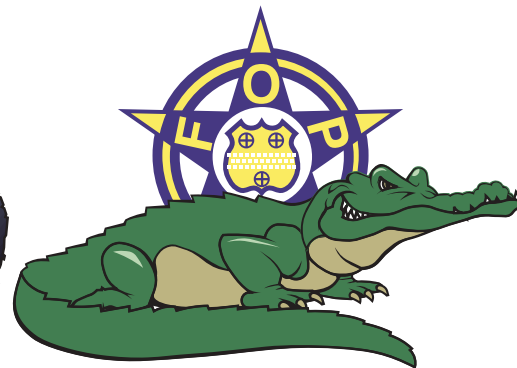


# Florida On Patrol



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## From the President



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The National Conference is now behind us. It was disappointing not winning the post of National Vice-President considering the tremendous amount of support I received from you the membership. I regret not bringing this very prestigious position to the Florida State Lodge. It is certainly deserving considering the contributions we have made for the progress of Fraternalism, Labor, Legal Defense and a Legislative initiative which we have demonstrated here in Florida to the membership throughout our great country. The important order of business is the continued day to day successful operation of the Florida State Lodge. What our members nationwide could have learned and adopted from a "Right to Work" state such as Florida was endless. The campaign Account has been closed. The Balance \$1533.38 has been donated to the Florida State F.O.P. disaster relief fund.

The Florida Board of Trustee's Meeting in October was a success garnered with several special interest classes presented by Greg DiFranza and his Training Committee. Also, we were able to offer some valuable information from our accountant Bill Traer regarding various tax laws and issues concerning pensions. John Cippolla offered an insurance program for us which was an A.D. & D. Plan with a "Line of Duty" and 24-Hour coverage but pricing seems to be more than the Board of Trustees wanted to tackle at this time. I continue to work toward a plan of some sort that will assist us in our future expansion efforts. Ed Bouroughs and Company continues to do a great job with our merchandise sales. All of the new shirts were gone in a matter of hours. The golf shirt version has been reordered. For information see Ed at the February Board Meeting or call or e-mail him.

Speaking of the February E. Board Meeting, it will be held in Fort Lauderdale at the newly remodeled Marina Marriott. The 17th. Street bridge construction is now over and should make for a great getaway for all. The dates are February 13 -17,2002. Information was already sent to all local lodge Presidents Secretarys and Trustees.

The Trustees will be meeting in the future at a time when no other committee meetings are taking place so as not to dilute its importance. I concur with the motives, which were given to suggest

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this need and hope the business of the Florida State Lodge can be conducted more efficiently, and in a continued expedited manner.

Finally, with local lodge elections fast approaching I want to share a simple philosophy with each of you. Running for elected office whether its on the local, district, state or national level is the right of each and every member in good standing. With that right comes an awesome responsibility both during the campaign and for the victor afterwards. This is still a fraternal organization. As law enforcement officers, we're still all in this together. The implementation of labor and legal defense in our repertoire of commitments to our membership doesn't change this one important fact that should be a "Go By " by each of us. **RUN ON YOUR MERITS!** That's right, tell the members what you intend to do for them and avoid the bashing of your opponent for the purpose of securing a vote. The friendship and the camaraderie lost by low class, dirty campaigns and reputation bashing is never forgotten. The harm and bad feeling caused can rarely be reversed. Enough said!

I hope this edition of the Florida State Newsletter finds all of our members and their families well and in good health. Also, have a safe and blessed holiday starting with Turkey Day through New Years Day. Please remember to pray for those brothers and sisters murdered in New York Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania and those brothers and sisters who have given their lives in the service of the State of Florida and the entire United States this past year. God Bless each of you.

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## ***National Trustee PETER A. FIRE***

The police are the most visible arm of government in the United States, today; as such, they are the most criticized, With this in mind, law enforcement is constantly under siege with a barrage of attacks from divisive politicians and a press that undermines, scrutinizes and criticizes our every move.

In the divisive politicians zest to get their lead story about allegations of police misconduct that they are infinitely repeated on T.V., the radio, and in the newspapers. They are eroding not only the confidence of the public in the police, but also in the confidence that the police have in themselves to properly do the job.

