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and learn more about
what we do**



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– Ronald Reagan



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CPO Family magazine has traditionally served as a bridge between members, office staff and field representatives. It's been our place to show our members what wonderful things the Foundation is doing while at the same time showcasing heartaches that those in our correctional family are enduring. In the nearly 40 years since the founding of CPOF, times have changed.

In the beginning of 2023, the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation is excited to announce the launch of our new website. From the website you can sign up for membership, apply for catastrophic assistance, apply for academic scholarships and learn so much about the organization and what it means to “Take Care of Our Own.”

The website is filled with the stories of Correctional Staff going through and overcoming hardships, the legacies of fallen correctional staff and news from all over the country. I encourage you to visit it and share it with friends and family.

Being a correctional officer has always been seen as “the toughest beat on the street” and here at CPOF, we want to ensure that we are doing everything we can to support and celebrate those that dedicate their lives to a profession that does so much to keep society safe from those deemed too dangerous to participate in it.

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation is always looking for more volunteers to help assist in our mission of “taking care of our own.” If you are interested in more information about volunteering, please visit our website at cpof.org and send us a message.

We hope this issue of CPO Family finds you well and healthy. We hope that it re-introduces you to our organization, the staff and volunteers who do so much, the board of directors who tirelessly fight to better the lives of correctional staff and the history of how the foundation started and why and inspires you to share CPOF with your correctional family.

Donnie Almeter (Attica Prison Riot Survivor) put it best when he said “this is the greatest thing that’s ever happened, and it was the mastermind of 5 individuals.”



The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation encourages you to subscribe to our email updates so you are always aware of what’s going on!

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In 1984, five Correctional Officers in California came together to make a change for correctional staff everywhere.

“Among a number of others back in the early ‘80s, we were five working officers who knew that we in Corrections had to create something for our officers: a concrete and established organization and fund that would be there immediately for the surviving families in the terrible event of one of our own meeting death in the line of duty. In the very beginning, our focus was on the surviving spouse and family of a Correctional Officer killed in the line of duty. We knew that Corrections was a relatively small aspect of law enforcement as a whole; yet our pain at the loss of a fallen Correctional colleague was every bit as large and poignant as that felt by all of those in the professions likewise dedicated to protect the public when a brother or sister tragically died as a direct result of doing their job.” – Larry Corby, 1996

Truth be told, there was no singular event that catapulted The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation into fruition. Five young Correctional officers, Glenn Mueller, Larry Corby, Salvador Osuna, Dick Waldo and Don Novey, from different backgrounds crossed paths. Each of them had a different incident that fueled their passion. For Don Novey and Glenn Mueller, it was a letter from a destitute widow whose husband was killed in the line of duty. He left behind young children, hungry and without help or assistance from the state. For Larry Corby, it was in the line of duty death of a friend and colleague, Hal Burchfield, killed just weeks after CPOF received its non-profit status. Seeing the firsthand devastation of his death on his family turned an idea into a reality.

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF) started from an idea of five correctional officers that wanted to be able to do more to help their correctional families. They saw the widows and orphan funds established by other departments of public service and saw how under-served Correctional Staff were. These officers had heard the stories of staff who left behind widows and children or who needed help after a horrific event in their lives. They had all passed the hat to collect for them and wanted to do more. And they all knew that those families deserved more.

When CPOF was born, four of these five officers worked at Folsom State Prison. The fifth worked for California Youth Authority. Most had served their country in one branch of the military or another. They were young men who had fought overseas and returned to take on the toughest beat in the state. In the early

70s and 80s, in just California, they watched 20 correctional brothers and sisters lose their lives in the line of duty. These were young men who entered a profession that wasn't always met with respect during a time of chaos, riots and violence against "guards." They saw families left penniless and destroyed. Passing the hat wasn't enough anymore.

These men did so much more than just create CPOF. They fought for the respect of officers nationwide, created the badge worn by officers today in California, they gave their profession the respect, dignity and honor it deserved.

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation has been so successful because those who founded it not only brought unique skill sets to the organization, but they were all adamant that CPOF was not about them, it was about those that were in need and those that they helped. They practiced a very simple creed "There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he doesn't mind who gets the credit." – Ronald Reagan

The history of the foundation is family. It's about those coming together with a common goal to do better and entrusting those around them to be a part of something wonderful. It was countless nights in their garages typing up letters and articles long before the days of e-mail and google. It was about finding the bright lights around you and asking them for help to share the dream of what the foundation was and could become.

Salvador (Sal) Osuna was a young Correctional Officer from Folsom State Prison. He so passionately believed that more could be done for correctional staff that he began spending all of his vacation time to promote ticket sales for fundraisers to events that initially funded the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation and the "Widows and Orphans Fund." He was a master fundraiser. If there were tickets to sell or a raffle to be had, he would be there. He never asked what needed to be done or how it would benefit him. He wanted to make a difference, and if that meant traveling across the state or nation to raise money, he was there for it.

Larry Corby was not only a passionate writer who utilized his abilities to bring awareness to correctional staff across California and the rest of the nation (regardless of how popular it was), he was a benevolent man in the truest meaning of the word. The first PROJECT 2000 was held in 1989 to honor correctional officers and staff killed in the line of duty. Just months after that PROJECT, Correctional Officer William E. Donaldson of West Jefferson Correc-

tional Facility (now the William E. Donaldson Correctional Facility) was killed in the line of duty. He left behind a young wife, Jennifer and very young daughter, Mandy. Mandy favored Larry's own young daughter and together, with the board of directors and CPOF, the Donaldsons became a part of the CPOF family. For years, Mandy sang at every memorial service held at PROJECT. Mandy grew up to be a beautiful young woman, mother and teacher, watching her mature and grow with her CPOF family brought him an immense amount of pride, you would see it on his face every time he introduced her to sing. The knowledge that children were left without a parent simply because that parent dedicated their life's work to keeping our community safer provided him with the passion to keep growing CPOF into what it is today.

Glenn "Boss Hogg" Mueller was always a man of ideas. More importantly, he was a man who knew the first step of getting things done was to simply do them. Glenn believed that if you wanted to accomplish a goal, you simply had to get started and let the rest come together in time. He wasn't a man that liked to hear the word no and was often determined to accomplish and exceed his goals. During the more than 35 years spent serving as Chairman of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, Glenn not only sought to grow the organization, he fought to better Corrections for all staff. He was the driving force behind all Correctional Officers being badged peace officers, he was instrumental in the founding of the Atica Prison Museum and he consistently gave merit to the history of corrections. Glenn, with Captain Jim Butler, headed the first SERT team at Folsom State Prison. So much of his passions were devoted to ensuring safer working conditions for correctional staff nationwide.

