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President's Message



We Will Meet The Challenge by Michael Mata

You have life.... so, live it.

So, for the past 3 months, we as a society have been living the life of fighting a germ. It is hard fighting a war against an enemy we can't see and are not sure how to fight. We as a population spend the whole day at home hearing about it on television or reading about it on social media, and of course, everyone is suddenly an expert in immunology and a learned economist.

After 90 plus days of hearing all these soothsayers, the only thing I know for sure is that no one knows anything, other than to wash your damn hands and when you cough or sneeze do it into your arm. This is exactly what our collective mothers have been telling that since birth. I can hear it coming already. Some are saying I'm "denying facts"! No, I'm not denying facts I just remember history and that a lot of money and personal political importance is created out of public fear.

Let's just take a stroll down the past couple of decades.

In the year 2000 Y2K was going to destroy the world as we know it, the computers that humans created were going to collapse and the lights would go out, ah nope the lights stayed on and a lot of people were trying to return a crapload of MRE's. In 2002 we had West Nile and it was going to kill us all..... nope didn't happen. In 2003 we had SARS and it was going to wipe out hundreds of thousands of us.... not so much. In 2005 we had the Bird flu and people swore off chicken products or anything associated with a chicken, guess what, we still have KFC, Chicken Express, and the holy of all holy chicken places Bubba's. In 2009 we had the Swine Flu, in 2014 Ebola, in 2016 the Zika virus and now in 2020, we have Covid-19, aka the Coronavirus. None of these

have or are going to end the city of Dallas, the state of Texas, or the United States.

All of these viruses have some similarities and some differences, but one thing they all have in common is they lost the war. They lost the war against science and human ingenuity, but most of all they lost the war to the greatest of all inventions and that is the HUMAN NATURAL IMMUNE SYSTEM. Yes, I said it, whatever greater being you believe in created the most dominant weapon against all of these microbes..... you and the cells that make up you.

I know I may be angering some that may be reading this in thinking that I am minimizing the loss of life or those that are sick and have gotten sick, and I promise you I'm not and that is not my intention. I completely understand the seriousness of this virus and the toll it has taken on many families and my heart and prayers go out to them. I believe that as a society we must do all we can to protect the most vulnerable and do what we can within reason to stop and limit the spread of this virus, but we also have to live life and protect life.

We need to look at what we have learned in the last 90 to 120 days, and to honest we already knew most of it, we just chose to ignore it. First, we have to do what our mothers have told us and asked us before we did anything, "did you wash your hands and face"? I can't tell you how many times as a young boy my mom asked me thatas I then mumbled and stomped my way to the bathroom to do just that. Secondly, we have to take better care of ourselves and not rely on a little pill created in a lab to take care of us. This virus has not only hit the elderly, but it has also affected most of those that have underlying health issues, rather it be diabetes, hypertension, and or high blood pressure. These are things we can take care of and to be honest, should have been taking care of already.

I am thankful for one thing that has come out of the "stay at home" mandate, I have reconnected with my family and they have been forced to

reconnect with me. I hope many of you reading this feel the same. Over the past years as my kids have grown and work responsibilities have increased, family time has suffered and like most, we try to make up that time with family vacations and quick trips to create memories. The unexpected gifts I have received through these crazy months are family meals and many more conversations with my wife and my kids. I have learned more about my kids and what they think and feel over this forced lockdown and I am very appreciative of it. This period has made us appreciate family time and gave us the ability to do things together that in the past we allowed outside obligations to take from us.

The point of this conversation is that I want you to see what I have been forced to see and through my actions have chosen to forget, that all we have in life is our family and the only people who will get you through the tough times is your family, so protect and cherish your family and when this is all over and you return to the "new" normal do not forget your family. We will get through this and eventually football practices will return along with the choir practices, church services, and school events. The hectic life of work and obligations will return and compound and attempt to take that family time away, don't let it.

I want to finish by thanking every single officer for the sacrifices that they have made and continue to make in going to work every day and risking their health and safety to an even greater extent than they had before. It seems this profession and times in this world continue to evaluate the resolve and dedication of us and law enforcement all over the state and county in an attempt to test our breaking point to get us to the point of failure. The problem with this virus is that cop haters aren't understanding that you cannot break the resolve of the Dallas Police Officer.

That is why contrary to what some think not "anyone can be a cop", it takes a special kind of person who has a special type of ability and self-worth. So, as you read this there will probably be another great national threat or some big local event that will set off the

social media experts. But rest assured that the Dallas Police officer will be ready and willing to do their duty and I promise you that when you show up to act the Dallas Police Association will be there with you and have your back.

Take care and be ready,
Michael Mata
President



Board Meetings

- June 9, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.*
- August 11, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.*
- September 8, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.*
- October 13, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.*
- December 8, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.*

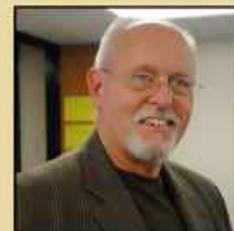
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- November 10, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.*

