my family, allowing me to stay home with my son for three months while we nursed him back to health. Colonel Chase and Sgt. Maj Anderson who are with the Army program deserve our thanks and gratitude more than they will ever know. Last, I want to thank my son for showing courage, motivation and class beyond my wildest expectations. The way he has handled this situation has truly humbled me. Kim, I also want to say thank you to you for your calls, cards, and encouragement.

Glen Friss, Kingsport, TN

Unit Manager Glen Friss is a Supporting Member at USP Lee County in Tennessee. As can be seen in the photo above left and deduced from Unit Manager Friss's letter, Thomas's injuries were extremely serious, including many bone fractures and a collapsed lung. The other boys were also very badly injured in the crash.



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Kim,

On behalf of my family we would like to thank the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for their contribution during the difficult time we encountered. Cheylbie Abella Sharlynn Hudson was born on January 13, 2011 at 9:11p.m. She wasn't due until February 19th, so she came around five weeks early. Cheylbie was delivered early due to an increased heart rate. When she was born she had to be transferred to the University of Kentucky where she spent the next 12 days of her life in the NICU. During these 12 days she had heart and lung complications. However, she went from a state of "no hope" to home. She is now around seven weeks old and her heart and lungs have healed themselves. She had developed some type of liver problem, but the doctors haven't diagnosed her as of today. So, she actually is doing great and when her liver problem is healed, we will have a perfect and healthy little baby girl. Thanks so much for your assistance, because when you're traveling 180 miles per day to the hospital, plus other expenses that occur, every penny helps.



Robbie, Cassie, Cayden & Cheylbie Hudson, Booneville, Kentucky

Correctional Officer Robbie Hudson is a Supporting Member at FCI Manchester in Kentucky.

Dear Kim,

Leah and I would like to thank you for your assistance during this critical time. It was so easy for me to join CPOF and donate for other staff in the hopes that I personally would never need it and now that we have, it has been a Godsend.



Our son, Lieutenant Corporal Robert W. Rawlins (more commonly known as Robby to his friends and family) was born in Bakersfield, California and graduated from Granite Hills High School in Apple Valley, CA. He was so excited to join the Marine Corps that he asked us to sign the release form so that he could go take the test just three days before his 18th birthday. He loved family, friends and kids, and all that knew him loved the way he smiled and made those around him laugh. He served his first couple of years in Okinawa, Japan and did a tour in Iraq in 2009. He was stationed at Twenty-nine Palms, CA. One

day when he was riding his motorcycle with friends he lost control, left the roadway [and crashed]. Robby was airlifted to the hospital where he died as a result of his injuries.

Again, we want to thank you folks for all that you do.

Robert and Leah Rawlins, Piedmont, OK

Mr. Rawlins is an Engineering Technician and Supporting Member at FCI El Reno in Oklahoma. Leah is a UNICOR Accountant. The family photo above was taken in November 2007 at Robby's graduation from boot camp at Camp Pendleton in California. Pictured are mom Leah, sister Ashleigh, Robby and dad Bob.



To the CPOF,

Words can hardly say the way that my wife and family, and myself, would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers and visitation during this time of loss when my son, Brandon Kyle Ryland, age 16 (pictured at right), was sent to meet his Lord and Savior. I'm very glad to be friends with each of you and it makes me

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proud to say that I work at FCI Pollock. Yes, it is hard dealing with what happened but I knew that my son was a Christian and it puts a smile on our face just knowing that he is in a better place, Heaven. Once again, thank you for all you have done and the kind words which you have expressed.

Philippians 4-13: "I can do ALL things through Christ which strengthens me."

Sincerely,

Randy and Jenice Ryland, Pineville, LA

Mr. Ryland is Fabric Worker Supervisor, Federal Prison Industries, at FCI Pollock in Louisiana. He is also a Supporting Member. His and Jenice's son Brandon was killed in an auto accident



Ms. Ashley Firmin (pictured at left) was a Secretary and Supporting Member at FCI Oakdale in Louisiana. She gave birth to baby Reese on April 9, 2011. On April 21, Ms. Firmin did not wake up and was pronounced dead of a brain aneurysm. Ms. Firmin's fiancé, Rick Smith, is also a Supporting Member at FCI Oakdale, as are both sets of parents.

Hi Kim,

Thank you so much for everything. We are so pleased and thankful to have people in our lives that help in times of need. We were feeling so overwhelmed. I also wanted to thank all those at FCC Lompoc for their time and effort in helping my family. It makes me feel really good and warm inside to know that my co-workers care and are willing to help in our time of need. I appreciate all of you.

Shelby (pictured at right) had her surgery on June 30 and she is doing really great. The surgery was successful. She will need to have three more laser surgeries over the next few years.

Jimi Jr. (baby brother, pictured below) met with his doctor at UCLA last Thursday. On Friday the doctor called us back and said he wants to wait two months and do another MRA and a CTA to see if what they see in Jimi's brain has increased in size or mass. That is where we stand with him right now.



Again, thank you so much for your concern and help. We appreciate you.

Warmest regards,

Jimi M. Hernandez and Family, Arroyo Grande, CA

Officer Jimi Hernandez is a Supporting Member and Case Manager (H-Unit) at FCC Lompoc in California. Shelby and Jimi Jr. both have been diagnosed with a rare condition called AVM (arteriovenous malformation), an abnormal connection between veins and arteries.



Health Systems Specialist Rae Lynn Reynolds and her husband, Officer Jon Reynolds, are Supporting Members at USP Marion in Illinois. Their daughter Anni was born with respiratory complications and spent eight days in the NICU at a St. Louis hospital. The CPOF helped the Reynolds's with medical/travel expenses until Anni was able to go home. Rae Lynn is pictured here receiving the check from Kim Bechellie, who recommended the assistance..