Richard "Dick" Waldo began his correctional career in 1971 with the California Department of Youth Authority as a group supervisor. He helped found CPOF over 10 years after his career began. His career began the same year as two of the deadliest prison riots in United States history. Dick knew the dangers facing correctional staff each and every day and wanted to provide better for those officers. As treasurer, Mr. Waldo was instrumental in ensuring there were funds available for all officers and their families during their time of need. In part, because of his tenacity, passion and thoroughness, the foundation has been able to award over 30 million dollars since it's founding.

There is one founding father of the Correc-

tional Peace Officers Foundation that is still with us today, Mr. Donald Novey. Until the 1980s, unionized prison guards were relatively weak politically in California. California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) shared membership of prison guards with California State Employees Association. In the 1980s, Don led a successful effort to combine California Youth Authority supervisors and parole officers with prison guards, allowing CCPOA to grow and membership to increase substantially. Nearly all of the founding fathers of CPOF were influential parts of CCPOA. Don served as CCPOA's president, growing the union all while working in an institution. While Don helped form the foundation, he dedicated his life's work to strengthening the union and corrections nationally while the rest of the founders focused on CPOF. Don also started his career in 1971, amidst the darkest time in corrections history. He knew corrections deserved better. In Don's career, he took a small, listless public employees union and forged it into one of the most powerful polit-

ical organizations in the state. He fought for, and won, higher budgets for prisons, higher wages for officers, dignity in their chosen profession and much more. While Larry and Glenn fought for badges for officers, Don was next to them fighting to ensure all officers had safety and security equipment.

The founding five were not only innovative enough to start The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, they were smart enough to know that they needed help. They needed staff that could be empowered to make a difference and grow the organization into what it is today. In the beginning, it was Char Corby mailing in written requests to attend shift changes and then using a map to generate the best route to get there. It meant traveling to the 12 prisons in California (many of them in the middle of nowhere, even by today's standards), alone, in the wee hours of the morning and hoping there were no road changes or construction that would result in getting lost.

Following the passing of Correctional Officer Hal Burchfield at San Quentin, his widow,

Barbara, began traveling with Char and sharing the good the foundation was doing. She was a true testament to what the foundation's vision was. She was the first one of our own to be taken care of. And for over 25 years, Barbara continued the path of sharing her story and what it was like to be a widow and mother of 5 children and have someone there to hold your hand through it, to say they would be there and then continue to be there even after her husband was buried.

Prior to the foundation, helping correctional staff at your institution meant scraping together enough to help a widow with grocery money, today it means 80,000 officers come together and have given over 30 million dollars to correctional staff and their families nationwide. What used to be the story of a handful of people in a garage before fax machines or e-mail has grown into an organization of dozens who passionately put others before themselves. Nearly 40 years later, we can truly say, we are "taking care of our own."



Glenn Mueller
EOW - October 14, 2022



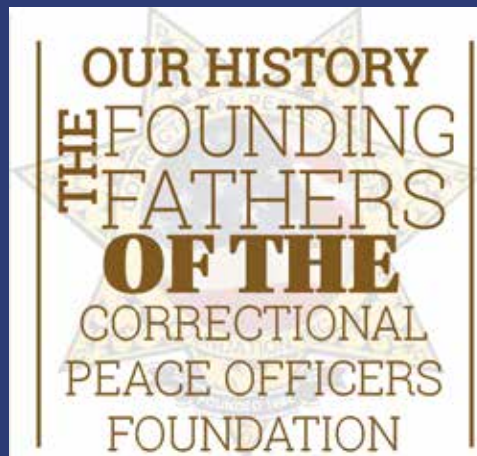
Larry Corby
EOW - March 18, 2014



Richard "Dick" Waldo
EOW - June 15, 2018



Salvador Osuna
EOW - October 30, 2020



Don Novey

REMEMBERING OUR CHAIRMAN

Glenn A. Mueller

July 16, 1944 - October 14, 2022

Glenn A. Mueller was known and respected for many reasons. He was a proud rifleman in the United States Marine Corp. He was a dedicated correctional officer, working his way up to Warden of the well-known Folsom State Prison. He was a pioneer in ensuring the well-being of correctional families in being one of the founders of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. He was a family man, raising children, grand-children and great-grandchildren. He was a great story-teller, historian, Minnesota Vikings fan and friend to many.

One of six children, Glenn was born to Arnold and Esther Mueller on July 16, 1944 in New Prague, Minnesota. There he lived until he enlisted in the Marine Corp and being stationed over-seas. Upon his return to civilian life, Glenn returned home prior to making it to California where he began his correctional career in 1968 at Folsom State Prison.

The next 32 years would see Glenn "Boss Hogg" Mueller working in many prisons throughout California, including California Medical Facility in Vacaville, CA and Mule Creek State Prison, Ione, CA. He would later return to where his career began, Folsom State Prison, and retire as Warden in the year 2000. During his career, Glenn showed the utmost respect and compassion for his fellow officers, correctional staff and the widows and children left behind due to senseless acts of violence against correctional staff.

The devotion Glenn showed his family is unparalleled. He and his wife, Elizabeth "Liz" Mueller raised both her children and his son in the greater Sacramento, California area. Together, they became proud grandparents. In his later years, it was uncommon to see Glenn without at least one of his grandchildren. He cared for them and loved them deeply. The way he spoke of them showed a deep level of pride and gratitude for the life they gave him.

Glenn was an avid hunter, collector and fan of good BBQ. Glenn left us all with many things. He was a man that not only commanded respect by his mere presence, but

one that gave it as well. In his passing, we are blessed to be able to share stories and memories of him with one another. He created and left a legacy that anyone would be proud of. He spoke of the important parts of his life with the utmost passion and pride that you couldn't help but share his excitement.

You will be missed Mr. Mueller.
Go Vikings!



In 1978, Glenn Mueller, State Executive Vice President, California Correctional Officers Association, negotiated the establishment of a gold badge for Correctional Officers in California. The badge numbers were released by seniority of institution (San Quentin, Folsom) and an alphabetized list.



Watch a video shared at his memorial service, provided by CDCR from when Glenn Retired in 2000 from Folsom State Prison.

Board of Directors

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation's Board of Directors consists of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and National Directors. Throughout the history of CPOF these men and women have been distinguished in their career.

In the last 9 years, CPOF has lost 6 board members. The loss of so many hit the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation hard. CPOF is fortunate that the founding fathers and fallen board members had the foresite to build CPOF to be strong and have a network of skilled, talented and intelligent retired and still working correctional staff ready to step up to the task of carrying on the business of "taking care of our own."

The 2023 board of directors is led by Chairman Ron Barnes. Ron began his California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation career in 1983 as a Correctional Officer at Folsom State Prison. He continued to promote up through multiple prisons within CDCR before being appointed Warden of CCC by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in March of 2009. Ron retired as Warden in 2011 and worked as a retiree for the department in several capacities until permanently retiring in March of 2019. Ron became a board member for CPOF in 2018. Ron was able to work closely with his predecessor to learn the history and workings of CPOF.