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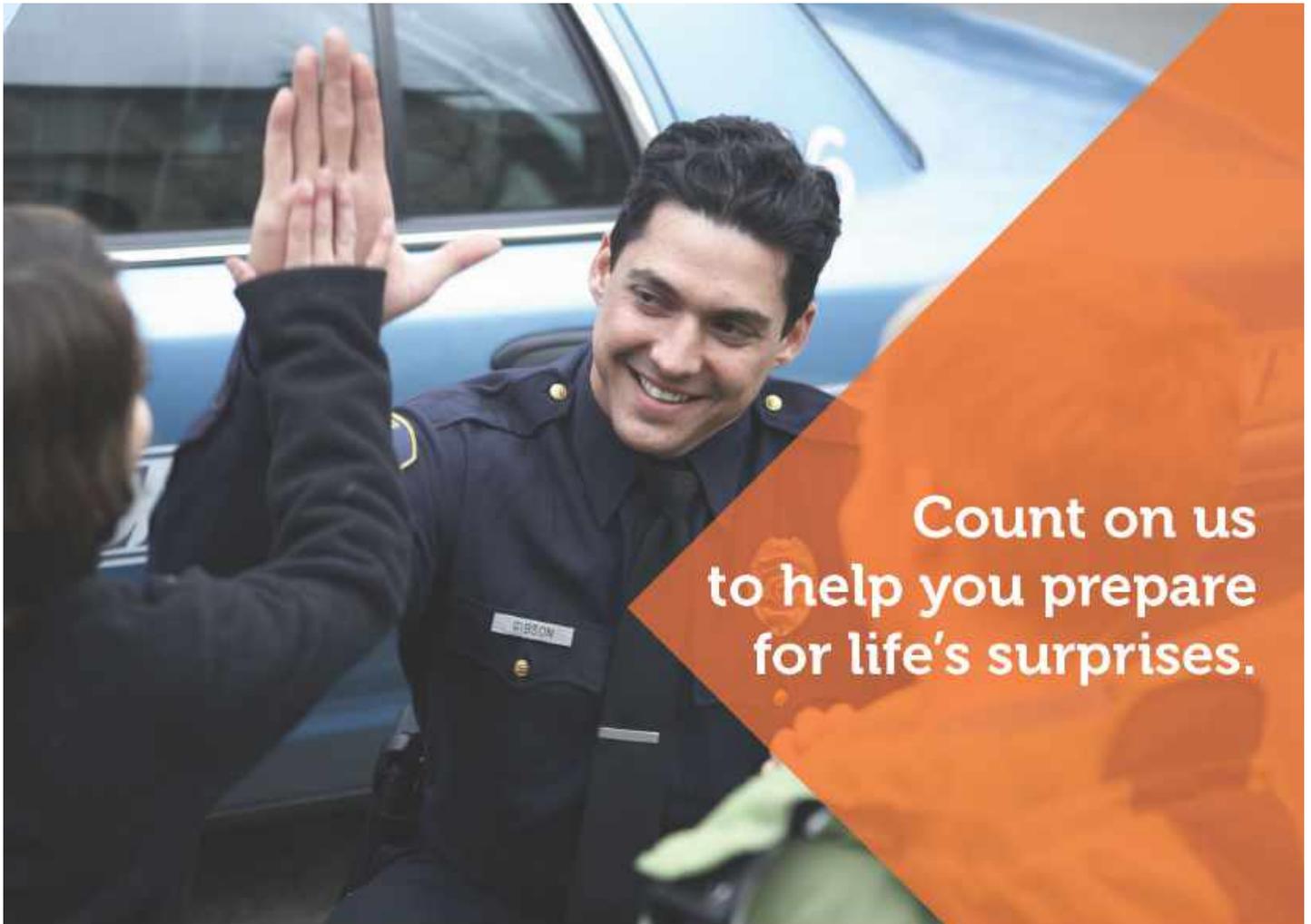
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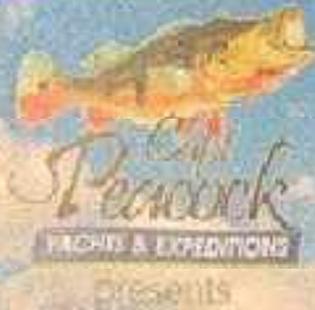
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Times Like These by DeMarcus Turner

BBQs, fundraisers, station cooks, family events, spouse

events, purse bingo, among many other things were scheduled to happen at the DPA. We would have hosted all kinds of events that show our appreciation and support for the men and women of the Dallas Police Department and their families.

Things are a little different this year. A pandemic has swept the nation and we are learning to create a new normal in how we deal with public interaction. We at the DPA are taking this situation seriously and are doing our best to adhere to the guidelines set forward by our city's leadership. Along with our staff we still recognize that we have a job to do and that's serving our members.

Covid-19 has taken a toll on a lot of people and their families and to them we send our deepest condolences. I know we are all grateful for our jobs and to be called "essential workers", but not everyone is in that situation at this time. I challenge all of us to find at least one family that may be struggling in some way and to lend a hand if possible. Whether mowing a lawn or preparing a meal, any bit helps. It could change the world for that family in more ways than one. Times like these, while sad, fortunately have the habit of bringing people together more than ever.

Let's not lose sight of the family time it is allowing us to embrace. Whether it is friends who have become family or blood relation, it doesn't change the fact that family is everything. Stay strong while on the front lines with the other essential employees of the world. Let them know in passing that they are appreciated and that we have their backs. At times like these, we must stay together no matter which social group you belong to. We are all LEO's and we must make sure we are fighting the same fight for all and not just some.







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The family of Mr. Todd Allan Lax, step-son of **Senior Corporal James Gentry** (South Central).

The family of **Retired Sergeant Joe Don Harrington, #3964**. Sergeant Harrington retired in 2006 after twenty-nine years of service.

The family of Ms. Michelle E. Landry, sister of **Police Officer Anya Witt** (Fugitive) and wife of **Retired Sergeant David Landry**.

The family of Mr. Cesario Rodriguez, father of **Sergeant Ricardo Rodriguez** (Northwest).

The family of **Retired Senior Corporal William Clifford Moody, #1628**. Senior Corporal Moody retired in 1988 after twenty-eight years of service.

The family of **Retired Sergeant William "Bill" House, #899**. Sergeant House retired in 1979 after twenty-five years of service.

The family of Mr. Kenneth Caperton, father of **Sergeant Yvette Caperton** (Southeast), **Senior Corporal Alan Caperton** (Southwest) and **Senior Corporal Christopher Caperton** (Community Affairs).

The family of Ms. Catherine A. Mullen, mother of **Sergeant Anthony Mullen** (Central Patrol).

The family of Ms. Maneula Avila, grandmother of **Senior Corporal Ben Avila** (Southwest Investigative).

The family of **Retired Senior Corporal Michael E. Epple, #5184**. Senior Corporal Epple retired in 2016 after thirty-one years of service.

The family of Ms. Jacqueline Lee Bufton, aunt of **Police Officer Benjamin M. Sivess** (Northeast).

The family of **Retired Corporal Billy E. Barnes, #1552**. Corporal Barnes retired in 1982 after twenty-three years of service.

The family of **Retired Senior Corporal Calvin Howard, #3351**. Senior Corporal Calvin Howard retired in 1993 after twenty years of service.

The family of **Retired Corporal Teddy R. Garner, #1315**. Corporal Garner is the husband of **Retired Senior Corporal Barbara Garner**. He retired in 1984 after twenty-eight years of service.

The family of Ms. Betty Wilson, grandmother of **Senior Corporal Bonita Morgan** (Divert Unit).