Idaho happenings

From Sergeant Joel Eilers, CPO Foundation Volunteer at South Idaho Correctional Institution:

“Here is a picture of Catherine Gates and me. She was very thankful for the help and support of CPOF. She is supposed to continue with chemotherapy treatment through August but she may have an infection that could delay treatment. I plan to keep in contact with her regularly via email. I may submit for further assistance for Catherine and her family next month.

Thank you for everything!”

Ms. Gates, a Supporting Member, works in Probation and Parole in the Idaho Department of Correction Central Office. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2011 and was off work for several months owing to her chemotherapy treatments and some complications. After her last scheduled round of chemotherapy, Ms. Gates was due to undergo six weeks of radiation.

We are pleased to report that Sgt. Eilers told us that Ms. Gates was able to return to work part time in September and did not need further financial assistance from the CPO Foundation at that time.



Corporal Margaret Vanderpool, a Supporting Member at East Boise Community Work Center, lost her husband Carl to cancer. Sergeant Joel Eilers recommended Corporal Vanderpool for assistance with funeral expenses, and she is pictured here receiving her check from Sergeant Brian Klingensmith.

Dear Shanna,

My family and I would like to say thank you for your donation towards the travel and medical expenses for our daughter Abigail. We are very grateful for your generosity. It means a lot to us to have been given this gift of help from the CPOF. Abi wanted to make sure we said a special thank you from her -- :0) We are blessed to have you in our lives. The love and support you have given has helped us get through this emotional time. Isabella [Ms. Echevarria's two-year-old daughter] and Abigail also wanted to say thank you for the stuffed animal lions. They loved them.

Réme Echevarria, Meridian, ID

Ms. Réme Echevarria works in Administration in the Idaho Department of Correction Central Office. Daughter Abigail (“Abi”) was born on March 12, 2011. She had two holes in her heart and was also diagnosed with Down’s Syndrome. Abi was to have heart surgery on September 23, 2011 at the Sacred Heart children’s hospital in Spokane, Washington (400 miles from home). At the recommendation of Sergeant Joel Eiles, Ms. Echevarria received a CPO Foundation assistance check to help with travel and other expenses associated with Abi’s surgery. Ms. Echevarria is pictured (center) in the photo above right with Ms. Cheryl Hudon of the Human Resources Department and Sergeant Eiles (and a Lucy Lion and Leo Lion, destined for Abi and Isabella).



OS II Jacqueline Frei of North Idaho Correctional Institution received a CPO Foundation assistance check when she had to be off work for a month to care for her husband who had open heart surgery. She is pictured here (on the left) with Sergeant Mary Strang, who recommended the assistance, and NICI Warden Lynn Guyer.

Bradford and Union County Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Service

by Terrasa Wood, CPO Foundation Representative

On May 5, 2011, Florida Representative John Williams and I had the pleasure of attending the Bradford and Union County Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Service hosted by the Reception Medical Center in Lake Butler, Florida. Guest speakers were



Department of Corrections Chief Deputy Secretary Daniel G. Ronay, Sheriff Jerry Whitehead, Sheriff Gordon Smith, RMC Warden Brian Riedl, and RMC Assistant Warden Paul Kish. There were a couple of hundred attendees there to remember their fallen family members, friends and co-workers. Florida Representative John Williams was one of those fallen family members that were recognized. As most remember, John's son Jerome was

killed in the line of duty in 1995. When

the UCI Honor Guard began to play "Taps," there was not a dry eye to be seen. However, I believe the most heartfelt moment for me was when the Clay County Honor Guard began the Three Gun VOLLEY. I am so proud to be a Florida Retired Corrections Professional, especially when there are so many people out there that support their OWN!



Dear Stephanie,

The employees of Putnam Correctional Institution want to express our sincere appreciation to the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for the generous support of two of our employees during a very sad time in their and their family's lives. Mr. Arnold Mitchell, Maintenance Supervisor, lost his son in a tragic event on June 12, 2011. Four weeks to the day and hour, Mr. James Stewart, Food Service



Director lost his daughter in an auto accident on July 3, 2011. We all agree that losing a child has to be one of the hardest things to face in life. Besides the emotional loss sometimes there are great financial issues that must be handled in the middle of all the sorrow and pain. Thanks



to our own special "guardian angel" in the person of Mr. John Williams, assistance was provided to both Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Stewart from the CPO Foundation. We have enclosed photos

of Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Stewart receiving their assistance checks. Thank you again for "talking the talk and walking the walk" and proving that you do "take care of our own."

Sandra Knox, on behalf of Warden Jerry Higginbotham, Putnam Correctional Institution
Left: Warden Higginbotham, CPOF Representative John Williams, Maintenance/Construction Supervisor Arnold Mitchell, Assistant Warden Lynn Hill. Above: Warden Higginbotham, Food Service Director James Stewart, Assistant Warden Lynn Hill, Major Buddy Gibson.

West Virginia

From Lieutenant Scott Rogers, CPO Foundation Volunteer at Mount Olive Correctional Center:

“Shanna, here is the photograph of Correctional Officer II Clinton Caruthers (at right) receiving the CPOF assistance packet. It was presented on the 25th of July 2011. Deputy Warden Marvin Plumley is in the center and I am on the left.”

Officer Caruthers, a Supporting Member at MOCC, and his wife Ruth suffered the loss of their baby son Corbin to heart complications. The CPOF check was to help with funeral expenses. The baby had had extensive surgery in March 2011 to try to reconstruct his damaged aorta.



