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HB 495 Passes!!!

The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Returns to a Governor Appointed Board of Police Commissioners

n Wednesday, March 26, 2025, Governor Mike Kehoe signed HB495 into law. HB495, otherwise known as the state control bill, returns control of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department to a Governor appointed Board of Police Commissioners made up of the Mayor, four local St. Louis City citizens and one additional non-voting member. This sixth member will be an ex-officio member who is required to own a business within the City of St. Louis and live within a 50mile radius of the City.

On Thursday, March 27, 2025, Governor Kehoe

visited the SLPOA hall for a ceremonial signing in front of a wellattended crowd of retired and active officers, family and friends of

officers, legislators and other SLPOA supporters. It was truly an amazing and historic event.

This bill has been a long time coming. For nearly twelve years, the SLMLPD has slowly deteriorated while under the control of a dysfunctional city government. Manpower has fled the department in record numbers, millions of dollars have been slashed from the budget, working conditions have declined, collective bargaining rights have been ripped from contracts and the general mismanagement of the police department has caused a steady decline. Between failing



Governor Mike Kehoe at a ceremonial signing at the SLPOA Hall

to pay essential bills, an inability to properly manage payroll, refusal to pay a competitive wage, deteriorating infrastructure and equipment, inefficient management and the overall failure to support its officers (to name a few) the quality of life for police officers within the department had reached an all-time low.

All of that changed with the signing of this bill. Although morale seemed to spike immediately after the announcement of the bill's passage, there is still a lot of work to be done. Our hope is that the police officers

here at SLMPD will take this opportunity to hit the reset button and find a new spark for their profession. Having a supportive Board of Police Commissioners that will not only stand up for their officers but also do what's best for the city and the citizens of St. Louis will be a welcome and overdue change. It will hopefully create a culture change within the department and improve both recruitment and retention of police officers. We here at SLPOA are confident that Governor Kehoe will appoint the types of Board members who share his vision for a safer city, a more efficiently run Police Department and a place where businesses will want to invest and will thrive. Today starts a new day in the SLMPD. It's up to us to take advantage of the opportunity that we've been given.



SLPOA President Martin Garcia addresses crowd



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April 30 May 28 4 p.m.

VETERAN'S MEETING

April 9 May 14 11:30 a.m.

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7 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

WE Did It!

Well...WE did it! The accomplishment of returning the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department to control of a Board Of Police Commissioners cannot be understated. No cliches nor hyperbole can appropriately put into perspective this historic feat. So...I will leave it alone, except to say the one unrecognized adjective to describe it is OPPORTUNITY. More on that later.

The following individuals played a significant and vital role culminating in the signing into law of House Bill 495 on March 19, 2025: Former SLPOA President Jay Schroeder, SLPOA Business Manager Joe Steiger, SLPOA General Counselors Brian Millikan and Neil Bruntrager, SLPOA lobbyist Mark Bruns and his team, to include Jane Dueker, and the current and former members of the SLPOA Executive Board, and their committee. For each one of those listed above, there are dozens who contributed in various ways, from behind the scenes. You know who you are, and thank you. Last and most importantly, thank you to the men and women of the SLMPD, who loyally, proudly, and incessantly held the line for the last decade plus, thereby granting Governor Kehoe the ability to sign The Bill.

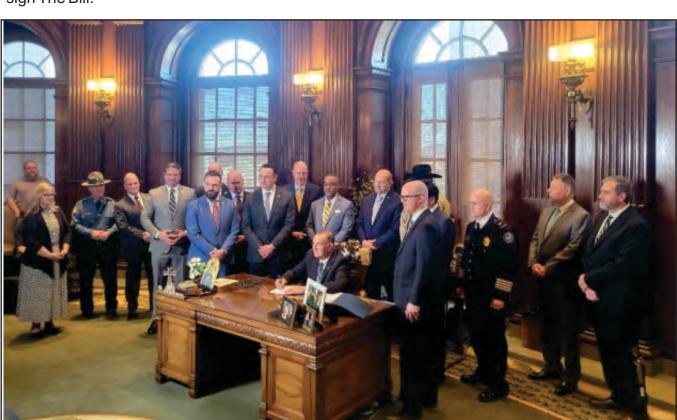
opportunity to prove that the leadership of the SLPOA, and Governor Mike Kehoe were correct in their tireless pursuit of this victory. How do we prove someone/something is correct? It starts with the little things that we as individuals can control, as most immense changes do. From COMMAND PRESENCE to leadership improvement, from personal accountability to public interaction, all the things we have neglected, while suffering under poor leadership and operational ineptitude, hopefully will have a prideful return to the shine on our badges, as well as our department.