The family of Ms. Marguerite Renyer, aunt of **Senior Corporal Kimberly Jenkins** (Legal) and **Senior Corporal George Prock** (Canine).

The family of Ms. Maria H. Mata, the mother-in-law of **Sergeant Robert Bernal** (Family Violence) and grandmother of **Police Officer Penepole Bernal** (Northwest).

The family of **Retired Corporal James "J.C. Swinney, #3872**. Corporal Swinney retired in 2005 after twenty-nine years of service.

The family of **Retired Corporal Fred T. Chance, #900**. Corporal Chance retired in 1975 after twenty-one years of service.

The family of **Retired Senior Corporal Janet S. Taylor, #2899**. Senior Corporal Taylor retired in 2001 after thirty years of service.

The family of Mr. Jobino Escobar Arciniega, father of **Senior Corporal Sandra Escobar-Morales** (Southwest) and father-in-law of **Sergeant Eric Morales** (Central).

The family of Mr. James Campbell, father of **Police Officer Tarviant Campbell** (CBD).

Birth Announcement



Big brother Grayson Renfro is proud to welcome baby brother Eli Scott Renfro to the family. Eli Scott was born to parents Sgt. Kellie Renfro #9966 (Office of the Chief) and husband Shaun Renfro on September 24, 2019 weighing 8lbs. 10 oz. and 18.75 inches.

Dawn Thompson is proud to welcome baby brother Deon RaShad to the family. Deon RaShad was born to parents Police Officer DeMaurier Thompson #10375 (Southeast) and wife Shana on February 19, 2020 weighing 7lbs and 9oz.



Retired Senior Corporal Marilyn Hay #3651 is proud to announce her first grandbaby, Lilly Luanne Hay. Lilly Luanne was born to parents Josh and Rachael Hay on March 20, 2020 weighing 7lbs. 2 oz and 20 inches.

Emilia Charlotte Womack was born to parents Senior Corporal Darryl Womack #9606 (Narcotics) and wife Carolyn Hentchel-Womack on April 17, 2020. She weighed 7lbs. 8oz. 19.75 inches.



Have a birth to announce in The Shield? Email info@dallaspa.org for a submission form.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the plant you sent for our father's funeral. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are appreciated during this difficult time.

Thank You,
Rodriguez Family
Sgt. Ricardo Rodriguez NW

President Mata and the Board Members of the DPA,

Thank you so much for thinking of our family during the loss of my mother. I sincerely appreciate the beautiful plant that was sent and it really touched my father's heart.

Warmest thanks,
Mike Igo

Thank you for the beautiful plant!
Family of Kenneth Caperton

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Family



Communication by: Brett Brown

Ever leave home, headed for work, and find yourself not wanting to go in? I honestly believe that everyone has felt that way at some point in their career. What if it was the other way around? What if you were at work and didn't want to go home? Sadly, I think that also happens to some officers due to conflict in the home. During the thirteen years that I was an FTO I heard from several rookies that were bombarded with the statistics of divorce. They all had similar experiences in the academy where they were told it was only a matter of time before they would be divorced. Undoubtedly, some recruits would begin to second guess their decision or, at a low point, succumb to what they felt was inevitable. These are some of the things that my wife, Jennifer, and I heard that motivated us to find a way to help other people in relationships. Jennifer and I have been married for 23 years and have had our share of ups and downs just like so many other couples. We chose to stay committed to each other and have learned so much along the way that helped our marriage not just survive but thrive. We believe that couples would greatly benefit from knowing the affects of police work, both mentally and physiologically, on the officer and how to work around it. Everyone knows that there are differences between men and women but there are also relational differences revolving around the concepts of love and respect. We believe couples would benefit from understanding these relational differences that can cause conflict. We also believe that effective communication is absolutely necessary for couples to persevere through the trials of life. We found ourselves with a wealth of information to share but were unsure of the best way to do it. We sought help from the founders of Bless the Badge, which is a non-profit group, and ended up joining their team. Bless the Badge was started by a retired officer and his wife who also serves

as a police chaplain. They travel the country putting on conferences, which are free for officers and spouses, to educate police families and strengthen their marriages. Jennifer and I recently spoke at our first Bless the Badge conference and were uplifted by the experience. Going forward, in addition to speaking at conferences, we hope to have informational sessions with members of the department and their spouses through the DPA. It is our sincere desire to help police families keep the conflict of the world out of their homes for the best possible relationship and family life.



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Assist The Officer



Thank You by Tom Popken

By now most of you know the story. The Assist the Officer Foundation, ATO, was created by the DPA under Glenn White as president in 1999. The DPA appointed Bill Carollo as the first chairman and I was the vice-chairman. Unfortunately, a drunk driver going the wrong way on Hwy 183 in 2003 tragically killed Bill. Due to that tragedy, I assumed the role of chairman. During my time as chairman, we made new board and committee appointments as well as expanded programs and benefits. If the truth were told, Bill's tragic death brought a lot of attention to the ATO and its mission.

After many years as chair, I had been considering retirement, so I was always on the lookout for who the next Chairman would be. I was fortunate in that I had been in training for a long time with a lot of new officers. Over the years, I reached out to many of those officers and asked if they would be willing to serve on the ATO board. Many said, "No Thanks" knowing the work that was involved. Some showed a little interest, and very few jumped at the opportunity.

Frederick was one of those people that jumped. When I mentioned it to him, we didn't have an opening. He got involved anyway! He patiently waited for a spot while expressing the desire to be on the board. Not long after getting on the board, Frederick was made vice-chair.

There were certain things we were looking for in a board member. A good person, a great cop that was respected by the department, and a hard worker with a personality that would not be afraid to go out and speak to people and groups. Frederick was that guy. He hit the ground running. Every time we needed someone to deliver a check to a family or go talk to a group he said yes.

For me, Frederick was sent by God. There was so much work to do and he appeared up

and ready for the challenge. ATO needed his help! The ATO continued to grow and so did the workload. After several years it was time for me to consider stepping down. Most of the things that Bill had discussed with the board had already been put in motion. We were happy with where we were. But I couldn't leave without knowing the dream would remain alive and prosper. We had to have the next RIGHT chairman. That was Frederick Frazier.

To date, he has been the longest-serving chairman of ATO. Frederick and his board took ATO to heights it had never seen. Raising increased amounts of money, and as a charity should, spending more money than ever. That meant helping more families and officers, as well as growing the name. Then 7/7 happened! Five officers were killed, and numerous other officers and civilians injured. I can assure you we never spent one-minute thinking about or planning for a tragedy like this! This was unprecedented in American Law Enforcement! Frederick and his Board somehow managed to take that tragic event and raise money which aided those impacted families.