From Timothy Harper V*, CPO Foundation Volunteer at Gene Spadaro Juvenile Center:

“Shanna, here is the picture of me presenting Jackie Powers with her assistance check.

Also, Jackie filled out an application that I will fax to you, and spoke to me at length about how much Burley believed in what the CPOF accomplishes.

Thanks again for all you do and for allowing me to be a part!”

Mrs. Powers’s husband Burley was a Supporting Member at Gene Spadaro Juvenile Center. He passed away from a heart attack in early April 2011.

**Mr. Harper also happens to be Director of Investigations for the West Virginia Division of Juvenile Services.*



Right: Mrs. Sandy Tustin, an Accountant Technician II at West Virginia Industrial Home for Youth and a Supporting Member, received a CPO Foundation assistance check after her husband was in a car accident in July 2011



that left him paralyzed from the waist down and on a ventilator in an ICU. She is pictured here second from left with Tim Harper, who recommended the assistance; Ray Wagoner, CPOF Representative in West Virginia; and Norma Scaturro, Payroll Assistant at the WV Industrial Home for Youth and CPOF Volunteer at the facility.



Sergeant Richard Strope, a Supporting Member at Northern Regional Jail, was diagnosed with advanced-stage cancer throughout his body in August 2009. He did receive treatment to attempt to slow the growth of the cancer to even more organs and areas in his body, and his wife Shirley quit her job to take care of Richard. After a courageous battle of 18 months, Sergeant Strope passed away on March 20, 2011. NRJ Administrator James Spencer and CPOF West Virginia Representative Ray Wagoner recommended assistance for Shirley after Richard’s death, and the check was sent to Ray to present to Shirley with our condolences.

West Virginia



Ms. Shanna Bredeson,

C/O I Chad Thompson and Maranda Ellis tragically lost their son, 16-month-old Chance Randall Thompson, in a tragic accident. Please pray for his family. A person cannot put into words the pain that this family is going through. When a family loses one of God's precious gifts, a child, it leaves a void in a person's soul that will never heal.

I would like to thank the CPOF on behalf of Chad for the assistance that was provided. No one prepares for something like this and it is comforting to know that we are a "Corrections Family Taking Care of Our Own."

Chad gave us a picture of Chance to use as you see fit.

Sincerely,

William J. Vest, Warden, Beckley Correctional Center, Beckley, WV

Dear Shanna,

On behalf of Erica Kesner and her family, the assistance of the CPO Foundation is greatly appreciated. Dealing with the loss of her newborn son, Levi, is a day-to-day process, and support from family, friends and co-workers makes things easier. Erica has since returned to work and is doing well, taking things one day at a time.

Thank you again for your help and concern for her and her family.

Sincerely,

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

C/O II Erica Kesner is a Supporting Member at PHRJ. Her two-day-old baby Levi passed away on January 27, 2011. She is pictured here receiving her CPOF check from Administrator Lawson.



Here is a photo of the CPOF check presentation to Mrs. Janice Haines, widow of West Virginia DOC Deputy Commissioner William Haines Jr. The presentation was held at the Huttonsville Correctional Center in Huttonsville, WV on Friday, May 27, 2011 with several staff members in attendance. Mr. Haines was the former Warden at this facility. Seated left to right are: Huttonsville CC Warden Adrian Hoke; Janice Haines; Commissioner Jim Rubenstein and Denver Rosier, Investigator at Huttonsville CC.

As always, we appreciate everything that your organization does for our Corrections family.

Susan Harding, Executive Secretary to Commissioner Rubenstein
West Virginia Division of Corrections, Charleston, WV

Mrs. Paul Kirby (Donna) received a bereavement assistance check following her husband's death. Mr. Kirby at one time was Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Corrections. Pictured: CPOF

West Virginia Representative Ray Wagoner; Northern Regional Office Assistant Commissioner Jan Chamberlain; Donna Kirby; and West Virginia Division of Corrections Commissioner Jim Rubenstein, who requested the assistance for Mrs. Kirby.





C/O V Youlanda Arterberry of Skyview/Hodge Complex was diagnosed with breast cancer in April 2011. At the time Officer Arterberry received her CPO Foundation assistance check she was undergoing weekly chemo treatments to be followed by surgery.



Dear Stephanie,

Here is the requested picture of Officer Julissa Cagle receiving a check from CPOF. Thank you so much for the assistance that you provide the TDCJ employees. The picture is of Cathy Stokes, Officer Cagle and Warden Richard Morris.

Kathy Miller, Administrative Assistant II, Ellis Unit
Supporting Member C/O V Julissa Cagle of Ellis Unit was off work for several months recovering from surgery. C/O Cagle donated a kidney to her husband.

Supporting Member C/O V Sharon Fletcher (at right) of Hospital Galveston was diagnosed with kidney disease. The CPO Foundation assisted her with out of pocket medical expenses. Presenting the check to C/O Fletcher is Hospital Galveston Warden Monty Hudspeth.



Also of Hospital Galveston is Lieutenant Timothy Anderson whose wife Tammy was diagnosed with breast cancer. She underwent surgery on July 29, 2011 followed by radiation treatments. Lt. Timothy Anderson received his CPO Foundation assistance check from Warden Monty Hudspeth.



Dear Stephanie,

On behalf of Jodie Futch, and the staff and administration of the James V. Allred Unit, we would like to thank the CPO Foundation for their assistance to Jodie and her family at this difficult time.

The loss of a loved one, no matter the circumstances, can be devastating from a financial and emotional standpoint. The CPO Foundation's financial assistance

goes a long way to helping a family through difficult times.