SLPOA President Martin Garcia

What a does return on opportunity look like? How is it calculated? Does it mean crime goes down? Does it mean Saint Louis is safer? Does it mean higher police and civilian salaries? Does it mean improved working conditions? Ultimately, yes, yes, and yes, with the not so slight accounting for degree of buy-in by all of, to include the Command. It is a simple formula: the more "we" commit; the more the "payout."

And that's what's up



What does this mean? At this moment, the only thing granted by HB 495 being signed is OPPORTUNITY. All of the day-to-day operations will continue in the same manner as they did while Governor Kehoe's pen was on the paper of The Bill.

I have as many questions as you do on what kinds of changes are coming. All I can ask is that you stay informed through your District Representatives and continue to work hard as you have been doing. Oh...and to seize this OPPORTUNITY.

Over the last decade, every conversation I participated in related to citizen board control included, as the primary objective, the line platoon officers—their pay, their working conditions, how they are supervised, their perceptions. Every. Single. One. With his pen, as his weapon, The Governor of the State Of Missouri has acknowledge something we all know; the status quo was not sustainable.

Returning to opportunity: We have the



Dan Sweeney for SLMPD Pension Board

Dear Fellow Officers,

After 28 years of service with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, I have a deep understanding of the sacrifices we all make to protect our city and our community. We have all felt the toll that this job takes on our bodies, our families, and our futures. This is exactly why I am running for the SLMPD Pension Board. I believe our hardearned retirement security deserves the utmost protection.

Our pension isn't just a number on a ledger, it's the future we've earned, and the foundation on which we and our families will depend. As your representative, I will ensure that our pension is not only strong but also transparent and safeguarded against unnecessary risks. We can't afford to let our future be uncertain, and with your support I will dedicate myself to making sure it never is.

My goal is to keep our pension secure and ensure that every officer who has sacrificed for this city is protected in their retirement. We have earned this, and I will work to ensure it remains a priority.

I would be honored to have your support. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out. I am always here to listen, and together, we can ensure that our futures are as secure as the community we've served.

Please stay safe, Dan Sweeney Candidate for SLMPD Pension Board





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MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

SLPOA UPDATE

After years under control of St. Louis city politicians, the SLMPD is finally returning to a Governor appointed Board of Police Commissioners. There are many people responsible for getting this done but a few people carried the heaviest load. This was a perfect storm where everything aligned, and it made this possible. If even one thing fails to develop, we likely don't have the same result. I would like to thank the following people who helped make this a reality.

Missouri's Governor and Legislators

First and foremost, Mike Kehoe winning the election for Governor was the single most important event that led to the success of the bill's passing. Our immediate past president, and the current Missouri FOP State Lodge President, Jay Schroeder, forged a relationship with now Governor Kehoe several years ago which played a massive role in advancing this bill. Governor Kehoe is a staunch supporter of St. Louis Police Officers and has a personal connection to this department on many levels. He made this change a priority throughout his campaign and he delivered on his promise in record time. Thanks to his steady leadership, and the relationships he has built at the State Capital, the bill is now a reality.

Representative Brad Christ carried the bill in the house. A bill this controversial is a heavy lift and an impressive feat for a sophomore legislator to accomplish but he did exactly that. Representative Christ handled himself with class throughout the process and proved he not only is an outstanding legislator but an incredible negotiator as well. He was able to get this bill over the finish line in the House of Representatives with bipartisan support, including support from city democrats. We should also point out the invaluable leadership from Speaker Jonathan Patterson and the rest of House leadership. They made this bill a priority at the beginning of session and delivered!

