

Goldendale Troopers Discover the Life and History of Trooper John Henry Gulden

On April 5, 2010, troopers from the Goldendale Detachment held a ceremony to recognize and honor the life and history of Trooper John Henry Gulden. What makes this ceremony and memorial dedication so significant is Gulden's life, his service to the Patrol, and his family's history were thought to be lost or destroyed.

WSP knew little about the life of Trooper Gulden and the events of his murder. The case file of his murder was destroyed in 1958. The Goldendale Detachment established a Problem Oriented Public Safety (POPS) project to research Trooper Gulden's life, history, family, death, and service. The purpose of the research was to memorialize and document the findings into a written and visual presentation for future generations. The project's ultimate goal was to design, construct, and dedicate a memorial monument to Trooper Gulden so his sacrifice is always remembered. The dedication ceremony was the culmination of months and months of hard work by many people who, on their own time or after their normal shift, researched, made calls and followed up on information, searched for photos, and helped construct the memorial.

All that was known about Gulden at the start of this project was that he died in the line of duty on December 23, 1942, at the age of 43. He was shot as he approached a vehicle he stopped for driving without headlights. (He was unaware the vehicle had two teenage suspects inside wanted for robbery and car theft.) At the time of his death, Trooper Gulden served 13 years with the Washington State Patrol.

When the troopers completed the project, their work researching old documents and photos, interviewing and talking with local historians, archivists, and anyone else that could shed some light on what happened, the troopers pieced together a clear picture of the events surrounding the death of Gulden. This article only shows a small portion of the information discovered by the Goldendale troopers on what happened to Gulden's family, the two individuals who shot Gulden, events that led up to the shooting, and finally the trial.

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Photo from left to right, Sergeant Dale Retzlaff, Dan Eikum, Past President of WSP Memorial Foundation, Trooper Marc Boardman, with the WSP Honor Guard in the background, unveiled the Gulden memorial during the dedication ceremony.

Spokane Trooper Selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Trooper Joel Gordon of Spokane was recently called forward to accept one of the most prestigious awards the academic community can bestow -- selection to Who's Who Among Students. This exclusive honor is conferred by more than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Gordon is a Graduate Student attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) and was among 143 students selected for the top honor. With main campuses in Daytona Beach, FL, and Prescott, AZ, ERAU is recognized as the nation's premiere aerospace university, serving nearly 39,000 students across its 130 satellite campuses. In August 2008, Gordon began working on a Masters of Aeronautical Science, with an Aerospace Management specialization, and is anticipating graduating in September.

Gordon is a Chief Warrant Officer 4 in the Washington Army National Guard; he serves as a Beechcraft C-12 Huron pilot and is also his unit's Safety Program Manager.



From left to right: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Assistant Director of Academic Support, Jon Miesegaes; Trooper Joel Gordon; Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Director of Academic Support, LeRoy Johnson

Marcott Receives Award for e-TRIP / SECTOR Support

Mike Marcott, Information Technology Division e-TRIP/SECTOR Laptop Support (in-vehicle computers and electronic tickets), was honored on April 22, 2010, in Tacoma at the American Society for Industrial Security and Law Enforcement (ASIS) Banquet. Chief John Batiste was the keynote speaker. Marcott received the award in the Special Services category for his sustained superior performance in support of e-TRIP/SECTOR statewide.



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Knorr Becomes Chief Technology Officer

On April 22, 2010, WSP Chief John R. Batiste announced that Marty Knorr had been selected as the Chief Technology Officer of the Information Technology Division (ITD). This appointment was effective immediately.

ITD is a customer-oriented division that supports the Patrol in evaluating and recommending new software; designing, developing, and supporting agency applications and Web sites; and providing project managers to manage information technology.

ITD support staff also provide 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week operations to monitor mission-critical programs and to provide computer customer support for all of WSP.

Knorr's previous position was as the Communications Division Commander.



Duffy Appointed the New State Fire Marshal

On April 26, 2010, WSP Chief John R. Batiste announced that Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Charles (Chuck) Duffy has been selected as the State Fire Marshal. His appointment was effective May 1, 2010.

Duffy is an experienced fire service professional with a broad career that spans 40 years. His career began in 1969 as a wildland firefighter, followed by service as a volunteer firefighter in three fire departments in Colorado and Washington. In 1979, he joined the United States Air Force Reserve as a Fire Protection Specialist. His professional career began in 1980, with the Kent Fire Department. Duffy began his service with the Renton Fire and Emergency Services Department in 1983, where he remained, rising to the position of Deputy Chief. He retired from Renton in June 2008, and immediately joined the State Fire Marshal's Office, where he began his employment as the Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Licensing Section. Most recently, Duffy was the Chief of Instruction at the Fire Training Academy.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is a bureau of the WSP consisting of the Preparedness Division and the Prevention Division, with staff located in the Olympia Headquarters office, at the Fire Training Academy in North Bend, and in field offices around the state.



Washington State Patrol Hosts Kiwanis Youth Law Enforcement Career Camp

Applications are currently being accepted for the 33rd Annual Washington State Patrol-Kiwanis Youth Law Enforcement Career Camp to be held at WSP Academy in Shelton from July 11 through July 17, 2010. Applications can be downloaded from the WSP Home Page under "Outreach." The application deadline is May 14, 2010.

Gulden

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John Gulden joined the Washington State Patrol in 1929 and took the oath of office April 3, 1929, at the age of 29. Gulden graduated with the 3rd WSP Trooper Class on April 10, 1929. He was one of only five troopers in the class. William Cole was the WSP Chief at the time. A 1930 census report shows John and his wife Ruth lived in Spokane where he was first assigned. In November 1939, Gulden accepted a transfer from Seattle to Goldendale. His duties included handling traffic problems, investigating collisions and assisting local law enforcement and local law enforcement authorities. Gulden stayed mostly in the center and east end of Klickitat County, handling traffic violations and monitoring the sheriff’s radio channel in order to assist the deputies.