Sincerely,

Richard Wathen, Sr. Warden

James V. Allred Unit, Iowa Park, TX

Jodie is the widow of Lt. Michael Futch, a Supporting Member at Allred Unit, who died from a gunshot wound. The Futches have two small children.

On behalf of the Wallace Pack Unit/Buffalo Ranch and Tommy Kitkoski, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the support provided by the CPO Foundation to Mr. Kitkoski, Ag Specialist IV. Tommy is the Farm Manager at Buffalo Ranch. The Buffalo Ranch is 11,000 acres consisting of ranch land and farm land located in Burleson County which the Wallace Pack Unit supplies with offender labor on a daily basis. Tommy is responsible for the overall operations of the Ranch.

Tommy underwent open heart surgery in August and since then he has run into complications. Tommy never had heart problems, so this was a big surprise to him and his family. He was originally sent to surgery to have quadruple by-pass surgery, but when they were performing the operation they could fix only one of the arteries. Tommy still has a long road ahead of him. However, each day he is getting better and stronger.

Thank you so much for the support that CPOF provides to TDCJ Correctional families. The Wallace Pack Unit will continue to support this worthy organization.

Here is a picture of Warden Robert Herrera (left) and Assistant Warden Steve Staples (right) presenting the check to Mr. Kitkoski.

Thank you again,

Coty Gilchrist, Administrative Assistant II, on behalf of Robert Herrera, Senior Warden, Wallace Pack Unit, Navasota, TX

We wish Mr. Kitkoski all the best with his recovery and return to better health.



Correctional Officer IV Paula Downing of the Goodman Unit lost her home and all belongings in a fire. She is pictured here receiving her CPO Foundation assistance check from Goodman Unit Warden Bill Lewis.

Mrs. Cynthia Harrell, a Program Supervisor II in the TDCJ Region V Director's Office, has had surgery for lung cancer, with subsequent chemotherapy treatments. Region V Director Jason Heton recommended Mrs. Harrell for assistance from the CPO Foundation.

Pictured here are: Mr. Heaton, Captain Robert Harrell, Cindy Harrell, CPO Foundation Representative Captain Joe Ponder and Clements Unit Warden John H. Adams.



Texas Fire



Here are eight of the Bastrop County Officers who received assistance from the CPO Foundation:

Back Row: Robin Ruyle, Sgt. Wayne (Gerald) Mercer, Patrick Crouch, Brett Sprankle, Chris Crouch

Front Row: Jean-Sebastien Vocal, Susan VanZanten, Joshua Stohler (not pictured: Officer Robert King and Medical Officer Barbara Stohler).

Captain Emily Trevino (see her letter at right) is second from left in the front row.

Stephanie,

I wanted to let you know that my family and I appreciate the gift cards CPOF sent to myself and others affected by the horrific fire that struck Bastrop County earlier this month. No doubt we will be attempting to overcome the detrimental effects of this event for years to come. It is the generous donations, thoughts and prayers of groups and people like yourselves that make such burdens bearable.

I would like to personally offer my thanks and gratitude to you for the gift and well wishes.

David E. Thompson,
Administrative Jail Sergeant,
Bastrop County Sheriff's Office

In all, the CPO Foundation assisted 55 Correctional Officers in Texas who suffered major, if not total, losses to their homes and/or property as a result of the summer 2011 firestorms.

To the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation,

On behalf of the Officers from the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office, we thank you for the checks and gift cards. These Officers are among the many unsung heroes. All evacuated their families and got them to safe places, not knowing whether their homes were destroyed or safe during the historic catastrophic firestorm. Yet, they still came to work with the clothes on their backs and uneasiness in their hearts. Although we provided them with clothing and essentials, their lives have forever changed and their hearts remain heavy as they undergo rebuilding their homes (their sanctuaries). Your gracious gifts will help relieve some of the financial stressors and they all recognize that they are all part of a bigger family of Corrections Professionals.

Again, Many Thanks!

Emily Trevino, Captain, Jail Administrator, Bastrop County Sheriff's Office, Texas

To the CPO Foundation:

I was a recipient of one of your gift cards. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to your agency and its people. I was evacuated from my home for only one day but was fortunate enough to escape the flames, unlike many of my neighbors. I therefore gave the gift card to a fellow worker who had lost his house, and everything but his motorcycle.

I feel very blessed and knew that the intention of your generous gift was to put it to good use. I just wanted you to know that. Thanks again and God Bless.

Michael Corry, Bastrop, Texas

Mississippi Tornado

CORRECTIONAL PEACE OFFICERS FOUNDATION ASSISTS SMCI TORNADO VICTIMS

On April 15, 2011 at approximately 8:00 p.m. an F3 tornado struck parts of Greene County, Mississippi including the town of Leakesville. Although the South Mississippi Correctional Institution was spared, several homes of SMCI employees were damaged. In an effort to assist, the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation provided funds to be used by SMCI storm victims for needed expenses and repairs. On May 13, 2011 SMCI Superintendent Ron King presented the recipients with the checks from the CPOF. He was assisted by CPOF Coordinator, SMCI Area 1 Deputy Warden Theresa Seabrook. The recipients expressed their sincere thanks to the CPOF, Superintendent King, and all those who had helped them during the aftermath of the tornado.



Left to Right: SMCI Superintendent Ron King, April Bullard, SMCI Deputy Warden Theresa Seabrook and Beth Hillman.



Front Row (L to R): Rose Lewis, Lindsey Ellison, Misty Csaszar.

Back Row (L to R): James Burley, Korlis Nix, SMCI Deputy Warden Theresa Seabrook, Cheryl Johnson, Tina Hodges, SMCI Superintendent Ron King. (Recipient Joshua Csaszar not pictured.)