Frederick is a go-getter! There was no time for resting or being satisfied. He always knew we could do more. Everything ATO did grew and got better. Frederick was also chairman of the DPA PAC, as well as VP for the DPA. As you can imagine, he was EXTREMELY busy! Frederick has always looked for opportunities to grow himself and help LE Officers. Recently, Frederick was elected to the McKinney City Council. He has also been appointed to the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 22. The commission, at the direction of President Donald Trump, was created to explore modern issues affecting law enforcement and the ability to reduce crime. Congratulations Frederick!

I know as Frederick steps back from his duties as chairman of ATO he gave the same kind of thought and consideration into selecting the new ATO Chairman, Ed Lujan. Ed is a great selection and will do an awesome job!



Ed Lujan

I would like to thank Fredrick Frazier and Mike Mata for giving me this opportunity to lead and assist in The Assist Officer Foundation (ATO). I've been a Dallas Police Officer for approximately 24 years, and I have seen the ATO grow in a manner were ATO can assist many Officers, First Responders and their Families in the DFW area.

I want to thank all our past ATO founders, Bill Carollo, David Rodriguez, Eddie Crawford and Tom Popken, our previous ATO E-Board members, and volunteers for making the ATO what it is today.

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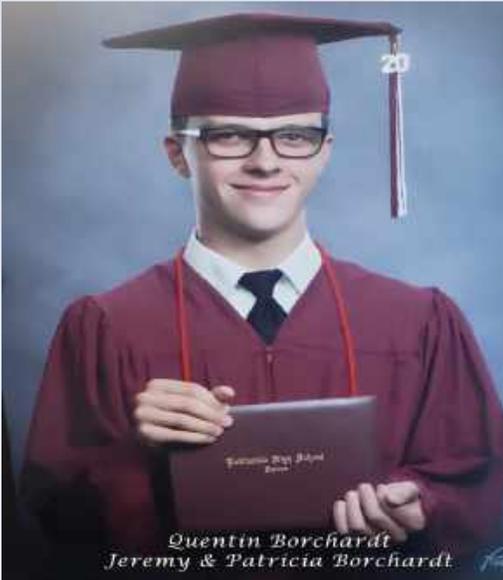
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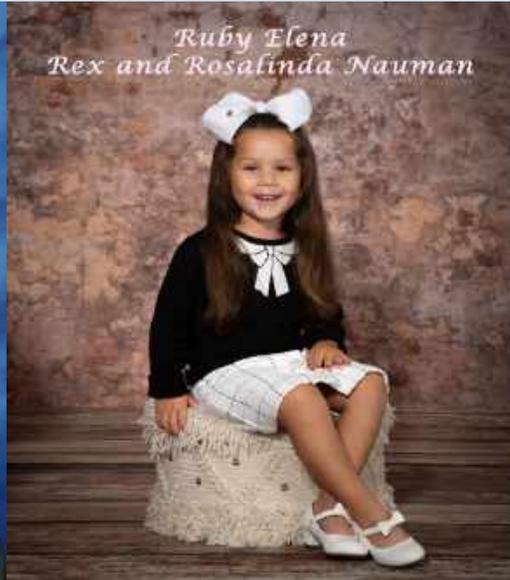
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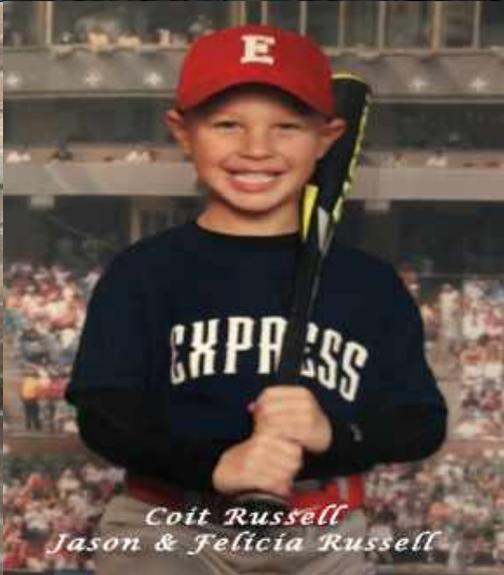
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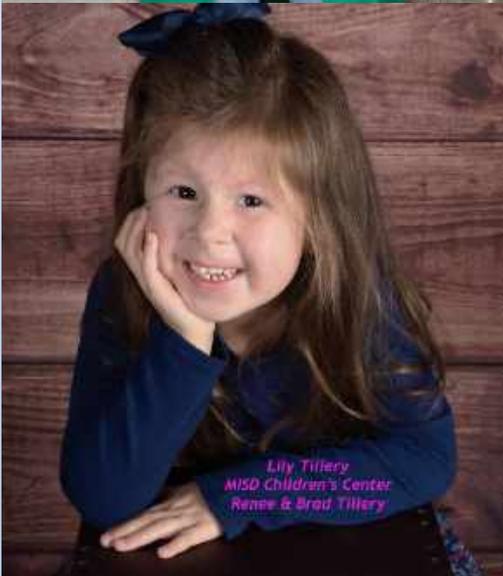
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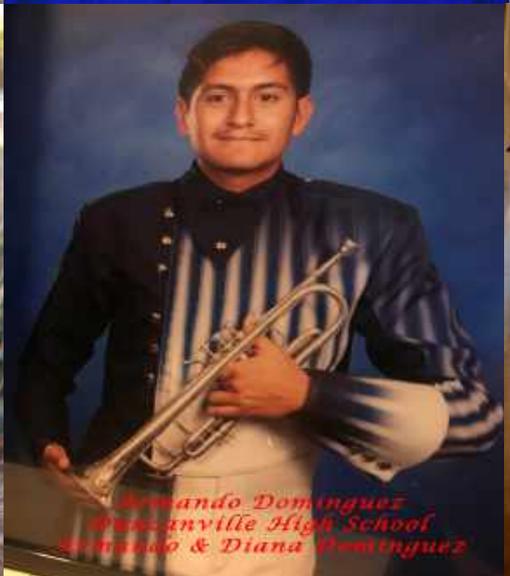
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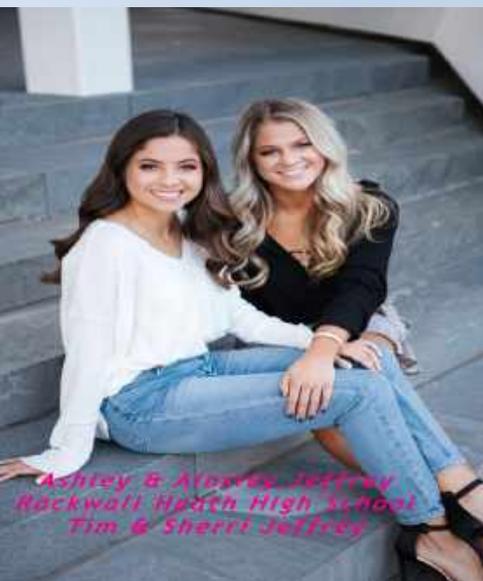
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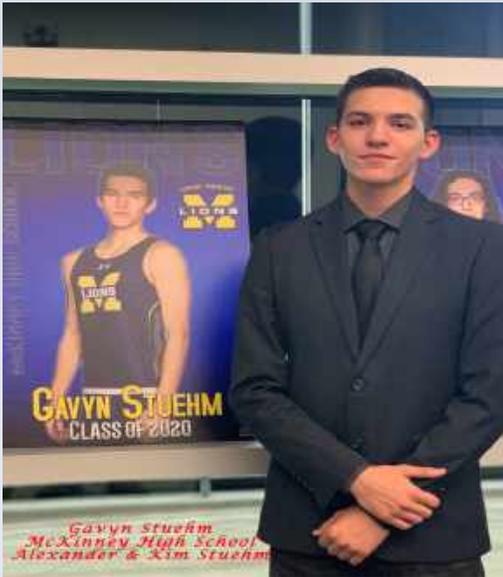