The two individuals who were eventually convicted in the killing of Gulden were Robert Jennings, 18, and John Windmayer, 16, both from Yakima. The two individuals met originally in the Yakima City jail. In December 1942, the two decided to get some “easy money” in a crime spree. After stealing a gun, robbing a grocery store near Yakima, and then stealing a car, the two youths headed toward Topenish and then south toward Goldendale. Klickitat County Sheriff Russell Woodward was notified by Yakima Police of the car theft and robbery and that they believed the youths were heading through Goldendale to flee out of the state. Woodward received the call about 12:15 a.m. on December 22 and called Gulden to assist in blockading the highway north of Goldendale. To evade the police roadblocks in Goldendale, the two youths ditched their stolen car and stole another. Frank Hamllik, the city night marshal of Goldendale, notified Sheriff Woodward of the car theft. Calling members of the Klickitat County Sheriff’s Posse, Woodward started a search of the area for the youths. A blockade of county roads was then formed by Sheriff Woodward and posse members. They were unable to contact by telephone the Maryhill ferry, which was the closest transit out of the state. Trooper Gulden, accompanied by E. Kaiser (posse member), drove to Maryhill to notify the ferry and at the same time patrol the highway.

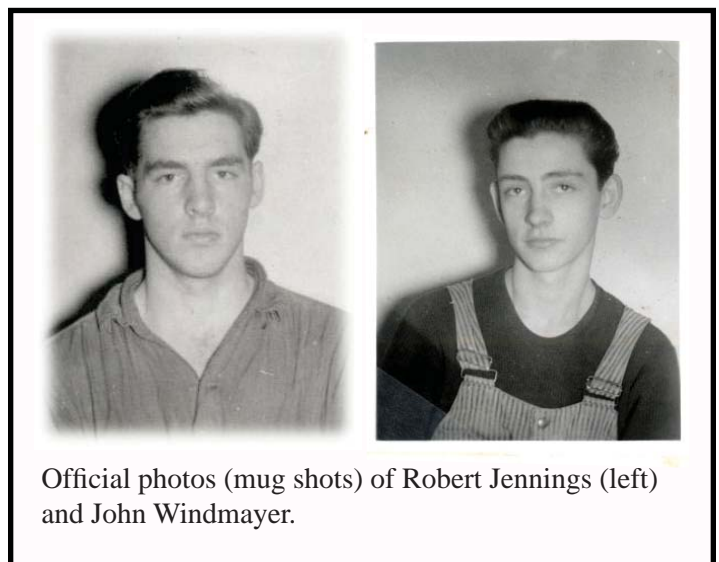
Meanwhile, Jennings and Windmayer headed west out of town and overturned the stolen car about four miles on the Glenwood Highway, in their haste to get out of town. They were not injured in the collision. The two youths walked about two miles to a farm and stole a third vehicle.

This time a 1937 Ford pickup truck. They drove the pickup without lights since the pickup did not have working lights. They drove over back roads until they came out on the North Bank Highway south of Goldendale and headed down the Maryhill Loops Road. At the time it was raining a little and very dark.

It was on the Maryhill Loops Road that Trooper Gulden caught up with them. Jennings had identified the patrol car by its red light and white color and told Windmayer that a patrol car was in back of them. At approximately 4 a.m. on December 22, after turning on the red light and sounding the siren, Gulden conducted the traffic stop of the pickup driving without lights. The location was south of Goldendale, on the Maryhill Loops Road, just below the memorial fountain. Windmayer was driving the vehicle at the time of the traffic stop. The pickup stopped and the boys waited for Trooper Gulden to approach. Gulden and Kaiser left the patrol car, not realizing that the Yakima robbery suspects were at hand.

Trooper Gulden contacted the driver’s side of the vehicle and ordered the two occupants to put their hands up. He had to give the command twice before they obeyed. Gulden asked Windmayer, who was driving, for his driver’s license. Windmayer said he had left his license at home and gave his name as Frank Miller. Gulden then ordered Windmayer out of the truck, but told Jennings to stay in the car. Windmayer exited the pickup.

About that time, posse member E.C. Kaiser, who was armed with a rifle, contacted the passenger side and opened the pickup passenger door. As Kaiser opened the



Official photos (mug shots) of Robert Jennings (left) and John Windmayer.

car door, Jennings flashed a gun at Kaiser and ordered him to “stick-em up.” Jennings knocked the rifle away from Kaiser and Kaiser yelled “Look out!” The first shot was fired on the passenger side of the pickup while Kaiser was scuffling with Jennings (it is unknown who fired). Kaiser then jumped over the guardrail and down an embankment. Windmayer had run to the front of the truck and ducked down. Jennings went back into the pickup and lay down on the seat. He stuck the .38 revolver out the driver’s door that was already open and fired several shots. Trooper Gulden was struck once in the neck. The bullet penetrated down into his right lung. Trooper Gulden was able to return at least two shots after being hit.

After the shooting, Jennings ran to the patrol car and called for Windmayer to join him. Jennings grabbed the rifle carried by Kaiser. They then stole Gulden’s patrol car with Jennings driving south toward the Columbia River, leaving Gulden lying in the roadside. Kaiser had thought that Gulden was dead, and after fleeing the scene uphill, Kaiser returned to the road several hundred yards north, near the top of the grade. Kaiser flagged a pickup down containing a man and woman, who dropped him off at a residence in Centerville southwest of Goldendale.