Every police officer needs a backup, the police desperately need police, If you have an ineffective Police dept, Who in turn suffers? The people in the community. They are now more vulnerable since "Sept. 11, 2001 ". To become victims of terror, crime, and war. Where are the heroes? Why are the acts of valor, heroism, and bravery that are performed every day more publicized.

The attack on the World Trade Center brought to the public eye just what the police, fireman, and EMS do. The media firially reported what they do with an unbiased opinion and the credit they deserve. I hope this trend continues and they don't return to their negative reporting in the future



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Dear Phil Cameron,

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I have to thank the entire state of FOP officers from the bottom of my heart. When I first contacted the FOP right after I started my charity in April of 2000, I asked to come to the convention to tell all the departments that I was starting my charity. I was only 9 at the time and I had only bought 9 K-9 vests. At that time I did not know much about the FOP I just knew you all could tell more departments about my charity. At that time I did not know that I was about to become involved with the greatest law enforcement officers in the whole world.

When I spoke at this years conference, when I said I love my FOP's I truly meant it. Each and everyone of you have welcomed me as if I were a part of your very own family. I had so much fun at the Orlando Conference. I got to see a lot of Friends that I have met in the past year and got to meet new great friends. This year my mission was the same, tell more departments about my charity. I got so much more.

I had thought that going to Arizona was not even a possibility. When JJ and Denise thought I needed to go to ARIZONA, before I knew what was happening everyone else was helping to make it possible for me to go to Arizona. I had no idea everyone liked my charity so much that they wanted to help me take it nationwide.

JJ spent a lot of time throughout the summer helping to make all the arrangements. I had spent the summer traveling the state and every where I went I told every one how great the Fop was and that they were sending me to ARIZONA. Then before I knew it I was on my first plane ride on my way to taking my charity nationwide. All of this would not have been possible if the Florida FOP had not been so supportive and made me a part of your very special family.



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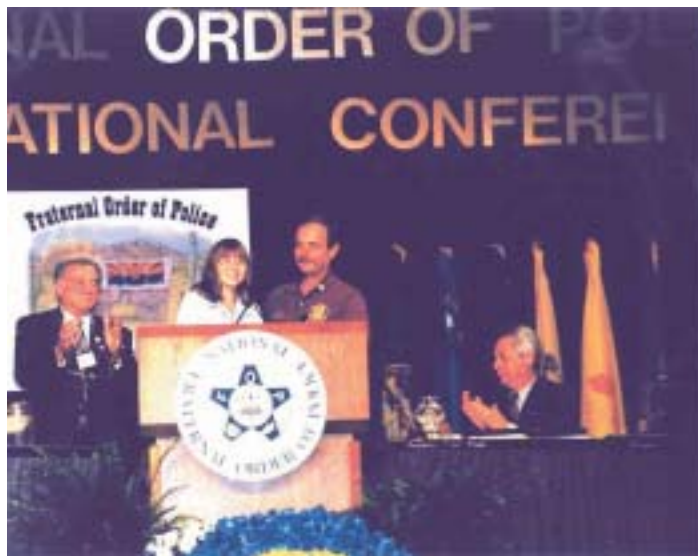
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The plane ride was awesome. Arizona was great. JJ gave my information to Mike Nathinson from Conn. He challenged all the state lodges to match his lodges \$100.00 donation. Since then many lodges have sent donations and the New Jersey State lodge is going to put an article about me and my charity in their newspaper.

NOw my FOP family has gotten much bigger and many more K-9's are going to get vests because of the wonderful generosity of FOP lodges every where. Jerry Atnip also said that I would be more than welcome to go to the next National in Rhode Island. Thanks to the FOP I could have a million dollar charity and a whole bunch of K-9's will have vests by then.

Thank you so much for paying for my expenses and my hotel stay while I was in Arizona. You will never know how I appreciate what the FOP has done for me. I will forever tell everyone how wonderful the Florida FOP officers are. I am very proud to know such wonderful law Enforcement officers. Thank YOU again for allowing me to be a part of your wonderful family. You all are the best. I truly love all my FOP's. So do all my Police Dogs too.