And, from a Supporting Member at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility:

To my CPOF family:

From the bottom of my heart, I give my sincere thanks for all your prayers, love and kindness you have shown me after the damage that was caused to my home during the April tornado storm. I thank God for you.

With much love and appreciation.

Officer Pattie Mason & Family, Jackson, MS

Photo, left to right: CMCF Warden Maud Irby, Officer Pattie Mason and CPOF Representative Vanessa Lee



THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Correctional Officer II Bridgett Bolinger is a Supporting Member at Airway Heights Corrections Center. Her husband Randy underwent a liver transplant in mid 2011. The operation took place in Seattle, 300 miles away from the Bolingers' home in Spokane. Afterward, Randy was transferred to a transplant care center. The CPO Foundation provided assistance to Bridgett to help with the many extra expenses she incurred during Randy's surgery and after care. Brodgett and Randy are pictured at right.



From Correctional Officer Terry Cousins of Kitsap County Sheriff's Office:

"Thank you so much. Officer Soria was very surprised when he received the check. We appreciate your support for one of our own during this difficult time."

Officer Terry Cousins presented Kitsap County Sheriff's Office C/O Cesar Soria with a CPO Foundation assistance check after C/O Soria's wife Emelynda died unexpectedly. The Soria family was on vacation in California at the time Emelynda fell ill and was admitted to a hospital in Stockton, California. She died from pneumonia and upper respiratory infection.

Ms. Lisa Ross is a Secretary and Supporting Member at Stafford Creek Corrections Center.

In the space of just a few months, her father and her husband were both diagnosed with cancer, and her mother and stepfather were in a serious car accident. Ms. Ross received a CPO Foundation assistance check to help with various expenses she incurred in helping her family members cope with their situations. Ms. Ross (on the right) is pictured here with Associate Superintendent Dan Van Ogle and DeeDee Wernet, CPO Foundation Representative in Washington.



From Lori J. Telleria, Coyote Ridge Corrections Center Correctional Program Manager:

"In the small town of Connell, Washington, it wasn't unusual to see a gentleman peddling around town on his aerodynamic bike with the Red, White and Blue proudly flying from its antenna. This was longtime Connell resident Andrew Sawyer I ("Big Andy"), a retired Deputy Sheriff for Franklin County and former Police Chief for the City of Connell. Mr. Sawyer also filled a few more important roles as the love of CRCC's AA3 Eileen Sawyer's life and father to CRCC Associate Superintendent Andy Sawyer II as well as father-in-law to CRCC Class Counselor Annie Sawyer.



"Big Andy" was a warrior at heart and fought bravely against cancer but sadly lost his battle on May 2, 2011. CPOF was there to contribute to Mrs. Sawyer and once again we are humbled by their generosity and lightning fast response. The Sawyer family and CRCC thank the CPOF for taking care of our Correctional family members. You are appreciated more than you can possibly know!"

Photo: CRCC Superintendent Jeff Uttecht, AA3 Eileen Sawyer and Eileen's son, Associate Superintendent Andy Sawyer II.

Willa, the youngest daughter of C/O II Robert Wegner of Coyote Ridge Corrections Center, was born with very serious heart defects that required two separate surgeries at Stanford Medical Center in California. The first was in June 2011 and the second was scheduled for October 2011. On a good note, as Captain Lori Telleria, Coyote Ridge CC Correctional Program Manager, put it at the time, "*The Wegners have been in and out of the hospital with Willa a number of times over the last month, but with a lot of in-home equipment and the training to use it, they have been blessed to be able to have Willa at home for the majority of the time they've been waiting.*" Lori continued, "*We contacted Dee Dee Wernet, our area CPOF Representative, and were able to get Robert some much-needed funds to help defray the costs of travel and medical bills as well as time off work. Once again, CPOF was there to help a Correctional Family in their time of need!*"

We heard from Officer Wegner that after the first surgery Willa was healing and doing well. Thus, we are all the sadder to report that, after many procedures and more surgeries, little Willa passed away on November 2, 2011. Our hearts go out to the Wegner family, pictured here: Robert and Brandee; and children Christopher, Kaitlyn, Jarrett and, of course, Willa.



Letters and Photos from States "All Over"

Arizona

Sergeant Raymun Miranda of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department 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, CPO Foundation Representative Richard Loud and CPO Foundation Administrative Assistant Theresa Stevens.



Colorado

Hello, Shanna,

Here is the photo of Mark Lightcap receiving his check from CPOF. Left to right are: Undersheriff J.R. Hall, Mark Lightcap, Cindy Knudtson (me), Lt. Linda DeSalvo, and Commander Darlene Alcalá.

I have full approval from the Sheriff, Kirk Taylor, and from Undersheriff J.R. Hall to sign the employees up for CPOF. I am more than happy to do this and take care of the Pueblo County Sheriff's Department. There are a lot of people who are very interested in the organization.

Thank you so much for supporting Mark at this critical time. He couldn't thank me and CPOF enough.

Cindy Knudtson, Pueblo, CO

Sergeant Mark Lightcap of the Pueblo County Sheriff's Department underwent two organ transplants earlier in 2011. He received an assistance check at the recommendation of Cindy Knudtson, who with her husband Ronald were Volunteers for the CPO Foundation in Colorado for many years. While Cindy had to take a medical retirement in early 1999, we are very pleased -- for her and for us --- that she has been able to resume her volunteer activities.



Louisiana

From Brian Daigle:

"On Monday, June 27, I received a phone call from one of my co-workers stating that Sgt. Roger Watson's home had just burned down and was totally destroyed.

Neither Sgt. Watson nor his children were home at the time of the fire. Once they were allowed back to where their home once was, they were able to salvage a few personal items.