Kaiser told his brother Roy Kaiser and posse member Ted Guinan of the shooting and reported that Gulden had been shot. The three men went to the sheriff’s office and notified Sheriff Woodward. The two Kaiser brothers, Ted Guinan, and Carroll Blanchard (all posse members) went in the Kaiser car back to the shooting scene. Sheriff Woodward also went to the scene of the shooting.

A truck driver who had found Gulden in the road remained with Gulden until the posse members arrived. When they arrived, Gulden was found alive near the pickup, down on one knee in pain. The bullet wound in Gulden’s throat was clearly visible and, when Gulden would close his mouth, the blood ran from the wound. Gulden’s gun was found full of loaded shells and several empty shells had been picked up where the shooting occurred. It is believed that Gulden had emptied his gun during the shooting and had reloaded it. Two shots were found in the body and fender of the stolen pickup on the driver side. Gulden was brought to Goldendale where blood plasma was administered. Gulden did not want any help getting into the hospital and crawled into the hospital on his own. Sheriff Woodward went south to the Maryhill Junction service station with other officers and called his office to give orders to his men in Goldendale. Gulden was later rushed to The Dalles Hospital in Oregon.

Jennings and Windmayer drove west on Old Highway 8 approximately 18 miles. They came upon a stopped car in the road near Smithville. The car was actually a disabled motorist who saw the approaching police car and attempted to wave it down for assistance. Believing that the disabled car was a police roadblock, the two youths attempted to turn around the police car when they got it stuck in the ditch near the old North Dalles-Goldendale road. They then fled on foot into the nearby hills, leaving the two (Kaiser’s and Gulden’s) rifles in the patrol car.

Sheriff Woodward and other officers found Gulden’s State Patrol car backed into a drain ditch, near the town of Lyle, where the sheriff met up with troopers from the State Patrol and officers from other agencies. Here they blockaded the road and started a search for the fugitives. A posse of at least 25 law enforcement state officers from Washington and Oregon, along with deputies and civilians, combed the Klickitat Mountains, searching for the young desperadoes who were described to be well dressed at the time of the shooting. Airplanes were used to skim over the hills and Coast Guard auxiliary flotillas were used to sweep up and down the Columbia River. The search was concentrated around the area of North Smithville. Jennings and Windmayer returned later to the lowlands and hid in an abandoned cabin for the balance of the day. They watched the airplanes overhead and slept for several hours. The only food during the day was some cabbage they had taken from a nearby garden.

When it became dark, the two boys walked down by the Columbia River. They planned on swimming the river but decided they could not make it. Instead, they crawled onto a load of wood on the back of a truck boarding The Dalles ferry crossing the Columbia River. The truck driver saw them board his truck and informed the Oregon State Police, who were guarding The Dalles ferry on the Oregon side. On the night of December 22, at 8:30 p.m., the two suspects were apprehended by Oregon State Police officers Pvt. J. Simpson and Pvt. Tom Helvey, as they hid under a load of lumber on the truck that crossed on the ferry. This ended the 20-hour manhunt for the two youths since when they robbed the Yakima grocery store the previous day. No resistance was offered by either youth when told to surrender. A .38 revolver was taken from Jennings’ possession. As the two subdued teenagers sat in Oregon State Police headquarters in The Dalles, they told their story of a “crime wave” that started with a grocery store holdup in Yakima and ended with the shooting of patrolman John Gulden.

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Gulden died at The Dalles Hospital in Oregon on Wednesday, December 23, 1942, at 6 a.m. He was 43 years old. His death was listed as homicide from a single gunshot wound he received the previous day on December 22, 1942 at 4 a.m., in the line of duty.

Gulden's memorial service was held on December 26, 1942, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Goldendale, where members of the State Patrol acted as pallbearers. He was buried at the I.O.O.F. Mountain View Cemetery in Goldendale. His burial plot is located at Lot 10 S/2. Gulden was survived by his wife Ruth, son Robert, his father Charles, stepmother Alice, two half brothers, and two half sisters.

Gulden was the first trooper killed in the line of duty by gunfire in the history of the Washington State Patrol. At the time of his death, he was the second trooper in the State Patrol ever to be shot. Gulden was the 119th officer killed of the 121 officers killed across the nation in 1942. He was the only officer in Washington State killed that year. Gulden was ranked as a senior member of the State Patrol and served in WSP for 13 years from 1929-1942. In his obituary it stated, "John was always conscientious in his policing duties, and never unjust. In private life, Gulden was jovial and will be missed by all who knew him."

Jennings confessed to shooting Gulden, and first degree murder charges against Robert Jennings and John Windmayer were filed by Klickitat County's deputy prosecuting attorney. The jury found Robert C. Jennings guilty of murder in the first degree for the shooting of State Patrolman John H. Gulden. Jennings appeared calm during the reading of the verdict. In answer to the question, "Shall the death penalty be inflicted?" the answer of the jury was "No."

The jurors who tried Jennings for the slaying recommended leniency, so that he would serve a life prison term instead of paying with the death penalty. About an hour after the guilty verdict of Jennings, his co-defendant, John Windmayer, age 17, plead guilty to second degree murder.

On April 27, 1943, Judge Atwell sentenced Windmayer to a maximum of 25 years in the state penitentiary. Windmayer's attorney, I. J. Bounds asked leniency on grounds of his client's age, and the fact that evidence in Jennings trial showed Windmayer had no part in the actual shooting. In the end, Jennings eventually served only 16 years before his release and Windmayer served only 10 years.

After the death of Gulden, his wife Ruth and son Robert left the area and moved to Portland, OR. Ruth had another son named Bruce Rodger McLain. He was born in 1944 and currently lives in Prineville, OR. Ruth remarried later to a Mr. Oscar Ole Solberg. Oscar died and Ruth was again widowed. Ruth died in her Portland home on September 28, 1970, at the age of 66. At the time she was a saleslady for Hartfield's in Portland. She had lived in Portland for 27 years after moving from Goldendale.