Donald Dease began his Correctional Career in 1974 as a Recreational Coordinator at MacDougall Youth Institution. In 1980, he was named Warden at Dutchman Correctional Region and promoted to Regional Director in 1983. Don served as Regional Director for 14 years and supervised 10 facilities. He retired in 2002 as Institutional Division Director. Don, a Citadel Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, began volunteering with CPOF in 1997 and began working as a representative in 2002, following his retirement. He became an instrumental member of the board in 2010 and currently proudly serves as Vice-Chair.

Serving as Secretary of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation is Kim Potter-Blair. Kim began her Corrections Career with the Kentucky DOC in 1997 as a Correctional Officer at Blackburn Correctional Complex. She promoted through the ranks through the Kentucky DOC and Kentucky Division of Probation and Parole, including District Supervisor. Kim is currently the Chief of Staff for the Kentucky De-

partment of Corrections. Kim serves multiple organizations to better the lives of correctional staff and is a true asset to CPOF. She joined the board in 2015.

Perry Speth is CPOF's Treasurer. Perry is a second generation Correctional Peace Officer who began his career in 1984 with the California Youth Authority (now known as California Department of Juvenile Justice) at Mt. Bullion Fire Camp. Perry promoted within the department prior to becoming the Union Chapter President of California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) and being appointed to the Executive Council as the State Secretary. Perry has been an active member of the CPOF since it's formation and proudly joined the board in 2021.

William "Bill" Hutto's Correctional Career began in 1980 as a Correctional Officer at Folsom State Prison. Over the next 26 years, Bill's career took him to being a Sergeant at Folsom State prison before transferring to Transportation as a Sergeant and then Lieutenant prior to returning to transportation. He continued his career as a Correctional Captain before retiring. During his remarkable career, Bill served as a member of the SERT (Special Emergency Response Team). Bill joined the board in 2022.

Chevi Amrein began her California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)

career in 2003 as a Correctional Officer at High Desert State Prison (HDSP). She was promoted through the ranks as a Correctional Sergeant, Correctional Counselor I, Correctional Counselor II Specialist (Litigation Coordinator) at HDSP. In 2015, she was promoted to the California Correctional Center and spent 7 years working in the Northern California Camps Mission of CDCR as a Correctional Captain and Associate Warden. Since December of 2022, Chevi is currently serving as the Americans with Disabilities Coordinator/Associate Warden at HDSP. Chevi has served as the joint honor guard commander for CCC and HDSP since 2007. Chevi has been an active member of CPOF since attending the California Basic Correctional Peace Officer Academy in 2003 and joined the board in 2023.

Jeffrey Washington has served American Correctional Association (ACA) as its Deputy Executive Director since 1995. Prior, he served in the Standards and Accreditation Department as Acting Director, Administrator, Deputy Administrator and Regional Administrator. Mr. Washington attended the University of Virginia and is a member ACA. Jeff joined the CPOF board in 2023.

Together the CPOF board of directors is dedicated to growing the organization and "taking care of our own!"



Left to Right: Ron Barnes, William Hutto, Kim Potter-Blair, Chevi Amrein, Jeffrey Washington, Donald Dease, Perry Speth



Pictured above: Probation/Parole Officer Field Specialist Lisa Lane & North Carolina Field Representative Scott Bauer

Taking Care of Our Own: THE CATASTROPHIC PROGRAM

I am Lisa Lane, and am currently employed with the North Carolina Department of Adult Correction as a Probation/Parole Officer Field Specialist. I have been an officer for 27 years. I am so grateful to Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF) for assisting our family during the most difficult time of our life. On February 25, 2022, my husband of 25 years, Martin Lane, passed away from COVID. I had no idea that I wouldn't be able to bring him home. I lost my dear husband and felt like my life was over. Our family was now broken. Our daughter, Gracie (21), lost her daddy and best friend. Martin will miss Gracie's nursing graduation, walking her down the aisle, and her becoming a mother, but we know he will be watching over her every step of the way.

When I became a member of CPOF, I was amazed at how they assisted my co-workers. Why wouldn't anyone want to be a part of this organization and be able to help support others in Corrections when in need? Being a member of CPOF is an opportunity to assist those that work in prisons, institutions, jails, and the probation/parole systems.

AN INSPIRATIONAL STORY FOUNDED IN LOSS

When Kevin Miller, my Judicial District Manager in District 25, presented me with a check from CPOF, their assistance helped alleviate the financial burden. Never in a million years did I dream that I would ever go through such a catastrophic event and need CPOF assistance.

After receiving the check, I sat down to write a thank you letter to CPOF, and I couldn't do it. I wanted them to know how appreciative we were and couldn't put it into words. So, when the opportunity for a raffle came up, this was a way to give back and show our appreciation. It was a pleasure to be able to thank CPOF and make a donation that will assist other officers and their families is a true blessing. We also wanted to have a luncheon for our co-workers and any remaining money would go to CPOF. This gave us a chance to give back to those that had supported us. The fundraiser was Martin Lane Memorial Fundraiser and we sold almost 700 tickets for the raffle. We are very thankful for our sponsors Smokefoot Trade and Loan, American Roller Bearing, Overmountain Rifleman, and other donors. We were able to serve an appreciation luncheon to my co-workers of District 25 (Burke, Caldwell, Catawba counties) and able to present CPOF a check for \$4,000.00.

I want to thank Kevin Miller and District 25 for assisting with the fundraiser and for this opportunity to honor my husband. Knowing we can assist others in need, warms our hearts.

I know Martin would have been pleased with the fundraiser. He was a great father and husband, and we will never get over the pain of losing him. Thank you, Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for easing our financial burden and for all that you do by, "Taking Care of Our Own."

God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in our troubles so that we can comfort others. (2Corinthians 1:4)



Mr. Martin Elbert Lane, 61, of Morganton, passed away peacefully Friday, February 25, 2022 after a brief illness.



Mr. Lane was born Dec. 4, 1960. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Lisa Ward Lane and devoted father to his daughter, Gracie Elizabeth Lane; and his dog, Bella Jane. Gracie stole Martin's heart the day she was born. He worshipped the ground she walked on and was so proud that she is pursuing a career in nursing. He will miss her graduation, walking her down the aisle and her becoming a mother, but we know he will be watching over her every step of the way.



The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation has a strong catastrophic program that exists to help correctional staff in their time of need. CPOF defines "catastrophic" as when an officer or staff member at a correctional facility, because of catastrophic illness, injury or event, suffers severe financial hardship.

If you, or someone you know is in need, please contact CPOF for more information.



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“As a wife with a spouse in corrections, I understood the sacrifices that would need to be made in order for us to support our family.”

Thank you Christina and the Correctional Peace Officer Foundation for providing support and assistance to my family and all the other correctional families in their time of need. The Walden family cannot express in words the immeasurable gratitude to your foundation with the support for us in our time of need; without that our focus would be split instead of where it needed to be, solely on Michael's recovery and our family.