This is not the only tragedy that Sgt. Watson and his children have experienced recently. A while back, Sgt. Watson's wife passed away after an illness.

Here is a picture of me presenting Sgt. Watson with an assistance check along with WAL-MART gift cards for his children Kaylee, Roger III, and Dillion."

Msgt. Brian Daigle of Elayn Hunt Correctional Center in St. Gabriel, Louisiana, is a longtime Volunteer for the CPO Foundation.



Montana

From Wanda Hislop:

"Here are the pictures we took of George Smith Jr. (left) and George Smith III getting their CPO Foundation assistance checks. Montana State Prison Associate Warden Leonard Mihelich is presenting the check to George Smith Jr. for the fire in his home and (top of next page) Warden Mike Mahoney is presenting George Smith III with his check for aid in the care of his child.

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Letters and Photos from States "All Over"



Both were so appreciative and once again, we can't thank you enough for all you do to help."

Ms. Wanda Hislop is HR Specialist at Montana State Prison. Librarian George Smith Jr lost his home and belongings in a fire. His son, George Smith III who works in Admissions at MSP, received assistance to help with extra expenses incurred while his daughter was undergoing extensive treatment, including surgery, for a serious heart condition.

New York

Right: New York State CPO Foundation Volunteer Representative Jay West presented an assistance package to Sgt John Berkman of Bare Hill Correctional Facility. Sgt. Berkman, a Gold Club Supporting Member, accepted on behalf of his daughter Meagan who lost her house and all possessions during the tornado strikes in Arkansas in late April. As Jay said, "The CPOF wishes her and her family much luck and that they stay safe."



Left: Volunteer Representative Jay West (at far right) presented an assistance package to Greene Correctional Facility Corrections Officer and Supporting Member Norman Wilcox and his family (Theresa, Norman and Bradley). Jay reported: "Fifteen-year-old Bradley contracted a neurological disease in April that attacks his immune system and causes seizures. He is currently going through extensive physical, speech and occupational therapy and will be for many months to come. Our thoughts and prayers go out to this outstanding young man and his wonderful family."

Corrections Officer Kevin Countermine of Attica Correctional Facility is pictured at right in early 2011 with his wife Ruth, their five-year-old son Ian and then-newborn son Lucian. Tragically, Ian died on July 15, 2011 from a brain aneurysm. At the recommendation of Jim Griffin, CPOF Volunteer at Attica, the CPO Foundation provided an assistance check to help pay for Ian's funeral.



North Carolina



Correctional Officer Carolyn Townes, a Supporting Member at Polk Correctional Institution, is pictured here with her three grandchildren. Officer Townes took custody of the children after their mother (and Officer Townes's daughter), Shameka Robertson, age 32, was killed in a house fire in March 2011. At the recommendation of Linda Smart, CPOF Representative in North Carolina at the time, Officer Townes received an assistance check to help with funeral and other expenses incurred immediately after her daughter's death.

Letters and Photos from States "All Over"

Ohio

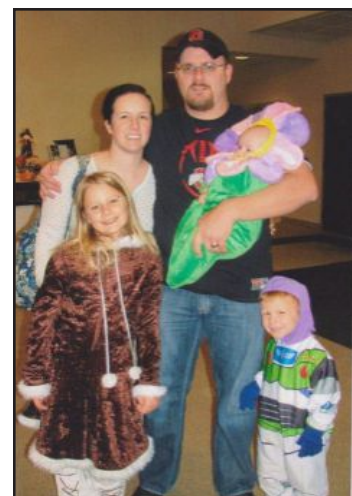
From Warden Rod B. Johnson, Madison Correctional Institution, London, OH:

"Today [March 21, 2011] we received the packet from the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF) for Officer Jeremy Yantes. I wanted to drop you ladies* a line to say thank you! On behalf of Officer Yantes and the Madison Correctional staff, we would like to send our most sincere appreciation to the Foundation.

Thank you once again!"

We thank Warden Johnson very much for his kind note. Officer Jeremy Yantes was assaulted by an inmate in March 2011 and suffered serious brain injuries as a result of blows to his head. He is pictured at right with his family.

*The ladies are: Char, Shanna Bredeson and Sarah Haynes.



Oklahoma



From Acting Warden Kameron Harvanek, John Lilley Correctional Center, Boley, OK

"Dear Ms. Stevens,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you and the CPO Foundation for the financial assistance provided to John Lilley CC staff member Dental Assistant Trudy Berry. Your assistance has always provided help when needed the most and for that I and fellow staff will always be grateful."

Thank you so much, Acting Warden Harvanek, for your note. Dental Assistant Trudy Berry's son suffered a broken back in a car accident. Ms. Berry is pictured here (second from left) with Acting Warden Harvanek, Warden's Secretary Pam Collins and CPO Foundation Representative for Oklahoma Richard Loud.

From Warden D.B. Parker, James Crabtree Correctional Center, Helena, OK:

"Dear Ms. Stevens,

I want to personally thank you and the CPO Foundation for your generous donation to James Crabtree CC Cadet Sonny Thompson. Your donation to Cadet Thompson came at a good time, because he was currently at our Training Academy and his family was able to put that money to good use.

It is always good to see organizations coming together to help a fellow Officer/Employee when circumstances prevail out of our control. Cadet Thompson was extremely grateful to receive the money and has expressed to me his sincere appreciation. On his behalf and that of his family, I am writing this letter of gratitude and thanks."

We greatly appreciate Warden Parker's letter. Cadet (now Correctional Officer) Thompson and his family (wife Cheryl and four children) lost everything in a house fire in August 2011.