In 1967, at the age of 40, John's son Robert Gulden married Mary Lois Dix. Mary L. Dix (Gulden) already had a son at the time of the marriage to Robert; the son's name is Carey Daniel Harrison, who was born January 16, 1961. He was six years old at the time of their marriage. Robert Gulden died September 8, 1989, at the age 72 of a brain tumor. He had been a Master Sergeant in the Oregon National Guard, serving as a cook for over 20 years. His last known address was in Portland. Robert was cremated and the urn with his ashes was buried on top of his father's (Trooper John Gulden) grave in Goldendale at his request. Mary died May 3, 2004, at the age of 64 of heart failure. Robert and Mary Gulden had no children together.

Very little was known of Trooper Gulden when this project was first started. Now, through hard work, dedication, and perseverance by many folks in District 5, WSP now has a clearer understanding who John Gulden was and the story of his life and death. A monument now stands at the Goldendale Detachment to always remember Trooper John H. Gulden and his sacrifice.



From left to right, Gladstone, Oregon, Police Chief Jim Pryde, the son of WSP Chief James Pryde, who was chief when Gulden was shot, and District 5 Commander, Captain Robert Johnson. Photo by Trooper Steve Schatzel.

An Old Photo Inspires Troopers to Research a Trooper's Death in 1942

It started with an old photo of a pickup truck with writing on the back "John Gulden shooting, bullet holes in rear panel," and ended with a monument at the Goldendale Detachment office and a better understanding of what happened before and after the eventful night when Trooper John Gulden was shot on December 22, 1942.

The idea to find out what happened to Gulden was something the troopers wanted to do. "We knew a little bit about what happened to Gulden and we did attempt twice to find out some information, but we had no real success," said Sergeant Dale Retzlaff, Goldendale Detachment.

With their interest sparked by the old photo, troopers decided to use the Problem Oriented Public Safety (POPS) philosophy, or the problem-solving model, to find out more information and to give structure to their research. "Using the process gave us direction and kept us in line. It was easy for us to jump ahead, but sticking to the POPS process kept us from jumping ahead until we completed each phase," Retzlaff said.

The case file about the death of Gulden was destroyed back in 1958. The troopers now had the photograph and felt this was a huge step forward. Using the POPS process, they started identifying possible stakeholders. They developed a list of people and groups. They started with three or four stakeholders at the beginning and ended up with around 70 once they were done with the project.

"The first stakeholder we went to was the Dept. of Prisons; we had nothing on the two individuals who shot Gulden. We knew nothing about them and wanted to know more about them," Retzlaff said.

On their own time, troopers went to the State Archives in Ellensburg and Olympia to see what they could find. They started finding records and dates that allowed them to build on top of the information and answer questions about the crime.

"We got a little success and then it just snowballed from there. We did know where the crime scene was. We didn't know where Gulden was buried, we didn't know what happened to the suspects, and what happened to John Gulden's family," Retzlaff said.

Starting out with a budget of zero, troopers focused their research on the Internet and started finding a lot of information by trial-and-error. Retzlaff and the troopers identified their stakeholders, chasing possible leads down roads that would lead nowhere, but would open up something new that they didn't think of before and would lead them to new information or insight.



Photo of the pickup truck involved in the Trooper Gulden shooting. Arrows added to show locations of bullet holes.

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Another stakeholder that was a wealth of information was the Library of Congress. It turns out Gulden's story was featured in the detective magazine. Troopers hope to get a copy of the magazine someday. Also, Gulden's story was featured on a 1945 radio show called Gang Busters.

The radio show was copyrighted. "With the help of the Library of Congress, we were able to track down the lawyer in Hollywood who had the rights to the radio show. He was willing to release a copy of the radio show to us for a "small fee," Retzlaff said.

In the 1945 radio show, it not only had the story of Gulden's murder, but the show also had in it a radio interview with Chief of Washington State Patrol H.W. Algeo.

There were many surprises and challenges for the people who worked on this project. The more troopers learned about what happened to Gulden, the more the troops became attached to him. "We began to personalize the story; this was one of our troopers, even though it happened almost 70 years ago," Retzlaff said.

There were other challenges, from trying to track down photos and documents or trying to confirm facts from someone's memory of an event that happened 70 years ago. But there were also successes, finding some of Gulden's family who were able to confirm information and give WSP old photos of Gulden and the memorial plaque from his grave site.

The troopers also learned how well loved Gulden was by the community. Through their research, they learned that a poem to Gulden was published in a local newspaper by his friends, expressing their sorrow for the loss of their friend and his sacrifice. The troopers working on the project were so taken by the poem and the gesture by Gulden's friends. The poem is now inscribed on the back of Gulden's monument at the detachment office.

The biggest success came from all the support from the troopers who took time away from their families to research and track down information for the project. It was also the district captain's and the lieutenant's support for the trooper's efforts that made the project a success. The project culminated with a monument that now stands at the detachment office. "We had folks from Property Management, the captain, fellow troopers, and CVEOs come out here on their days off to make sure the memorial was built in time. Donations from local businesses helped to make sure we could complete the memorial," Retzlaff said.

An old photo led the Goldendale Detachment on a journey to find out what happened to a trooper who died almost 70 years ago and whose history was lost. The hard work and perseverance by a dedicated group of people have now given us back a trooper who was lost to time. We now know who Trooper John Gulden was and to better honor and remember him for his service and sacrifice.

A poem was found in a local newspaper from a friend of John Gulden's after his death. These words are also inscribed on this monument.

In memory of a dear friend
Who now is laid to rest
His life came to an abrupt end
While he was at his best.