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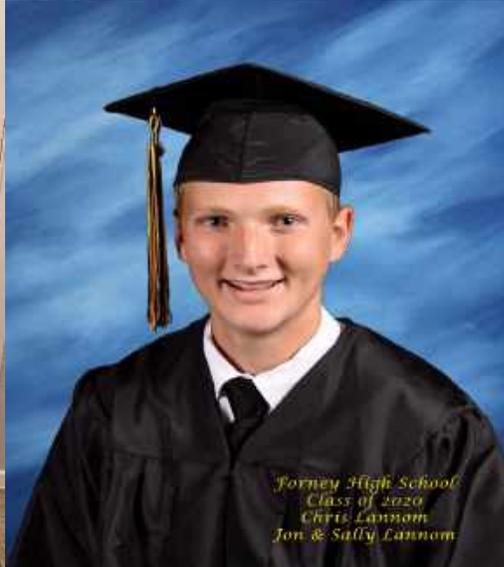
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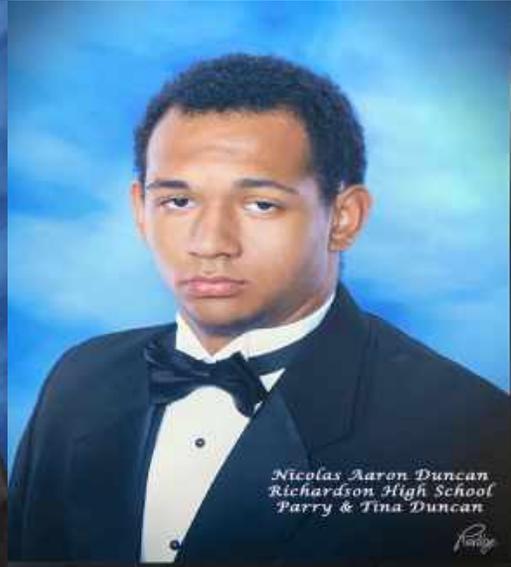
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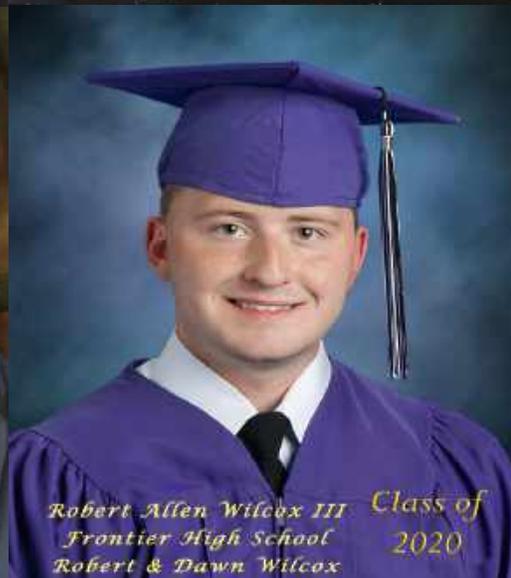