Oregon

Michael Seefeldt, CPO Foundation Volunteer Representative in Eastern Oregon, wrote this note to Correctional Officer Chris Ward of Two Rivers Correctional Institution in Umatilla, Oregon:

"Thank you for allowing me to assist you in getting this catastrophic assistance check from the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. I hope that the assistance will help lighten your burden as you are recovering from your injury.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance."

Officer Ward, a Supporting Member, had surgery in early 2011 to try to repair a re-herniated disc. He was off work for three months. The herniation of the disc first occurred in late 2007 during a surgery Officer Ward had to repair damaged cartilage in one of his hips. Officer Ward is pictured at right with one of his two sons.



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Letters and Photos from States "All Over"

Dear Shanna, Dan Weber and members of the CPOF,

Thank you so much for the money you helped me with in my time of struggles. I have lung cancer and it spread to my lymph nodes, which makes it a Stage III A cancer. I am currently going through chemo and radiation therapy; after that is through I will wait one month and get operated on. All that you gave me is a blessing to me and my family. Thank you for your prayers also, for in my opinion nothing is stronger.

May God be with you and yours.

Ronald W. Wilson, Salem, OR

Mr. Wilson, a Supporting Member, is in Food Services at Oregon State Penitentiary. Dan Weber, CPO Foundation Volunteer Representative in Western Oregon, recommended the assistance. We wish Mr. Wilson all the best for a successful recovery.

South Carolina

Dear Christina Labio,

Words *cannot* express my gratitude. The check I received couldn't have come at a more needed time. It will help with some of the medical bills that I've incurred and will be a great help with all the medicines I have to take, some of them two or three times a day.

God bless you and everyone at CPOF, and all the Officers who contribute to the fund. Again, many thanks.

Lewis Dority, Lancaster, SC

Correctional Officer Dority is a Supporting Member at Kershaw Correctional Institution in Kershaw, South Carolina. During the past year he has been in and out of the hospital several times because of heart problems. He has had six stints implanted and continues to have problems with his blood pressure. We will keep Officer Dority in our thoughts and very much hope that his health will improve.

Dear Christina,

On behalf of our employee, Ms. Barbara Frett, the staff of Watkins Pre-Release Center and I wish to express our appreciation to everyone at the CPO Foundation for the assistance you provided to her. Ms. Frett asked that I convey her personal thanks as well. Your assistance will be of great value in the restoration of her residence. The entire staff was very uplifted by the wonderful help received by their fellow employee.

It is a great encouragement to all of us to know that there is an organization in place whose primary mission is to assist Corrections Professionals in times of need. Again, I cannot say enough about how much the help you have provided, both now and in the past, is appreciated. You really make a difference in the lives of many fine people at a time when it is needed most. We will continue to promote the mission of the CPOF at every opportunity.

Sincerely,

David W. Dunlap, Interim Warden, Watkins Pre-Release Center, Columbia, SC

*We are humbled and most gratified by Interim Warden Dunlap's letter, which likewise **uplifts and encourages** all of us with the CPO Foundation in the pursuit of our mission to **take care of our own**. We were pleased to assist Ms. Frett, who works in Food Services at Watkins Pre-Release, after her house was seriously damaged by a lightning strike.*

Virginia

Dear Ms. Bredeson:

I would like to thank the CPO Foundation for your monetary assistance to Safety Officer Delbert Garrett during his time of mourning. Here is a picture taken as Mr. Garrett was very graciously accepting the package that you sent. From left to right: AW Doug Vargo, Warden Layton Lester, Safety Officer Delbert Garrett, Personnel Analyst and CPOF Supporting Member Tammy Masters-Mawhinney (myself), and Chief of Security James Labriola.

I cannot adequately express the gratitude and honor it is to be a member of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation.

Sincerely,

Tammy B. Masters-Mawhinney, Personnel Analyst, Lunenburg Correctional Center, Victoria, VA

Safety Officer Garrett's wife Sandra was diagnosed with cancer in late October 2010. She was hospitalized six times during the five months she lived before passing away on March 25, 2011.



Polar Bear Plunge 2011

by Ellis Peoples

In February I traveled to Lake of the Ozarks to attend the **Polar Bear Plunge** 2011 for Special Olympics. This is an annual event held at various locations throughout the state of Missouri. The event at Grand Glaize Beach on Lake of the Ozarks is the largest one in the state.

One of the participants who has been a part of the **Polar Bear Plunge** for quite a while is C/O II Charley Davis of Jefferson City Correctional Center. Charley is a second-generation Correctional Officer as well as a second-generation Supporting Member of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. I'm proud to say that the Foundation was one of his sponsors for the **Plunge**. Through the Foundation, his Masonic Lodge, and other sponsors, Charley was able to participate as a "**Super Plunger**." This means that he jumped into the frigid water at Lake of the Ozarks 24 times in 24 hours. Considering that the water temperature was 34 degrees, THAT takes some real commitment.

Charley told me (once we had gotten out of the cold for a few minutes) that he enjoys being a part of the **Plunge** because it helps raise money for athletes who wouldn't otherwise be able to compete. There are very few states that actually fund Special Olympics, and the Missouri Department of Corrections is one of the strongest supporters in the state. Charley said that, to him, one of the most touching moments of the **Plunge** is when he's coming out of the water. One of the Special Olympians will hand him a towel and personally thank him for his participation.

I've known Sgt. Davis since he was a baby. His father, Tom Davis, was one of the Officers who helped train me when I was a new Officer at Missouri State Penitentiary. Tom died two years ago of a heart attack, but I know that he would be proud of his son.