Our State Patrolman that was John,
You'd know him by his smile.
And as the time goes marching on
We'll miss him all the while.

A shot from a young hoodlum's gun
Took Johnny Gulden's life.
He leaves to mourn him now, his son
And his devoted wife.

He gave his life while on his beat
Our safety to guard.
John didn't know the word "retreat,"
A patrolman's task is hard.

So, rest in peace now friend John
We'll miss you a long while,
And as the time goes marching on
We'll miss your friendly smile

Chief for a Day at the Apple Blossom Festival

This year's WSP Chief for a Day was Jacen McNallen, 15, from Peshastin, WA. He was joined by Chief John Batiste, Assistant Chief Curt Hattell, Field Operations Bureau, Assistant Chief James Lever, Technical Services Bureau, Captain Karen DeWitt, District 6 Commander, and troopers from District 6 and around the state at the Apple Blossom Festival in Wenatchee.

The festival opened with six youngsters named Chief for a Day at the event put on by WSP and other law enforcement agencies.

Jacen and the other children received a police escort to the event, where they were sworn in by District Court Judge Nancy Harmon and pinned with their chief's badge by their family and watched over by the police chiefs. Jacen's father, Andrew McNallen, is a Communications Officer 1 for the State Patrol in Wenatchee.

When Jacen isn't doing the Chief's job, he loves gaming on the computer. He is quick to master and defeat most of the best games. He also writes and programs game map scenarios for his favorite games. He hopes to be a game programmer some day. But, Chief Jacen's first order as Chief is to increase the number of troopers patrolling the state's highways.



Top photo; the 2010 Chief for a Day badge and all the responsibility and cake that goes with it.

Middle photo; Chief Jacen gets Chief's badge pinned on by his dad, CO 1 Andrew McNallen.



Bottom photo; Chief for a Day Jacen McNallen with Chief Batiste and fellow troopers.



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Sergeant
Donovan A. Daly



Tina L. Simmons



Vairakkumar Vairaperumal

Information Technology Systems Specialist 3 - completing her in-training in February 2004. Her position was reallocated to Information Technology Specialist 3 in June 2005.

Tina promoted to Information Technology Specialist 4 in June 2006, remaining with the Information Technology Division.

Vairakkumar

(Vairam) Vairaperumal was promoted to Information Technology Specialist 5 as the Windows Application Development and Support Team Supervisor with the Application Support Unit, Information Technology Division, and effective February 16, 2010.

Vairam studied toward a bachelors in electronics and communication engineering at Madurai Kamaraj University, India. His certifications include Microsoft Certified Professional and Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) v3 Foundation Service Management.

Vairam's earlier career of 15 years included working as a senior software engineer for WIPRO Technologies, India, one of the top three software companies in India. He was awarded the President's Award of Achievement in 1998 for his effort in successful creation of an application using innovative technologies (microsoft.com).

He came to the U. S. in 1998 and started as a programmer in Des Moines, Iowa, working for Intermedia Group Inc.

Donovan A. Daly was promoted to RCW Sergeant, effective March 16, 2010. Daly is temporarily assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division, but will report to District 7, Monroe, on July 1, 2010.

Daly graduated from Overlake High School in Redmond. He attended Bellevue Community College for a short period of time before going to work for Sheppard Ambulance in Seattle.

He began his career with the Washington State Patrol in 1987, as an explorer. On December 22, 1995, he was hired as a trooper cadet, assigned to Legislative Security.

He transferred to the Commercial Vehicle Division on April 1, 1996. On May 20, 1996, he was temporarily assigned to Tacoma Communications.

He graduated with the 80th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on April 16, 1997, assigned to Bellevue. Daly transferred to Ellensburg on March 17, 2000. He was appointed to trooper detective on May 16, 2002, assigned to the Traffic Investigation Division.

Tina L. Simmons was promoted to Information Technology Specialist 5 as the Customer Support

Tier 2 Supervisor with the Information Technology Division, effective March 1, 2010.

Simmons studied toward an Associate of Technical Arts Degree in Information Systems Technology at South Puget Sound Community College.

Simmons began her employment with the Washington State Patrol as a Temporary Office Trainee, then as a Clerk Typist 3 with the Identification Section in Tumwater. On July 2, 1998, she was promoted to Office Assistant 3.

Simmons left us to work for DSHS and the Department of Health for a time, but came back to us in 1999 as an Office Assistant Senior with the VIN Section. She transferred to the Traffic Investigation Division in December 1999.

In November 2001, she was promoted to Information Technology Technician 2, then to Computer Operations Analyst 1 in May 2002.

Simmons went back to the Identification Section with the ACCESS Section as an Office Assistant Senior in August 2002. She then accepted an In-Training Program in December 2002 with ITD as an

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From April 2001, he worked in a contracting role, including project lead, programmer, and analyst with different Washington state agencies and with Pierce County.

Vairam joined the Department of Information Services in June 2008 as an Information Technology System/Application Specialist 6 Developer.

Promotions

- Ball, Brittany S.**, Forensic Scientist 3-Toxicology Laboratory, eff: 04/01/10;
- Flaherty, Rebecca R.**, Forensic Scientist 3-Toxicology Laboratory, eff: 04/01/10;
- Hawthorne, Rachel**, Transportation Planning Tech 2-Criminal Records Division, eff: 03/16/10;
- Kon, Jacob M.**, Communications Officer 1-Marysville Communications, eff: 03/16/10;
- Kromm, Michelle L.**, Information Technology Services 4-Information Technology Division Integrated System 2, eff: 03/16/10;
- Norwood, Jennifer**, Transportation Planning Tech 2-Criminal Records Division, eff: 03/16/10;
- Paczkowski, Adam**, Fiscal Technician 2-Budget and Fiscal Services, Accounts Payable, eff: 04/01/10;
- Seibold, Dorothy A.**, Fiscal Technician 2-Information Technology Division Administration, eff: 03/28/10;
- Simmons, Steve**, Transportation Planning Tech 2-Criminal Records Division, eff: 03/16/10.