For those of you that are currently reading this and do not know my husband, SGT. Michael Walden, he started working in CCI Tehachapi in 2007 for a total 16 years. In 2013,

Michael was part of the activation team that transferred to California City Correctional Facility CAC.

Michael and I have been together for 21 years and married for 18 amazing years. We have three beautiful children, our eldest son Second-Class Petty Officer Arthur Walden, currently serving in the United States Navy. Then we have our younger sons 17-year-old, Michael Jr. and our 16-year-old, Travis, who are both high school juniors.

As a wife with a spouse in corrections, I understood the sacrifices that would need to be made in order for us to support our family. We, like many families in corrections, have sacrificed a lot throughout the years with my husband not being home for family events, holidays, dealing with unpredictable schedules, and watch changes.

While California State Corrections is a great career, it comes at a cost to a person's mental and physical well-being. I know everyone that has ever worked in corrections can understand and relate.

That being said, I've always been an advocate for doing your time and RETIRE on a beach somewhere to enjoy the fruits of your hard labor. Which brings us to January 2022 our family was in full throttle with planning retirement when Michael hits that beautiful 20-year mark in four more years. If you

know Michael then you have heard the many speeches about the importance of additional coverage and paying into different foundations to reap the benefits for when and if you ever need them.

Moreover, on August 28, 2022, at 1931; 2 hours before Michael's first watch shift our family lives changed in the blink of an eye when Michael suffered a massive grand mal seizure.

The doctors in the emergency room informed us that they found an epidermoid tumor the size of a lemon in the left hemisphere of his brain that required immediate surgical removal.

Talk about jumping out of the frying pan and into the fire. Then three days later the tumor removal surgery took place and the neurosurgeons were successful in removing all of it. The road to recovery has just started with Michael undergoing aggressive physical, occupational, and speech therapies but we see the light at the end of the tunnel.

While Michael's recovery may not be exactly what he wants, which is to bounce back like a rubber ball into working again, his outlook is positive. We never imagined such a potentially dire situation but there is a lesson within this moment.

Prepare for the unexpected, Do Your Time, and RETIRE!



SGT. Michael Walden is shown with his family, one month prior to the seizure that changed their world. The Walden Family left to right: Travis (16), Michael, Aracelly, Michael Jr. (17), Second Class Petty Officer Arthur Walden (United States Navy)

Correctional Officer I Ryan Joseph Dunn

MCI Bridgewater

Correctional Officer I Ryan Joseph Dunn was the beloved son of Lieutenant Robert Dunn and Elizabeth (Faria) Dunn. Ryan was the companion of Dana Hopwood, her daughter Kaylee and proud father of Jameson and Marina.

Prior to serving as a Correctional Officer at MCI Bridgewater, Ryan served in the United States Army. From 2009-2010 he served in Kunar Province and Wardak Province Afghanistan.

His courage and continued motivation led to the success of his company's mission. As a dedicated soldier, Ryan was instrumental in the platoon's ability to successfully complete over 600 humanitarian and combat patrols during Operation Enduring Freedom. His courage and motivation stayed with him as he returned stateside and guided him as he became a second generation Correctional Officer.

Upon his return, Ryan was employed by the Massachusetts Department of Corrections where he worked as a Correctional Officer for the last 8 years. Co-workers would describe him as a loyal friend and were proud to work alongside him.

Ryan's father, Lt. Robert Dunn serves on the CPOF National Honor Guard team. He has been there for the services of countless correctional staff following their untimely death. In December, the Honor Guard was there for him and his family following the unexpected death of Ryan.

Lt. Dunn, a retired Sgt first class in the U.S. Army and retired Lieutenant with the Massachusetts Department of Corrections, along with his wife, Elizabeth raised a son who served as an example of what a true American Hero is.

Ryan was well known for his love of pepperoni pizza, coffee milk and gave the best bear hugs. He was a quiet and kind soul who loved fiercely and always put his family and friends first. In his free time his hobbies included fishing, daily workouts, cheering on his favorite football team (the Patriots) and



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listening to podcasts.

On the night of November 23rd, 2022 Ryan wasn't feeling well and went to bed. At 33 years old, Ryan never woke up.

He left behind three families. His personal family, whom loved and cherished him. A family that included young children who idolized him and who will carry his traits and learn about their dad through the memories of others.

A military family that trusted him to watch their six and help secure the safety and freedom of this great country. And a family with the Department of Corrections, serving the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and continuing his life work of ensuring safety for those around him.

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation thanks Lt. Dunn for his continued work with the National Honor Guard Team, Commander Ray Gonsalves, William Stranahan and Patrick Gallaway for representing all of us at CPOF and to the family of Ryan Dunn for supporting him through his work of making this country and the state of Massachusetts safer.



Above, Correctional Officer I Dunn being pinned by his father, Lt. Robert Dunn.



National **HONOR GUARD**



The Correctional Peace Officers National Honor Guard is seen here at
PROJECT 2000 in Reno, NV.

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation has its own National Honor Guard. The National Honor Guard is called upon to perform ceremonial duties at funerals and memorial services across the nation for our fallen Correctional Brothers and Sisters.

The National Honor Guard was first led by Commander Steve Dizmon in 2008. In the beginning, the team consisted of 8 members that wore the CPOF badge and uniform and proudly executed their duties. Since 2019, Captain Raymond Gonsalves Jr. of Massachusetts Department of Corrections (retired) has proudly served as Honor Guard Commander.

The National Honor Guard embodies what it is to be a member of an honor guard team for units across the country. They execute the posting of colors with such flawlessness that it feels like one swift movement. The 21-gun salute is performed effortlessly with perfection and expertise. The folding of the flag is done with so much conviction and pride that you can feel it within the room.

These skills do not come naturally to this team. It is through sheer determination and hard work. Every February, the team gathers in Sacramento, California at the head office and practices for the better part of a week. They record themselves as they execute these tasks so they can watch themselves later and ensure that there are no mistakes. No errors. They share their knowledge and experiences with one another, along with how they developed their passion to be there to give honor and dignity to those that lose their lives while serving their department and keeping their community safe.

In February of 2023, you can hear Lieutenant Mosby giving the commands to ensure an exceptional posting of colors happens every single time. You can hear the wisdom and knowledge he shares with his team in his

words and the passion and pride behind the mission in his voice. For him, there is no room for error and there is no place for failure. There is room to grow and to learn and he is readily available to teach those skills.

Lieutenant Robert Dunn leads his own team elsewhere, calling commands for a smooth and effective 21-gun salute. He demands perfection in the execution. Often times the 21-gun salute is one element that requires the most precision. If any member of the team is off by even a moment, it is loudly obvious to everyone in attendance. With Lieutenant Dunn and his impeccable leadership, the 21-gun salute is one that many teams attempt to emulate.