CPOF "SUPPORTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT"

Lake Tahoe, Nevada

Corporate America holds its Second Fundraiser for the Programs of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation at Lake Tahoe

The Second Correctional Peace Officers Foundation "Supporters Golf Tournament" took place on September 12, 2011 at Edgewood Golf Resort in South Shore Lake Tahoe, Nevada. The event was put on and attended by corporations within the Corrections industry to benefit and support the CPO Foundation's Survivors' and Catastrophic Assistance Funds, and other programs and activities. As J.J. Ramsey, National Marketing Director for Trussbilt, said after the first Supporters Golf Tournament in 2009, "The idea was to make it an all-inclusive destination trip, one that would be fun for the sponsors, yet keep the focus on raising money for the CPOF."

Mr. Steve Stonehouse of Trussbilt; Mr. Rick Lewis of Willoughby Industries, Inc.; and Mr. David Tidwell of Cornerstone Detention Products, Inc. coordinated the Tournament. In addition to the participation of these three companies, sponsors of the event were as follows:

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According to Mr. Stonehouse, the Supporters Golf Tournament will return to Edgewood Golf Resort in September 2012.

We sincerely thank our generous corporate sponsors for their caring support. We hope to see them all again at the 3rd Annual Supporters Golf Tournament -- and bringing with them one or two new corporate friends!



Steve Stonehouse presents a check to CPOF Office Administrator Rachel Lee.

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The CPO Foundation has begun producing State-specific Newsletters for our Representatives to use in their respective States and Regions. These Newsletters are intended to convey the CPO Foundation's message in a particularly personal way to the targeted audience of Corrections Professionals in a certain State or area of the country.

The *CPO Family* magazine is now being published twice a year. The first issue will appear in the spring and the second -- the "Project" issue -- will appear in autumn. The CPO Foundation Correctional Calendar, a separate publication, will continue to be bundled with the autumn "Project" issue for mailing purposes.

Be sure to visit our website -- cpof.org -- for news, forms, photos and updates. Thanks to ALL for your support!

Remembering One of Our Own ...



Joe Vega
End of Watch:
September 10, 2011

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation is saddened to report the death of one of our own, Joe Vega. Joe will be remembered as a dedicated member of our family. He was a gentle man and gentleman. His presence was felt by everyone and his dedication to CPOF will never be forgotten. Joe started his Correctional Career in 1977 as a Youth Correctional Counselor at Paso Robles Youth Correctional Facility, retiring in 2006 after serving the State of California for 29 years.

Joe has visited and spent several weeks each year in Oregon, Iowa, Nevada and Idaho, to mention just a few states. Thanks to all of you who made his visits so special and rewarding. Because of many of you that assisted Joe at his CPOF table he was able to acquire many new Supporting Members and get those ever-so-important “changes of address.”



Whenever there was a Correctional function, Chapter Board Meeting or other Correctional gathering, if Joe Vega was asked to attend and represent the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation Joe would be there, no questions asked. One of his daughters said to me lately, “My Dad would get there earlier,” and I said yes, like a day early. We laughed and then we cried. Joe was amazing!



Joe was perhaps most known for taking care of (guarding!) the CPOF items at CCPOA Conventions, at our Project 2000 events each year, and at many conferences and conventions all over the United States. Joe was definitely my “go-to man” and I will surely miss him.



Joe will also be fondly missed by his family and friends and thousands and thousands of Correctional Officers and Correctional Staff not only in California but on a National level as well.

Please continue to keep Joe’s family in your hearts and prayers. If you would like to share a special experience you might have had with Joe with the Vega family, cards can be sent to Veronica Vega c/o the CPO Foundation, 1346 North Market Boulevard, Sacramento, California 95834-8390.



WE ARE FAMILY

Photos: Above and bottom left, Joe Vega’s funeral; top right, Joe and Veronica; above right, Commander Dizmon presents Joe’s American flag to Veronica.

Forty Years Ago

by Dave Wedzina,



While the Nation was still remembering the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9-11-2001, a Memorial Service was being held in a small village in Upstate New York. There, the "Corrections Community" gathered to remember 11 of their own. Forty years have passed since the bloody uprising of September 13, 1971 at Attica prison. Inmates took control and before it was over 43 lives had been lost. In the melée, the inmates murdered three of their own and brutally beat an Officer to death.

After four days the prison was retaken and an additional 29 inmates and ten staff lay dead. Every year on September 13 Memorial Services are held to commemorate the event and to honor those 11 brave souls who went to work that day, never to return.

In attendance at this year's service were family members of the deceased, many surviving hostages, dignitaries



of the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, State Senate members, Correctional personnel and friends. Honor Guard Units from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York and our very own CPO Foundation National Honor Guard were present to remember the fallen. Among the noted speakers were: Dee Miller and Attorney Gary Horton from Forgotten Victims of Attica, NYSCOPBA past President Richard Harcrow, and Superintendent Mark Bradt and Ronald Wert of Attica Correctional Facility. After the Service everyone gathered at a reception to reconnect and talk to old friends.

Also in 1971, in August George Jackson smuggled a weapon into the Adjustment Center, commonly referred to as "the Hole," at San Quentin State Prison in California and killed Correctional Sergeant Graham and two other Correctional Officers. California Correctional history refers to this month as Black August.

Though it's been 40 years we must continue to remember what happened at Attica and San Quentin and to keep the memory of those who lost their lives in our hearts forever.

On a personal side, a few days before the Memorial Service this year at Attica, I received news of the passing of a really good friend and a CPO of workhorse. Joe Vega loved coming to Attica and at one event he even tried to school Jim Griffin of Attica C.F. in the fine art of barbecue. Joe Vega was one of the best and will be missed.



Photos: Attica September 2011 Memorial; right, San Quentin State Prison.



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