Service Pins

- 25 years**
CVEO 3 Richard Griebel, April 8.

- 20 years**
Trooper Gary Wilcox, April 9;
CVEO 3 Dale Richardson, April 16;
Trooper Michael Cournyer, April 20;
Trooper Brad Fraker, April 20;
Gretchen Dolan, Washington Management Services Band 2, April 23;
Captain Shawn Berry, April 28;
Curtis McDaniel, Information Technology Specialist 4, April 30.

- 15 years**
CO 3 Yvonne LeBlanc, April 24.

- 10 years**
CVEO 2 Kellie Crookshank, April 4;
Jane Oldham, Transportation Planning Technician 2, April 4;
Diane Lofstrom, Secretary Supervisor, April 10;
Sergeant Jason Ashley, April 14;
Jeanette Harris, Office Assistant 3, April 17.

- 5 years**
Joseph Simpson, Management Analyst, April 4;
CO 1 Sarah Denman, April 12.

Births

Jamie Clark, wife of **Trooper Grant Clark**, gave birth to a baby boy, Levi James Clark, on April 3. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 9 oz., and was 20 in. long.

Melissa Fecht, Office Assistant 3 – Burlington, and husband Todd are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jack Jacob, on April 9. Baby Jack weighed in at 8 lbs. 14 oz., and was 21 inches long.

Angela McDonald, wife of **Trooper Dan McDonald**, gave birth to an 8 lb., 1 oz., 20 in. baby girl, Kate Elizabeth McDonald, on April 10.

Brenda Brandt, wife of **Trooper David J. Brandt**, gave birth to a baby boy, Aidyn Thomas Brandt, on April 22. Aidyn weighed in at 8 lbs., 4 oz., and was 20 in. long.

Alana Medcalf, wife of **Trooper Justin Medcalf**, gave birth to Ava Marie Medcalf on April 23. Ava weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz., and was 18 1/2 in. long.

Deaths

Chester Sundt and Norma Sundt, parents of **Detective Sergeant Gary Sundt**, passed away on March 14 and 16, respectively, in Olympia.

On March 27, Betty L. Packebush, grandmother of **Trooper A.J. Haddenham**, passed away after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

Mary Hoffman, 60, mother of **Trooper Andrew Hoffman** and mother-in-law of **Kristina Hoffman**, Forensic Scientist, passed away on March 27, after her second battle with cancer.

Breanna Ball, 29, sister of **Trooper Maurice Ball**, passed away unexpectedly in Idaho on March 30.

Retired Trooper Albert “Barney” Fife passed away on April 3 in Yakima at the age of 72.

Robert “Bob” Manwell, 81, father of **Robbin Espiritu**, retired Fingerprint Technician Lead/Identification and Criminal History Section, passed away April 12, due to complications from pancreatic cancer.

Helen Strongman, 85, mother of **Mark Strongman**, Forensic Scientist 3, Seattle Crime Lab, passed away after a brief illness.

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Raymond Frovarp, brother of **Lila Kirkeby**, Strategic Planning and Performance Section, Risk Management Division, and uncle of **Trooper Scott Kirkeby** and **Melissa Van Gorkom**, Government and Media Relations, passed away April 15.

Aiko Okamoto, mother-in-law of **Ray Kusumi**, Forensic Scientist, passed away on April 20 from brain cancer.

Barbara R. Stevens, 82, mother-in-law of **Interim Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau Director Larry Hebert**, passed away in Olympia on April 20, following a two-year battle with cancer.

Lynn Hewitt, 74, mother of **Communications Officer 4 Anne Miller-Hewitt**, and mother-in-law of **Trooper Gary Miller**, passed away on April 26, in Prosser.

Tissue Donor Watch Through March 2010:

Tissue Donations	70
Cornea Donations	162

For more information about the Tissue donor project go to:
<http://www.wsp.wa.gov/community/tissue.htm>



Retirees Calendar

District 1 - *First Wednesday*, monthly luncheon, 11:00 a.m., Nickelby's, 600 Trooper Rd. S.W., Tumwater.

District 2 - *First Tuesday*, monthly luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Galliano's Cucina, 16435 Military Road S., SeaTac.

District 3 - *Third Monday*, monthly luncheon, noon, Old Country Buffet, 2515 Main St., Union Gap.

District 4 - *Last Wednesday*, monthly breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Longhorn Barbecue Restaurant, W. 7611 Sunset Highway, Spokane.

District 5 - *Second Friday*, monthly breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Oak Tree Restaurant, 1020 Atlantic, Woodland.

District 6 - *Tuesday*, Weekly coffee gathering of law enforcement retirees, 9 a.m., Wenatchee Senior Center, 1300 Maple Street, Wenatchee.

District 7 - *The second Tuesday of every odd month*: El Cazador Mexican Restaurant at 481 S Burlington Blvd., Burlington, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

District 8 - *Second Wednesday*, monthly luncheon, noon, Alderbrook Inn, Union, and *Third Tuesday - Peninsula Law Enforcement and Firefighters Association* - monthly luncheon, Red Ranch Restaurant, 820 W. Washington, Sequim.



Assistant Chief Curt Hattell, Field Operations Bureau, spoke at media event on April 9, 2010, for the roll out of a new statewide speeding campaign, Slow Down or Pay Up. The Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC), WSP, and 153 state and local law enforcement agencies are working throughout the state to reduce speeding-involved crashes, which currently account for 40 percent of all traffic deaths on our roadways.