Officer Steve Perrine is familiar with being both a member of the honor guard and on the receiving end of the impeccable service they provide. His father, Louis Perrine, died in the line of duty in Oregon on November 17, 1994. He spends the training week not only teaching the correct way to perform the flag-folding ceremony, but also the reasons behind it.

The honor guard team also trains in marching, setting the missing officers table and in how to be there for one another. Commander Gonsalves and Assistant Commander Angela Lujan monitor every aspect of training to ensure that every teammate is able to effectively live up to their responsibilities on the team.

The National Honor Guard meets again at PROJECT 2000 each and every year. They arrive before many of the guests and leave after the attendees. When they are not in uniform executing their duties, they are in practice gear, practicing for the next event. They are in the halls, watching guard over the ballroom and they are in each and every event providing a service that few could do as well as they.

The National Honor Guard has the unique duty and privilege to be present for all of the good times and all of the bad and we thank them.

Meaning Behind the 13 Folds

The flag-folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
2. The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.
4. The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is Him we turn to in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country.
6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the USA, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through our armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies whether they be found within or without the borders of our republic.
8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother.
9. The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood. It has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that has modeled the character of the men and women who have made this country great.
10. The tenth fold is a tribute to father, who has also given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.
11. The eleventh fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
12. The twelfth fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.
13. The thirteenth and last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us our national motto, "In God We Trust."





PROJECT 2000 started as a way to honor Correctional Staff killed in the line of duty in 1990. Since then, it has evolved to include honoring officers who are assaulted, celebrate those who go above the call of duty in heroism, provides relief for families going through catastrophic events and showcases what it truly means to be a family.

PROJECT officially kicks off with a welcome dinner on Thursday night. It is an opportunity to dress up and dine in the ballroom. The pageantry of the event includes Honor Guard teams from across the nation. Bag pipers provide entertainment and honor the families of the fallen as well as the military branches that serve the United States. It is a moving event that joins everyone in the room as a family.

Friday morning, all officers killed in the line of duty are honored with a memorial service that is opened to the public. The names are read, the bell is rung, the pipers play and the shotguns ring out in a fitting 21-gun salute. These brave men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice in their chosen profession are honored as the heroes that they are.

Following the memorial service, lunch is served in the ballroom and these families continue to be honored on behalf of their loved ones. The focus is truly on supporting, recognizing and paying tribute to the families of the officers who lost their lives.

Friday night is truly about fellowship. There is delicious food served with great music and correctional families coming together. You can hear the laughter of children from down the hall. This is when strangers from all walks of life and every part of the country become lifelong friends. Bonds are formed that truly stand the test of time.

Saturday continues to honor the fallen families, but also recognizes officers who have survived assaults and officers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. The luncheon is dedicated to sharing the experiences of those officers and correctional staff and brings awareness to the ongoing threats correctional staff experience on a regular basis.

The official festivities of PROJECT ends with the Sunday morning prayer breakfast. This casual breakfast warms both the stomach and the soul. It is an opportunity to celebrate the children of correctional staff, share your experiences of the event and say your “see you next times” to those that are now a part of your family.

While PROJECT 2000 involves 4 seated meal functions and the annual memorial service, there is so much more happening in the background. The most popular of which is the KIDS room.

CPOF’s KIDS room is a part of PROJECT that focuses solely on the children of correctional staff that are attending PROJECT. This room is decked out with video games, toys, arts and crafts, and just really fun activities. While the room travels from PROJECT to PROJECT, the extra activities vary from year to year. Consistently, you will find “Teen night”, an opportunity for the teenagers (with volunteer chaperones) to have a fun night near-by. In past years, they’ve been able to visit arcades, movie theaters, race go-karts and have a night of care-free fun. While the teens are experiencing their outing, the younger kids are having their own “kids only” party with pizza, ice cream sundaes and often a special visitor or two. All of the children experience the fun of pool parties, field trips and new friends.

While the kids are having a blast, there are plenty of seminars, workshops and other events available to both correctional staff and their families.

There is nothing like being in a hotel surrounded by your correctional family. The involvement of what PROJECT has become is astonishing. What started as a dream for few to pay final respect to officers killed in the line of duty has evolved into an event that celebrates, recognizes and honors all correctional staff across this nation.

This event is attended by Honor Guards across the nation and Canada. They arrive early and practice repeatedly to have a flawless memorial service filled with pageantry and beauty that leaves those in attendance with goosebumps and feelings of patriotism. It is an event that once you attend for the first time, you have a true and deep understanding of what it is to “Take Care Of Our Own.”



I know I have big shoes to fill, but I couldn't be prouder of the faith instilled in me...

RON BARNES

Chairman of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation



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Hello, as you're reading this I hope it finds you and your loved ones, friends and family safe, healthy and doing well. For those who don't know me, I'm Ron Barnes, a retired prison Warden from California and now Chairman of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF). I know I have huge shoes to fill, but I couldn't be prouder of the faith instilled in me to continue taking this great organization to newer heights. I want all of you to know that from the bottom of my heart, I will always work tirelessly to not only lead this foundation, but always look at ways we can better our commitment to "taking care of our own". I am very excited about our bright future.

One of the original founding fathers, my good friend and former Chairman Glenn Mueller was comforted to know that myself and the talented group of National Directors were going to continue guiding and strengthening this foundation. We will remain a force now, and in future generations for those who work in our very demanding profession throughout this nation.

We want to continue what the founding fathers started. I would be remiss not to mention the huge loss suffered by CPOF during the past several years, and most recently the profound losses of most of our founding fathers. Although we are all heartbroken at the passings of our friends, they were always proud that we were able to provide swift, meaningful financial assistance to our fellow colleagues and their families. Let me be clear, this will never, ever change while I am Chairman.

As the foundation moves into the future, we want to not only continue the traditions and mission of CPOF, but grow it. Our priorities going forward will remain taking care of correctional staff, growing this organization into everything we know it is capable of being and ensuring that we are represented throughout the nation.

This year we will be in Saint Louis, Missouri for our annual PROJECT 2000 and memorial service. I look forward to seeing friends and honoring those who paid the ultimate price. My hope is to get a chance to meet and see you there.

In closing, I want everyone to know that the foundation is all of us. Without members, volunteers, representatives, office staff and the board, there is no way we could do what we do. Without you, the Correctional Peace Officer Foundation doesn't exist. If you work in a prison, jail, detention center or with parolees, stay safe and watch each other's back!! God bless all of you and God bless America.

PROJECT 2000 XXXIV

St. Louis, Missouri

Thursday, June 15 - Sunday, June 18, 2023

Featuring the CPO Foundation

Annual National Memorial Ceremony

Friday, June 16, 2023

**Please note: Maximum Project
attendees will be 500**

Host Hotel

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch
315 Chestnut Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

*The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation's
Annual Four-Day Gathering for
Correctional Officers and Families also features*

- Educational Seminars
- Four Hosted Meal Functions



PROJECT 2000 THROUGH THE YEARS

The first PROJECT 2000 was held in 1990 in Washington, D.C. with 173 registered participants. An additional 100 people attended the Memorial Service held at the Marine Corps Memorial.