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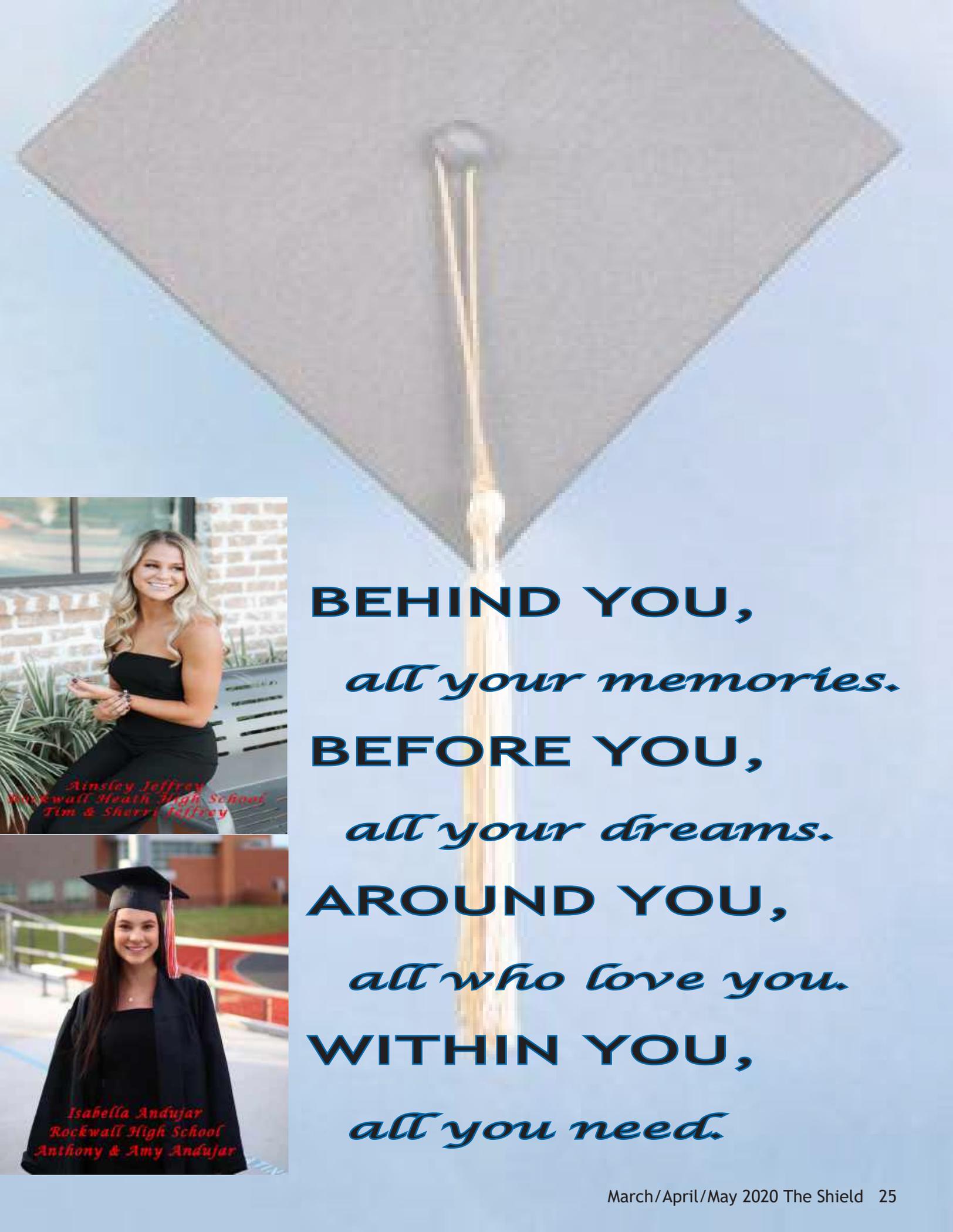
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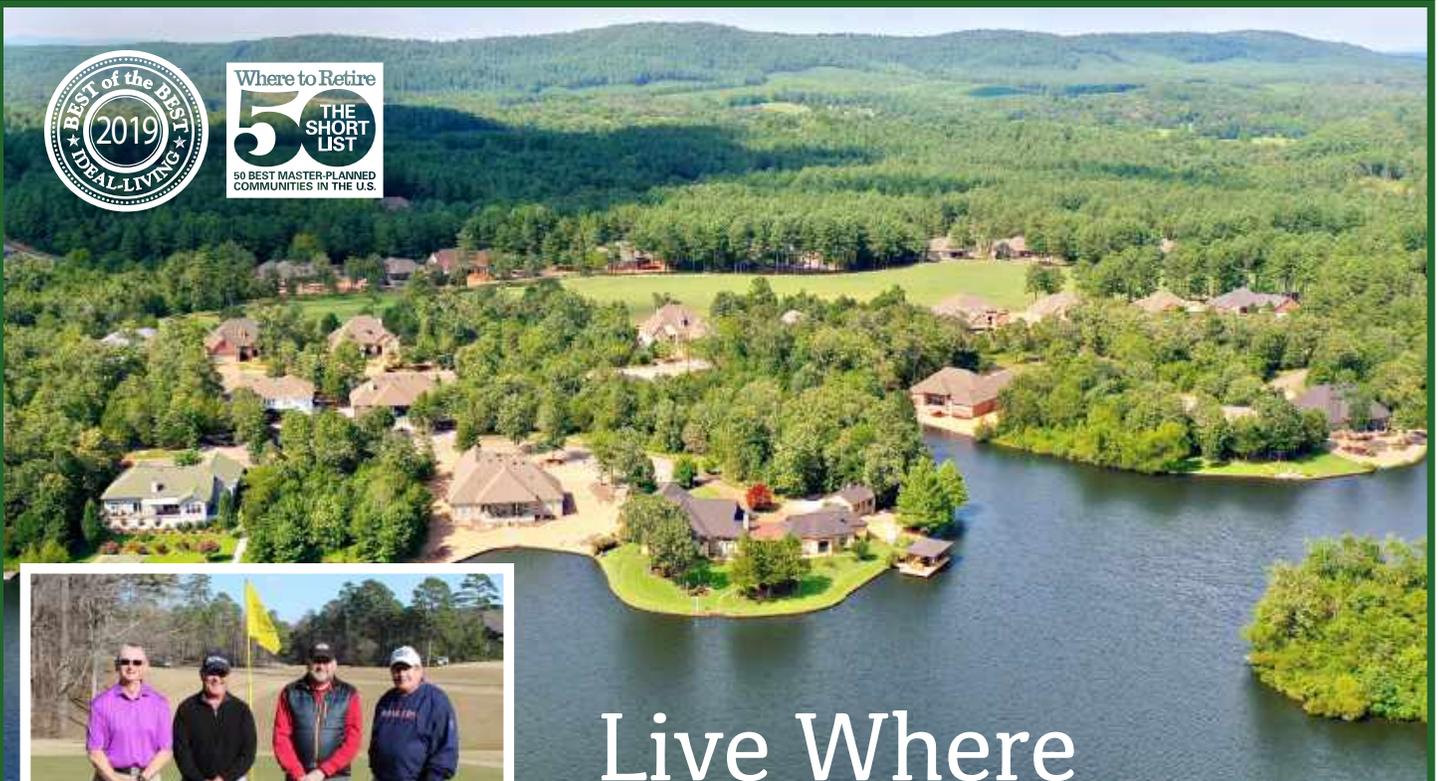
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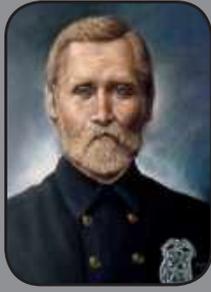