Thank You all so very much,  
Stacey Hillman



Stacy Hillman, President of Pennies for Police Dogs addressing the National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona

*Florida State Lodge  
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Elected Board and Staff*



*Wish You And Your Families  
A Happy, Healthy And Safe  
Holiday Season*



**This is an example of our statewide billboard campaign**

### ***This Ole' Flag!***

It is the soldier, not the reporter,  
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet,  
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,  
who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier, not the lawyer,  
who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the soldier, who salutes the flag,  
who serves under the flag,  
and whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
who allows the protester to burn the flag.

A protest raged on a courthouse lawn,  
'round a makeshift stage they charged on,  
fifteen hundred or more they say,  
had come to burn a Flag that day.

A boy held up the folded Flag, cursed it,  
and called it a dirty rag.  
An OLD MAN pushed through the angry crowd,  
with a rusty shotgun shouldered proud.

His uniform jacket was old and tight,  
he had polished each button, shiny and bright.  
He crossed that stage with a soldier's grace,  
Until he and the boy stood face to face.

"FREEDOM OF SPEECH," the OLD MAN said  
so you can stand on this courthouse lawn,  
and talk us down from dusk to dawn,"

"But before any Flag gets burned today,  
this OLD MAN IS GOING TO HAVE HIS SAY!  
My father died on a foreign shore,  
in a war they said would end all wars."

"But Tommy and I weren't even full grown,  
before we fought in a war of our own.  
And Tommy died on Iwo Jima's beach,  
in the shadow of a hill he couldn't quite reach,  
where five good men raised this Flag so high,  
that the WHOLE WORLD COULD SEE IT FLY."

"I got this bum leg that I still drag,  
fighting for this same old Flag.  
Now there's but one shot in this old gun,  
so now it's time to decide which one,"

"Which one of you will follow our lead,  
to stand and die for what you believe?  
For as sure as there is a rising sun,  
you'll get yours'fore this Flag burns, son."

Now this riot never came to pass.  
The crowd got quiet and that can of gas,  
got set aside as they walked away to talk  
about what they had heard this day.  
And the boy who had called it a "dirty rag,"  
handed the OLD SOLDIER the folded Flag.

So the battle of the Flag this day was won  
By a tired OLD SOLDIER with a rusty gun,  
Who for one last time, had to show to some,

THIS FLAG MAY FADE,  
BUT THESE COLORS DON'T RUN

## Florida State Headquarters-State Capitol-Tallahassee

The pleasure of showing off our state office building and our improvements is always an honor. The building, paid in full has become more strategically located over the years by virtue of the massive growth in Tallahassee. This is good for us as it has enhanced the value of the property as well as made doing business in the Capitol City even easier.



## Florida State Fraternal Order of Police Staff

The Office Manager is a familiar face to all of us. Joy Mooshie has been employed by the Florida State F.O.P. for nearly 11 years. She has kept our important operating license, P.E.R.C. papers up to date for our various permits, labor union papers not counting the zillion things she does for Florida State Elected Board Staff and the several hundred local lodge President's, Secretary's, Treasure's, and Trustee's statewide. Joy has been our mainstay over the years and we look forward to her continued employment



Sandy Barnett is our second and most recent accusation from a Health Care provider in the greater Tallahassee area. Sandy has been with us now for over a year and is mastering the many facets of being an employee of the Florida State Fraternal Order of Police. Mailings, roster management, answering phones, etc. is Sandy's main assignments. Sandy is ready, willing and able to help you with various problems you may have or is equipped to locate those important answers to those questions. Welcome Aboard!





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## Quick notes

### New Domain Names Reserverd

Your FOP website  
can now be found at

[www.floridastatefop.com](http://www.floridastatefop.com)  
[www.floridastatefop.net](http://www.floridastatefop.net)

as well as

[www.floridastatefop.org](http://www.floridastatefop.org).

We have added these additional domains due to the overall success of the website.

Be sure and check out the site regularly as we update the site to accomodate our members

### Dates to Remember

February Elected Board,  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
**February 13-17, 2002**  
Marriott 17 Street Causeway  
Fort Lauderdale

Florida State Lodge  
Annual Conference  
**June 19 - 22, 2002**  
Wyndham Hotel  
Miami

Details for both of these meetings will be sent by mail and posted on the web site