As CPOF honored Correctional Officers Argentra Cotton (EOW - July 18, 1989), William Donaldson (EOW - January 12, 1990), Lawrence A. "Frank" Kush, Jr. (EOW - July 2, 1989) and Detective Alexander Finlayson Mavity (EOW - February 14, 1989), representatives from around the United States of America, Canada, Belgium, Ireland and Mexico watched on to pay their respects.

PROJECT 2000 I was made possible by grants and donations from many who knew honoring these officers and their families was a necessity. Some of the donors included:

California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA)

Don Novey, President

International Association of Correctional Officers (IACO)

Ken Rivard, President

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Gerald McEntee, President

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Dennis McGrath, General Secretary

Joe and Mary Rowan

CPOF thanks those that have been there to support correctional staff since the beginning. Your support and dedication to "taking care of our own" has played a substantial role in CPOF being able to continue our mission.

PROJECT 2000 I had the families of Correctional Officers Cotton and Donaldson in attendance and included U.S. Senator Donald Riegle of Michigan and State Senator John Doolittle of California as speakers. These speakers were dedicated to working towards a safer nation for correctional staff.

Since the first PROJECT, it has grown in attendance. While we continue to welcome supporters from all over the world we strive to continue to be a family that takes care of each other in our darkest days. Over the past several decades, CPOF has taken PROJECT 2000 across the United States in an effort to make it as accessible as possible to as many as it can. Many of the events are now available via live stream as well. While limited, registration for PROJECT 2000 XXXIV is currently open and can be found at cpof.org.



CORRECTIONAL PEACE OFFICERS FOUNDATION

FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation is able to be there for so many Correctional Staff each and every year due to our Field Representatives. The representatives are on the ground, nationwide to provide support, information and comfort to staff on behalf of our office staff, board of directors and all members everywhere.

Field representatives are usually the first contact that a member or non-member has with the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. They are at academies, shift changes and other opportunities to share what CPOF is with those who may not have had the opportunity to know yet. They are also the ones that are usually called by institutions when there is a staff member in need of assistance. Field Representatives are the ones delivering checks, handshakes and hugs during some of the darkest times. Their passion to be there and take care of their own drives them to do all that they can for staff member.

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation also has facility volunteers that assist when a field representative is not in close proximity to a need. If you would like more information on how to become a facility volunteer or a representative in your state, please reach out to CPOF.



ANNIE NORMAN ARKANSAS & FEDERAL

Annie became a member of CPOF in 2004 and attended PROJECT for the first time in 2005 where she had the honor of escorting a fallen family. She began her career in corrections in 1985 and retired from the DOJ - BOP in 2015. Upon her retirement, she became the Arkansas rep. She carries a scripture and tune in her heart, "If I Can Help Somebody as I travel along...then my living shall not be in vain."



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GUY EDMONDS - COLORADO

Guy worked for the Colorado Department of Corrections for 23 years prior to retiring as Captain. During his last 8 years with the department, Guy was the Team Commander for the Critical Incident Response Team. Guy became a member CPOF in 1993. He served as his facility volunteer and then became the Colorado representative in May of 2014. Guy is available if you know someone in need or if you, yourself is in need of someone to talk to.



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RICHARD LOUD - FLORIDA

Richard started his career with the Rhode Island DOC in 1977 as an officer. He knew he wanted to be a part of the RI Brotherhood of Corrections and held every position in that union including President. In the early 90s, he met founding board members Larry and Glenn and started his relationship with CPOF. After retiring in 2004, he became a representative with CPOF in 2007. Richard has worked hard to grow CPOF into what it is today.



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VANESSA O'DONNELL - GEORGIA

Vanessa served the Georgia DOC proudly for 32 years. She served over a decade as a warden of specialized populations. Following her retirement in 2016, Vanessa joined CPOF as a field representative in Georgia. During her extensive career, she was awarded Facility of the Year at two facilities prior to being promoted to deputy director of Facility Operations. While retired, she continues to lend her expertise on security management jobs.



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ROSE WILLIAMS - GEORGIA

Rose started her career with the Georgia Department of Correction in the late 70s. She retired in 2007 with 34 years of service, working her way from Correctional Officer to Warden. She was introduced to CPOF in 2007 and became a member after learning of the foundation. A few months after becoming a representative in 2012, an officer was killed in the line of duty by an inmate and Rose truly saw CPOF's motto.



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WAYNE BOWDRY KENTUCKY & FEDERAL

After learning of CPOF during their visit to The Federal Medical Center in Lexington, Wayne became a liaison for CPOF through the Union in 2004. Wayne continued to volunteer with CPOF until his retirement in 2014. Upon retiring, Wayne became the Kentucky and Federal Representative. He enjoys having the privilege and honor of continuing to help Correctional workers.



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ROBERT TANNER - LOUISIANA

Robert retired from the Louisiana DOC in 2020 after a 40-year career. As a child, he went to work with his grandfather at the farm operation at Angola. He observed the "convict guard" supervise inmates and the "trusties" saddle horses for young Robert and his brother. He began as a Correctional Officer, promoted up to Warden in 2008 and then Regional Warden in 2014. He has been with CPOF for a year, and is a great addition to the team.



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WENDY BAUR - PENNSYLVANIA/VIRGINIA

Wendy began with CPOF in 2006 in Pennsylvania. She worked for over 15 years to get payroll deduction in Pennsylvania before moving to warmer weather in 2018. Since relocating, Wendy has been working to increase membership in Virginia and be there for correctional staff in their time of need. When not working with CPOF, Wendy volunteers for Veterans Organizations.



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**"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create more ripples."
- Mother Teresa**

PATRICK GALLAWAY - NEW YORK

Pat began his career with the NY DOC in 1994. Through his 27 year career, he worked at 5 prisons before retiring at Attica. Pat first learned of CPOF at PROJECT in 2010 and was there to help his fellow officers. In addition to his work with CPOF, Pat played an integral role in the opening of the Attica Preservation Foundation & Museum, served 19 years on the Attica Honor Guard and is a member of the National Honor Guard.



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GARY EVANS - SOUTH CAROLINA

Gary spent 8 years in the Army/National guard prior to starting his career with the South Carolina DOC. He began as an officer and worked his way to Captain. His last 14 years were spent as a criminologist at the training academy. Gary retired after 25 years with SCDOC. In December of 2011, Gary became the South Carolina representative. He also served as a youth pastor and as Commissioned Chaplain for Correctional employees.



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EILEEN KENNEDY - TEXAS

Eileen began her career with TDCJ in 1984 as a Correctional Officer before retiring as the Region IV Director with 30 years of service. After retiring, Eileen was offered the opportunity to be the state rep and accepted. In addition to being there for staff in Texas, she regularly conducts "Women in Corrections" seminars on behalf of CPOF. Eileen's 10+ years with CPOF has changed the lives of countless correctional staff in Texas and Nationwide.