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Captain
Stephen M. Davis



CVEO 2
Willi King



Sergeant
Patricia A. Lankford

Stephen M. Davis retired after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Davis was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and graduated from Juanita High School in Kirkland, Washington. He attended Shoreline Community College and The Evergreen State College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree with an emphasis in management.

Davis began his employment with the Patrol on June 25, 1979, as a patrol cadet assigned to Bellingham Communications.

He was commissioned as a trooper on June 30, 1980, assigned to Seattle. On January 2, 1986, he transferred to Olympia.

Davis was appointed to trooper detective with the Traffic Investigation Division in Tacoma on March 27, 1989. He then transferred to General Investigations in Olympia on October 19, 1992.

Davis was promoted to RCW Sergeant on February 2, 1995, and assigned to Tacoma. On July 17, 1995, he was temporarily assigned

to the Vehicle Identification Section in Tacoma, and in October 1995, he received a temporary assignment to the Office of Professional Standards for the Department of Social and Health Services Special Investigations, where he received the Chief's Award for Professional Excellence.

He transferred back to the Tacoma Vehicle Identification Section on February 12, 1996. On January 13, 1997, he was appointed to detective sergeant with the General Investigations Unit, Traffic Investigation Division.

Davis was promoted to RCW Lieutenant on June 15, 1998, assigned to the Technical Services Bureau. On November 1, 1999, he transferred to the Criminal Records Division as the Commander of the ACCESS/WACIC and Accident Records Sections.

Davis transferred to the Administrative Division, Executive Services Section, on September 9, 2002. He was appointed to Staff Captain on March 1, 2004, assigned to the Evidence and Records Division.

On August 1, 2005, he transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division, where he remained until his retirement.

Willi King retired after serving the Washington State Patrol and the citizens of Washington State for 25 years.

King was born in Offenburg, Germany, and graduated from Lakes High School in Lakewood.

He began his career with the Washington State

Patrol on February 4, 1985, as a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer 1 assigned to Everett.

On January 20, 1987, King transferred to Bellevue. He was promoted on March 9, 1998, to Commercial Vehicle Officer 2 assigned to Kent – Terminal Audit Section, where he remained until his retirement.

Patricia A. Lankford retired after more than 25 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Lankford was born in San Diego, California, and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Portland, Oregon. She attended Portland Community College, where she earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice. She also attended Evergreen State College, where she earned a Bachelor Degree and a Master of Public Administration Degree.

Lankford began her career with the Washington State Patrol on March 20, 1985, as a trooper cadet, assigned to the Training Division.

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Sylvia S. Lewallen



Trooper
Mark J. Liburdi

She graduated with the 61st Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on July 31, 1985, assigned to Seattle. On February 1, 1990, she transferred to Yakima.

Lankford received the Chief's Award of Merit on September 2, 1990, for the rescue of two subjects from a burning vehicle.

On October 1, 1990, she was appointed trooper detective, assigned to the Lead Task Force in Zillah. On September 3, 1991, she transferred to the Organized Crime Investigation Unit. In 1993, she received a Division Award for her first aid efforts in assisting a young choking victim.

On May 4, 1998, Lankford returned to the Field Operations Bureau as a Canine Handler, assigned to Tacoma. On June 28, 1999, she received the Vice President's Government Reinvention Hammer Award for her work on the Triple "T" Task Force during her assignment with the Organized Crime Investigation Unit.

On February 8, 1999, she transferred to Olympia. On February 15, 2000, Lankford was promoted to RCW Sergeant, assigned as the Labor and Industries Security Administrator.

On April 26, 2004, she transferred to the Evidence and Records Division, which later became the Risk Management Division. Lankford stayed with Risk Management until her retirement.

Sylvia S. Lewallen retired on March 31, 2010, after serving over 24 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and over 26 years of service to the state of Washington.

Lewallen was born in Nampa, Idaho, and graduated from North Thurston High School in Olympia, Washington. She also attended Dietz Business College and Olympia Technical Community College.

Lewallen began her career with the Washington State Patrol, Records Section, on May 20, 1985, as a Data Entry Operator 2, in Olympia.

On November 10, 1986, she transferred to the Fleet Section as a Data Entry Operator 2.

Sylvia's position with the Fleet Section was reallocated to the class of Secretary 1 on May 5, 1988, and then again reallocated on July 1, 1997, to the class of Secretary Senior.

Sylvia took a position with the

Fire Protection Bureau in Olympia as an Office Assistant 3, effective September 16, 2008, where she remained until her retirement.

Mark J. Liburdi retired after more than 25 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Liburdi was born in Siwickely, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Renton High School in Renton, Washington. He attended Skagit Valley College, where he earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts.

Liburdi began his career with the Patrol on March 20, 1984, as a trooper cadet with the 61st Trooper Basic Training Class. He was commissioned on July 31, 1985, assigned to Seattle. On January 12, 1987, he was selected as a motorcycle trooper, assigned to Bellevue.

Liburdi received two commendations in 1987 for his work in accident investigations and reducing accident-causing violations, and for his work effort while assigned to the Tri-Cities Water Follies.

He was assigned to the SWAT Team on January 1, 1988. Liburdi transferred to Olympia on February 12, 1990. On September 1, 1990, he transferred to the Training Division.

He transferred to Hoquiam on May 28, 1993, and then to Grays Harbor on October 17, 1994. Liburdi was appointed to Staff Trooper Detective with the Traffic Investigation Division on January 6, 1997, assigned to the Proactive Commercial Theft (PACT) Team. He received an Award of Merit in 1998 for a SWAT operation.

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Trooper
Gary L. Scott

On August 1, 2001, he transferred within the Traffic Investigation Division to District 2, Bellevue.