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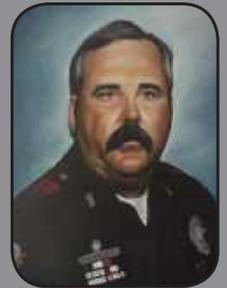
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ASSIGNMENTS. DEAR GOD, PROTECT THESE
BRAVE MEN. GRANT THEM YOUR ALMIGHTY
PROTECTION, UNITE THEM SAFELY WITH
THEIR FAMILIES AFTER DUTY
HAS ENDED. AMEN.**

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We Take Care Of Our Own
By: Anthony Andujar

Every new year starts out with so much promise and potential. Resolutions are made, goals set, vacation planned, graduations, weddings, family reunions, all the hopes and dreams of a new year are made months and months beforehand. If you bought a 2020 planner you probably filled in all the dates with events that you already knew were coming up in the new year. At this point it is probably safe to say that you wasted your money buying a planner this year.

This year started ordinarily enough, but we all know life has a funny way of throwing a curve ball when you least expect it. This year, 2020 threw the entire world a huge curve ball, or maybe it was a sucker punch? The COVID-19 worldwide pandemic caught everyone completely off guard and all of our lives were transformed overnight. Professional sports leagues abruptly ended their seasons, schools and businesses sent their students and workers home, bars, restaurants and shops closed their doors. Our lives were suddenly turned upside down.

These shutdown actions were unprecedented and nobody knew quite what to do or how to do it. The government almost immediately divided workers into two classes, essential and non-essential. The non-essential workers were ordered to stay home or shelter in place. The essential workers were ordered to continue working. Essential workers were deemed essential because the nature of their work provided goods or services that were necessary for the greater good of society. Of course, police officers were deemed among the most essential workers, along with, doctors, nurses, paramedics and firefighters. Essential workers were soon referred to as frontline workers, because they were on the frontlines in this battle with a tiny virus that threatened human health around the world.

Police officers have always been on the

frontlines, not only in times of crisis but day in and day out. Since the beginning of time, police officers have always walked the line between good and evil and faced enemies seen and unseen. Police officers have always been essential, cops have always known this. Unfortunately, society only acknowledges this during times of true crisis. They don't need us, until they need us.

The immediate challenge faced during the great pandemic of 2020, was the lack of adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). It is necessary to have enough PPE on hand to protect frontline workers from contracting the virus, while conducting their essential jobs. Every organization, agency and association quickly scrambled to try and acquire more PPE for their essential workers. The true test of any organization is not how they operate when times are easy, the true test comes in times of crisis. An organization is expected to rise to the occasion. The DPA has been faced with many challenges over our history.

Time and time again the DPA has always tried to meet all challenges and do our best to look out for the best interest our members. This crisis is no different. Over the last several weeks, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit the U.S., the DPA staff, Randy, Vicky, Jennifer, and the entire E-board have worked day and night to make sure our member have all the equipment that they need during this crisis. VP Fred Frazier drove down to San Antonio and picked up 100 gallons of hand sanitizer from Rebeca Creek Distillery. No sooner than he could get it loaded, we got a call from Tito's Vodka, advising they had more hand sanitizer to donate. Fred stopped in Austin and picked up another 50 gallons. Meanwhile, back in Dallas, President Mike Mata got a call from Smiley Dentist and Orthodontics, who wanted to donate surgical masks. Mike drove to Arlington to pick up about 9000 masks. Several anonymous donors donated over 18,000 gloves. The DPA then purchased approximately 2500 personal sized hand sanitizer bottles and thousands of zip lock baggies. Next followed the tedious and

arduous task of putting the PPE kits together. First, the staff spent countless hours filling all those personal size bottles with hand sanitizer and then the assembled all of the kits. This was an all hands-on deck, and we even brought some bottles home and enlisted our kids in the assembly line, putting kits together. Each kit contained, one bottle of hand sanitizer, several masks and several pairs of gloves. We all spent days and days putting together PPE kits.

Somewhere in the middle of all this madness, former Texas Rangers pitcher, Derek 'Dutch Oven' Holland, stopped by the DPA and made a very generous donation to the ATO. The donation was reinvested back into the community. Knowing many restaurants were hurting financially, due to the COVID-19, social distancing shutdown, the DPA wanted to support locally owned restaurants that had historically supported officers in their part of town. The plan was to select a restaurant in the patrol division we were going to feed, purchase a box style lunch and take the lunches to the patrol stations to feed all three watches at all patrol stations. Several more people were inspired to donate money which allowed us to succeed in our goal of feeding all three watches at all seven patrol stations, including Love Field, Firearms Training Center, Helicopter, Mounted, K9, Training Academy and Traffic.

Over the last few weeks YOUR DPA FOP 716 has served over 1600 meals and distributed 2200 PPE kits. It is our mission to serve the needs of our members during this crisis. This is what we do. We take care of our own. We identify the needs of our members and we rise to meet those needs. Not only when times are good but when our members need us the most!

Although this crisis is not over yet, your DPA will continue to serve our member and their needs, no matter what those needs may be. Please remember to use your PPE kit and if you need more sanitizer, come down to the DPA and we will refill it for you.

Stay safe and healthy out there, and please remember that, we are all in this thing together and together we will prevail.





Dallas Police Association FOP 716
21 hrs · 🌐

DPA/FOP 716 at it again, feeding the hard working officers at Central Patrol 2nd watch.

A big thank you to the generous donation from Derek 'Dutch Oven' Holland we were able to support a local business Great American Hero Sandwich Shop on Lemmon Avenue.

Officers were provided a boxed lunch and amazing brownies provided by the wife of one of our own SWAT officers.

Please remember to support those that support us during this difficult time.

We will be providing the boxed lunches at CE for 3rd and 1st watches.

We are all in this together and together we will prevail!!

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Dallas Police Association FOP 716 is at Dallas F...
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March 31 at 3:56 PM · Dallas · 🌐

The Dallas Police Association FOP 716 handing out boxed lunches to officers working all shifts at Northwest Patrol today.

Through the Generous donation from Derek 'Dutch Oven' Holland we were able to support a local owned restaurant, Mama's Daughter, to provide a meal for officers working on the front lines during this difficult time.