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SCOTT BAUER - NORTH CAROLINA

After a 30 year career with the Department of Public Safety, Scott came to work with CPOF. His career began as a probation/parole officer and then the coordinator for in-service training. His last 5 years were the most gratifying as the first Critical Incident Administrator for their department. He was able to create S.H.I.E.L.D. Which focused on helping officers through tragedy. Scott hosts the Assault Survivor Seminar at PROJECT every year.



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KELLI FORRESTER - TEXAS

Kelli is a 3rd generation TDCJ employee who was raised at various units through the state. At 19, she began as a Correctional Officer and over the course of 30 years promoted through the ranks before retiring as Senior Warden(the first female at one of the units). Kelli came to CPOF after an on-duty death of an officer at her unit. They were there for her department and the officer's family. In turn, she was there for CPOF and continues to be.



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CATHY STOKES - TEXAS

Cathy was born into the TDCJ family, growing up on a prison farm where her dad worked his way from Correctional Officer to Warden before retiring. Her grandfather also worked for the department as a truck driver. As a third generation TDCJ employee, Cathy retired after 31 years. She has been married to TDCJ Kennel Sgt Gene for 32 years. 2023 is her 14th year with CPOF and she passionately shares the good they do with her TDCJ family.



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LAURA MATTHEWS NORTH CAROLINA

Laura's career with CPOF came as a result of wanting to pay forward the good work CPOF was doing for her officers. In 2013, Laura retired as a Chief Probation Parole Officer from the North Carolina DOC. Laura has been instrumental in bringing CPOF to her state. She has been there for the families of 5 murdered officers and countless staff members suffering through tragedies in North Carolina.



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**"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."
- John Holmes**

RAY WAGONER - WEST VIRGINIA

Ray's career in corrections began in 1992 as a Correctional Officer with the West Virginia Regional Jail Authority, where he worked until his retirement in 2010. Ray's son, Michael, was a volunteer with CPOF and attended PROJECT in 1998 with his honor guard team. He came back so inspired, Ray was inspired and began volunteering. After his retirement, he became a representative and worked hard to bring CPOF to his state and their staff.



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CORRECTIONAL PEACE OFFICERS FOUNDATION OFFICE STAFF

The staff of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation moved into their Sacramento, California home office building in 1997. The office stays busy year each and every day processing membership applications, mailing supplies to their field representatives, assisting catastrophic cases, supporting families of officers and staff killed in the line of duty and doing everything they can to support correctional staff across the nation. The staff of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation work tirelessly to offer support, financial assistance and comfort to staff in need as well as plan and execute the annual memorial service honoring staff killed in the line of duty and PROJECT 2000. They are the ones to wrap gifts and sign cards for the families of fallen staff and children of catastrophic cases. They are vital to the success of CPOF and many have dedicated decades to the pursuit of bettering the lives of correctional staff nationwide.

Charleene Corby
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Charleene has been with CPOF since the beginning. She has passionately served Correctional Staff across the nation for nearly 40 years while being the wife of a Correctional Officer. CPOF is forever indebted to her service.

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Rachel began her career with CPOF in 1998. Over the course of 25 years, she worked in various positions before becoming Office Administrator. She enjoys planning PROJECT and cultivating relationships with members nationwide..

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Cindy came on board in 1995 and became the bookkeeper. She likes working with numbers, and is also happy that it is a "feel good job" where writing checks means you are helping people who are going through difficult times.

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Our Membership coordinator, Vicki, began in 1998. She enjoys keeping track of the membership information, and one of her favorite things is getting to wrap the Christmas gifts for families of assisted correctional staff each year.

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Stephanie began her work as a catastrophic coordinator in 1999. She manages catastrophic cases for multiple states and simply enjoys being able to help people during their time of need.

Christina Labio
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In 2000, Christina began working with CPOF. She works hard to develop relationships with contacts inside of institutions and her field representatives to ensure as many staff members as possible are being helped.

Richard "Dusty" Miller
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Dusty began managing the warehouse in 2002, when there was just one. Now there are many. He enjoys being able to help representatives with supplies as well as being such an integral part of PROJECT every year.

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Kim joined the CPOF family in 2003. She is passionate about spreading the mission of CPOF, by talking and by being there to assist staff. She finds comfort in assisting during the darkest moments for a fallen family and bring peace.

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In 2006, Shanna came to CPOF and really enjoys creating the newsletters and forms used in the office and nationwide. She enjoys being able to grow relationships with representatives all over the country.

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Renae has been with CPOF since 2006. She loves having conversations with members and knowing that she's making a difference when she is able to provide them with assistance. Renae really enjoys the satisfaction of helping others.

Nadine Rodriguez
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Since 2014, Nadine has been a part of CPOF. She has learned so much about Corrections and non-profits since starting at CPOF and thoroughly enjoys being able to help others. She looks forward to learning even more.

Denise Hansen
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Denise came to CPOF in 2017 and really enjoys working with everyone. She's a vital asset to CPOF and is always happy and eager to help everyone with whatever they need. She is glad to be a part of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation Family.

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Jazmyn is the newest addition to CPOF as the receptionist. She started in the summer of 2022 and really likes being a part of a small office that is doing so much good in the world. She likes how close knit everyone is.





GEORGE MESHKO

EOW - OCTOBER 6, 2022

George Meshko Sr. spent his life standing up for others, ensuring the safety of his community and spreading generosity and care. Following high school, George joined and served his country in the United States Army. After his service in the Army, he began his career as a Correctional Officer for the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Starting in Otisville, N.Y. and later at USP Canaan, he spent most of his BOP career as an active unionist, holding various positions including Treasurer for Local Union 3003 - USP Canaan, he was never afraid of a fight or standing up for others especially when it was to help a staff member in need.

After retirement, George continued to give back and became a Federal Field Representative with the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation.

In 2014, George was diagnosed with cancer. As he fought long and hard, he continued to be there for others. Whether it was encouraging others to stay strong in their own battles or being there to help staff in need, George was there.

George centered his life around his family. He leaves behind his beloved wife Carol, son George Jr., and daughter Nicole. He was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. He played baseball and football in high school and enjoyed golf, gardening, remodeling and woodworking. He especially loved sharing his hobbies with his family. You will be missed George.

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“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”
— Unknown

KENDALL SCHANFISH

Kendall “Kittenpants” Schanfish was only 7 years old when she was diagnosed with leukemia in February of 2020. It was the start of the pandemic, confusing and scary times without the added hardship of a cancer diagnosis. Most 7 year olds were navigating zoom classes and how they would see their friends, young Kendall was facing a hardship most adults struggle with.