He transferred from the PACT Team to Auto Theft within District 2, Bellevue, on November 1, 2002, and then to the Cooperative Disability Investigation Unit (CDIU) on November 1, 2005, where he remained until his retirement.

Gary L. Scott retired on January 15, 2010, from the Washington State Patrol after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Washington State Patrol and to the citizens of the state of Washington.

Gary was born in Seattle and graduated from Highline High School in Seattle. He attended Washington State University, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Scott began his career with the Washington State Patrol on October 1, 1979, as a patrol cadet, assigned to Auto Theft in Vancouver. He graduated with the 58th Trooper Basic Training Class and was commissioned on June 30, 1980, assigned to Enumclaw.

On July 17, 2000, Scott was

temporarily assigned to the Executive Protection Unit. He returned to Enumclaw on November 17, 2000.

Scott spent 15 years as an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) Instructor and as a Field Training Officer (FTO) while assigned to Enumclaw.

Scott was once again appointed to the Executive Protection Unit on June 10, 2002, where he remained until his retirement.



District 3 Wins 2010 Most Exemplary POPS Project

Troopers from District 3 took top honors at the 2010 Problem Oriented Public Safety (POPS) Forum held in Olympia on April 6, 2010, during the Strategic Advancement Forum (SAF). The winning POPS project was the Washington State Patrol and Yakama Nation Outreach Project.

The winning project comes from WSP observing the Yakama Nation tribal members having a death rate six times that of surrounding Yakima County. In 2007, 59% of the fatal collisions on the reservation involved Yakama tribal members, even though they only represented 25% of the reservation population.

The results from the project showed from October 2008 through September 2009 there were 28 fatality collisions in Yakima County. Fifteen of those occurred on the Yakama Reservation. Of these 15 fatal collisions, only five (33%) involved a tribal member. Ten of the 15 (66%) involved DUI. As compared to the 12-month project baseline, the involvement of Yakama Nation tribal members killed in reservation collisions plummeted from 81% to 33%.



This year's winner is being submitted for the Herman Goldstein Award for Excellence in Problem Solving Policing.

Retired Sergeant Ed McAvoy receives congratulations and a plaque from Deputy Chief Dave Karnitz for the winning entry in this year's POPS Forum.

Letters Letters Letters

E-mail received from Region 3 Commercial Vehicle Division in regards to Trooper Steve Houle for assisting a motorist whose car broke down:

Dear Trooper Houle,

I wanted to thank you for helping me get to Ellensburg when my car broke down on the Pass. I was on time for my harp concert there, and everything went really well! You made it possible. Thank you so much for your service and kindness. I really appreciate it and I know that God was looking out for me through you.

Thanks again and Happy Easter!

Emilie Whitman

E-mail received from District 4 in regards to Trooper Matt Fehler for assisting a stranded motorist:

I would like to express my gratitude to Officer Matt Fehler. On March 14, 2010, I was driving on Highway 395 towards Pasco in Adams County when my vehicle broke down. I had to wait two hours for a friend to come for help. During that time, Officer Fehler stopped to see if I needed assistance. He was very courteous and willing to help me. He climbed up under the hood of my pickup and fixed the clamp that had popped off of my turbo charger, as I did not have any tools in order to get this job done myself. He waited until my help arrived to make sure I wouldn't be stranded again. Good job by the Washington State Patrol and Officer Fehler in particular. Thank you!

Molly Davidson
Walla Walla

E-mail received via the agency Web site in regards to Sergeant Kimberly Triplett:

Dear Washington State Patrol,

I am humbled and grateful to be in the care of the Washington State Patrol as exemplified by Sergeant K. Triplett and her colleagues patrolling the east-bound lanes of I-90 between North Bend and the Snoqualmie Summit around 11:30 a.m. on Friday, 23 April, 2010.

My wife and I had just left the internment of my mother at the Tahoma Military Cemetery near Covington while my brothers and sister and their families had remained to visit. While they were waiting, word arrived that my father, back at the nursing home where both Mom and Dad had lived since last July, had just passed away. As near as we can tell, his death happened within minutes of the commitment of our Mom's remains to the ground (it was obvious to us, their children, our Dad had stayed on for the sake of Mom). My brother called the State Patrol to ask your agency to try to intercept us before we returned to Richland.

My wife and I had noticed Officer Triplett's cruiser on the median as we were traveling east past North Bend. A few moments later, I saw the flashing lights and pulled over, wondering what I had done. Officer Triplett came to the driver's side window and said, "I've never had to do this before. I think that your Dad wanted to be with your Mom. Your brother just called and . . .". She concluded by saying, "I am terribly sorry." She then asked if I was OK to drive, offered to give us directions, and noted that five patrol cars were

stationed between North Bend and the Snoqualmie Summit ready to intercept us. Officer Triplett, by her kind actions and understanding, was the model of compassion, safety, courtesy, and professionalism in a difficult task.

We are indebted to the Washington State Patrol and especially to Sergeant Triplett. As citizens of Washington State, we are thankful for your service and honor. Please convey our deep appreciation to her, her colleagues that day on I-90, and to her supervisors.

Sincerely,
Cal Delegard
Richland, WA

A letter received in regards to a traffic stop by Trooper Dan McDonald:

Hello there,

I am writing because I wanted to send a compliment and a thank you to Trooper McDonald. On March 27 around 10:30 p.m., my boyfriend was pulled over on I-5 by Trooper McDonald. I was in Florida visiting the family at the time, and my dog was in the car with my boyfriend. My dog was born deaf and means the world to me. With her deafness, I was terrified at the idea of her going to an animal rescue and not being able to communicate with anyone. Trooper McDonald allowed me to make arrangements to have a friend come and take her home. He also treated my boyfriend with respect and helped make an unpleasant situation more tolerable. I thank him so much for that, from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,
Tamar Lister