#glfop #dutch_oven45 #mamasdaughter





Jaime Ballzmehoney Castro is with Michael Mata and 3 others.
 April 23 at 1:09 PM

The #Dallaspoliceassociation is always hard at work..Always an awesome time when we get to visit the barn!!!...Honored to bring these guys some sandwiches from #NormasCafe !!!..and we couldnt leave without thanking the "the big boys" for keeping us safe during protests!! ..stay safe and healthy!! The #thinblue line holding down for you!! .#backtheblue #mountedunit #k9unit



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Dallas Police Association FOP 716
 March 24 at 1:47 PM

A big thank you to Derek "The Dutch Oven" Holland for your generous donation to the ATO.

Your donation will help support officers who are working to protect and serve the community during this challenging time. Thank you to the Ft.Worth POA for helping arrange this meeting.

We are all in this together and together we will prevail!



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DALLAS POLICE ASSOCIATION FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE 716 MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 2020

The Board of Directors, Dallas Police Association, FOP Lodge 716, met at the offices of the Dallas Police Association (referred to as "DPA"), 1412 Griffin Street East, Dallas, Texas 75215 on February 11, 2020 at 11:11 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Michael Mata.

The following proxies were received: Taylor to White; Janse to Garst; Lightle to Ayala; Stolarzyk to Andujar.

Minutes of the meeting.

- Invocation given by E. Lujan.

- The minutes of the January 14, 2020 Board Meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

MOTION by Meno seconded by Herrera to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passes, no opposition.

- M. Rickerman gave a presentation on the DPD Running Team.

- Presentation given on the DPD 5K running team.

- Mata called the Board of Directors into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 11:20 a.m.

- The Executive Session ended at 11:32 a.m. with the following action being taken:

MOTION by Gordon seconded by Elliott to authorize \$2500 for exploring civil litigation for members which is outside the scope of the DPA Legal Guidelines. Motion passes, no opposition.

- Castro stated that the DPA Election at the South Central Division between Member Lightle and Williams showed that Lightle was the winner. Lightle was elected as the South Central Director. In addition, Member T. Williams asked to serve on the Board of Directors and was appointed as a Sergeant at Arms by Mata.

- Mata recommended the appointment of Member Ben Smith to serve as the Special Investigations Director until the next General Election.

MOTION by Figueroa seconded by Hertel to accept the recommendation to appoint Ben

Smith as the Special Investigations Director until the next General Election. Motion passes, no opposition.

- Mata stated there was 11 officers promoted to Senior Corporal. Supposedly, another round of promotions will take place in the next 90 days.

- Parnell gave a financial report to the Board of Directors. Parnell reminded the Board that there will be a dues increase in March 2020. This dues increase had been delayed several months and will take effect in March 2020.

- Mata provided the Board with the current crime statistics for the City of Dallas. Discussion and comments by the board.

- NEP representative gave a presentation on the HQ phone application so Board Members can enter and utilize the DPA website. Discussion and questions by the Board.

- Mata discussed the upcoming events at the DPA.

- Mata called the Board of Directors into Executive Session at 12:14 p.m. at the request of Director Allen to discuss a legal issue.

- The Executive Session ended at 12:36 p.m. with the following action being taken:

MOTION by Allen seconded by Winkler to have attorney J. Johnson of the Ticer Law Firm address the DPA Board of Directors on pending civil litigation. Motion fails, 1 in opposition.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m., February 11, 2020.

The minutes of the Dallas Police Association were duly recorded on February 11, 2020.

Original Signed

E. J. Brown

Recording Secretary

May 2020

The Board of Directors, Dallas Police Association, FOP Lodge 716, met at the offices of the Dallas Police Association (referred to as "DPA"), 1412 Griffin Street East, Dallas, Texas

75215 on May 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.. The meeting was called to order by the President, Michael Mata.

The status of each member of the Board of Directors for this meeting is as follows:

The following proxies were received: White to Taylor; Figueroa to Gordon; Belew to Castro; Elliott to Hernandez and Garst to Janse.

Minutes of the meeting.

- The invocation was given by Pease.

- The minutes of the February 11, 2020 Board of Directors meeting was presented to the Board for review and approval.

MOTION by Taylor seconded by Gordon to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passes, no opposition.

- Mata stated the second check from Archer should be received by the membership no later than May 31, 2020. This is the final check for the pay differential lawsuit settlement.

- Mata stated there is plenty of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at the patrol stations which includes face masks, hand sanitizer, and face shields. The bulk of the PPE available was purchased by the DPA.

- Mata explained if a member is close to maxing out personal leave time with the City of Dallas, contact the chain of command as a process has already been established. Efforts are being made to increase the number of personal leave hours a member can accrue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion by the board.

- Mata and Frazier discussed Dallas Police Dept. personnel strength. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Dallas will incur a budget shortfall. There should be no impact on the Meet and Confer contract. Discussion and questions by the board.

- John Snider made a presentation to the board on a request for legal assistance by member Charles Young which is outside the standard legal guidelines of the Dallas Police Association. Discussion and questions.

MOTION by Meno seconded by Smith to provide legal assistance for Charles Young up to the amount of \$5,000. Motion passes, no opposition.

- Mata discussed the current crime statistics for the City of Dallas. He stated he will email the statistics to each board member so they can refer to them when talking with the

membership.

- Parnell gave a financial report for the Dallas Police Association, Expenditures have decreased because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The only large expenditure was for the PPE made available to the DPD officers which amounted to \$5500.00.

- Joe Schutz stated there was no new information to be presented. A meeting of the pension board will take place on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. via teleconference. This meeting will provide updated information on several of the activities of the pension fund.

- Frazier discussed the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) activities at the Texas state level. He stated since January 2020, there have been 101 deaths of law enforcement officers due to the COVID-19 pandemic nationwide. He stated the federal death benefit will be paid for each of these deaths. The payment of the Texas death benefit for this situation is still a work in progress with the Texas Governor's Office. Discussion.

- Janse made a request on behalf of the Dallas Defenders Football Club for \$1000. donation. Discussion by the board.

MOTION by Janse seconded by Taylor to make a \$1,000.00 donation to the Dallas Defenders Football Club. Motion passes, no opposition.

- Hertel reminded the board members to remember Police Memorial Week especially since the ceremonies have been canceled.

- Clore drew three names for the \$1500. scholarship drawing.

- Parnell stated weapons qualification will take place in the very near future. Everyone on the DPD will qualify before December 2020. Members using a Glock will probably be the first group to qualify followed by the Sigs. Discussion and questions.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m., May 12, 2020.

The minutes of the Dallas Police Association were duly recorded on May 12, 2020.

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