Kendall is the youngest of 5 children in a blended family. Her parents, Greg Schanfish (Chaplain at FCI Seagoville, Texas) and Marcie (an attorney in the town they live and president of the Rotary Club) have 4 grown children, all over the age of 20. Six months before their journey, Marcie’s son Logan, was diagnosed with a softball-sized desmoid tumor, a sarcoma, after noticing a large, firm knot on his thigh. The aggressive and destructive tumor was treated with chemotherapy.

Kendall was diagnosed with Acute lymphoblastic leukemia. She was a normal kid, happy, trusting and silly. But she had a fever and she just couldn’t get it to pass. After 12 days, her parents were presented with 3 possibilities of what could be causing her illness. After blood work was demanded, the family was forced to face a diagnosis of leukemia.

Treatment started immediately. The blood cancer had overcome 93 percent of her bone marrow. Her fragile body wasn’t ready for the treatment. After her first dose of chemotherapy, she was rushed to the ICU for swelling of her brain. Instead of the expected 5 day stay, Kendall spent 35 days at the Children’s Medical Center in Dallas.

Over the course of over 2 years, Kendall would undergo 800 days of chemotherapy treatments, 18 spinal taps, dozens of Emergency Room visits and 2 separate episodes of

Little Miss Kittenpants fought cancer during the pandemic and came through on the other side with a love for reading, drawing and dragons.



“ God is faithful and healed my daughter.” - Greg Schanfish



bleeding on the brain.

In May of 2022, Kendall was able to celebrate being free of leukemia and having “No Mo’ Chemo!” As the world starts to open up in a post pandemic world, she gets to go back to being a kid. Just a normal fifth grader who loves to draw and read and still loves dragons.

During the darkest times, the Schanfish family was surrounded by a community that rallied together to lighten the load. In their local community, people were there to feed the kids, help with household chores, send care packages and love on their family. The community even put on a 40-car parade to celebrate Kendall’s birthday. Police cars and fire engines joined in the fun to ensure this little girl and her family never felt alone.

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation was also there to provide financial support and assistance in any way they could. Kendall, we are so proud of you.





Photographed Left to Right:
Bonita Addison (wife), Sgt. Sammy Addison, Warden Daniel Dickerson

Sergeant Sammy Addison

Allan B. Polunsky Unit - Texas

I would like to thank the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation for providing financial assistance to one of our supervisors who was recently attacked by an inmate. Sgt. Addison underwent several surgeries and has been on a long road to recovery but is doing much better. The CPOF is definitely known for taking care of its own and this provides a testament to other staff who might not have been aware. Thank you again for your much needed assistance from all of the Allan B. Polunsky Unit family.

Thanks,
D.D. Dickerson | Senior Warden | Allan B. Polunsky Unit

Sergeant Sammy Addison was assaulted by an inmate on October 16, 2022 sustaining facial fractures and brain bleeding. On behalf of CPOF and our members, we wish him a speedy recovery.



Become a member of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation

The chief purpose of CPOF is to financially support the surviving families of CPOF members who lose their lives while carrying out their chosen profession. There is a death benefit paid out to the person(s) of a members choosing if they were to lose their life in the line of duty.

Members who experience an illness, injury or event which results in financial hardship may be eligible for financial support from CPOF through their catastrophic assistance program.

CPOF awards scholarships to members and their families who pursue higher education and meet eligibility requirements.

Members are invited to attend PROJECT 2000, our annual event memorializing those in the corrections profession who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Members receive the CPO Family Magazine, which shares the stories of members who have sacrificed their lives, and how the CPOF community is supporting them.

When you become a member of CPOF, you become part of a nationwide brotherhood and sisterhood composed of thousands of correctional peace officers and staff.

All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. While membership levels do start at \$5 per month, those contributing \$25 or more per month are "Gold Members" and do receive an exclusive jacket reserved for those gold members.

We welcome those who work in prisons, institutions, jails and the parole/probation systems to become members of CPOF. We also extend a warm welcome to other parties who wish to become supporting members.



Become a member using our bankdraft/lump sum application or see if payroll deduction is available for you!

HR Specialist III Stephanie Bueno

Headquarters - Colorado

HR Specialist III Stephanie Bueno's nine week old son, Esidro, was born with heart complications. After many tests and procedures, he was found to have a hole in his heart and a congenital narrowing of a short section of the aorta. He underwent open heart surgery at Denver's Children Hospital in December of 2022, 100 miles away from home. CPOF was there to provide financial assistance during their hardship.

"I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season. I wanted to send you a few photos of the baby. He's doing really well after surgery and is steadily gaining weight now. He's so much more active and just a happier baby now. My family and I can't thank you and the organization enough for all of your help during such a hard time in our lives! We truly appreciate it! - Stephanie"



Pictured is HR Specialist III Stephanie Bueno with son Esidro and their family.

Correctional Officer Ivana Scorsone

Polk Correctional Institution, Florida

I wanted to say how much I appreciate the support you all have shown me with the passing of my partner, my companion, my best friend, and my heart, Officer Ivana Scorsone. Losing her so suddenly and with no explanation has been the hardest event in my life to cope with. It has been a struggle mentally, emotionally, physically and financially. We lived together on the grounds of the institution and I was there to greet her the day she began with the Department. So there isn't anywhere I can go that doesn't contain memories of us both. All good ones, but constant reminders.

With us not being married and all of her family from Eastern Europe, the inability to handle any financial affairs has been incredibly difficult as well. Our chaplain recommended a funeral home that he knew was operated by, in his words, 'a good honest man'. I reached out to him and he handled everything with Ivana's cremation and service with the greatest amount of kindness and dignity I have ever seen. He told me that I could pay him whenever I was able and he never spoke of it again. His generosity to our family was truly amazing. I promised him I would find a way to do right by him.

When my Warden called me to say CPOF had stepped in to help, it was a great burden taken from me. I could finally make things even with the man that had done so much good for me when I barely had the strength to do anything for myself. I cried when I finally gave him the check. Partly for knowing I kept my promise to him, partly because I was able to repay what he did for her and I, but also to know it was possible because of support from people who didn't know anything about us, except that we were part of the Correctional Family and needed help.

I have an enormously long road still ahead of me. One I can't see very far down at the moment because there's so much still left to do in the immediate. But for what you were able to help me do, that was a big step towards healing for our family. I have been a member since 2004 and have read about all of the good you all have done for others. I read their stories of gratitude and now I know how much they truly meant it.

Matthew Strawder



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Taking Care of Our Own

The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF) is a national, non-profit charitable organization created in 1984. Its primary function is to preserve and support the surviving families of correctional officers who lose their lives in pursuit of their chosen profession of protecting the public from those remanded to correctional custody and supervision in the nation's prisons and jails.

The purpose of CPOF is to operate and maintain a general fund for the perpetuation of the memory of those Correctional Peace Officers killed in the line of duty; to provide for their spouses, children or other beneficiaries; and to promote and project a positive image of the Corrections profession, both internally and to the general public.