On the Senate side of the Capital, Senator Schroer and Senator Fitzwater both filed companion bills in the senate and took the lead on Rep. Christ's bill in the Senate once it crossed into that chamber. Their tireless efforts and relentless pursuit of getting this bill through the Senate are very much appreciated. Senate leadership also made this bill a priority at the beginning of session. President Pro Tem, Senator O'Laughlin, along with Majority Floor Leader, Senator Luetkemeyer, were crucial in helping to negotiate with the city senators and other detractors who were opposed. Without all of their efforts, we would not have been able to get this done.

Sweat Equity

Jay Schroeder led the way in Jefferson City. He worked tirelessly in Jefferson City for the last several years building relationships. All of the members of the SLPOA legislative committee dedicated themselves to testifying before House and Senate committees, walking the hallways to talk to legislators and participating in countless meetings and conversations to advance the bill over the past few years. Our SLPOA lobbyist, Mark Bruns, and his team in Jefferson City put in an inordinate amount of time to get this done. We are forever grateful for what Mark and his team were able to accomplish.

SLPOA President Martin Garcia, Vice President Dave Rudolph, SLPOA Attorney Brian Millikan, Ethical Society President (and SLPOA member) Donnie Walters, among others, invested their personal capital to make this come to fruition. This didn't happen overnight. It took years of work, time and effort - attending political fundraisers and events, building relationships with legislators, and accepting countless meetings to advance the agenda of the organization. All of these things played a roll in securing the votes necessary to get our bill over the finish line.

Attorneys

SLPOA Co-Counsels Brian Millikan and Neil Bruntrager were also instrumental in the bill's passage. Both of these men dedicated countless hours reviewing, reading, re-reading and writing language to make sure the bill would withstand any legal challenges. This bill was changed countless times over the past couple of years and it would not have been completed without their guidance and advice. The goalpost was constantly moving, and they were able to adapt and address anything thrown at them.

SLPOA Leadership

SLPOA leadership, past and present, the legislative committee and the entire Executive Board deserve credit for holding the line and continuing to invest time, money and resources into getting this done. This was a feat that appeared insurmountable only a few years ago, but turned into a reality through perseverance, determination and hard work. All of you should be commended.



SLPOA BUSINESS MANAGER JOE STEIGER

<u>Financial Backing</u>

Last but certainly not least,

SLPOA was fortunate to get a huge bump from the private sector. Police supporters Mike and Carolyn Rayner got involved in this fight in early 2023. An SLPOA member had a personal relationship with Mr. Rayner and introduced our group to him. During that meeting we received a commitment from him which evolved into an unbelievably important relationship and an incredibly generous influx of funds to help in this fight. Without them, we would not have been able to make this happen. Mike and Carolyn have been huge supporters of the St. Louis Police over the years and of our organization specifically in our fight to return to a Governor appointed Board of Police Commissioners. Without their support and financial backing, this would not have been possible.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Control of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department

HB495 – The omnibus crime bill has seen numerous changes as it moved through the legislative process. The measure was approved by a vote of 4-2 on Monday, March 3rd, in the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee. It was then brought up for debate on Wednesday, March 5th, on the Senate floor. Although there are several changes to various criminal statutes in the bill, the most controversial section deals with returning control of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department to a gubernatorial appointed board.

That issue alone caused nearly 10 hours of debate led by Senators Karla May and Steve Roberts, who are both from St. Louis. After several rounds of negotiations and modifications throughout the bill, the measure was finally approved by a voice vote. The bill was sent for review by the Senate Fiscal Oversight Committee which easily passed. Then the final Senate roll call vote occurred on Monday, March 10th, which passed with bipartisan support. The bill returned to the House, where members voted to concur with the changes made in the Senate and the bill was passed out of the house and sent to the governor's desk.

First Bill of Session Sent to Governor

Before the annual spring break period, the General Assembly sent the first bills of the legislative session to Governor Mike Kehoe for his consideration. HB495 became the first bill of the 2025 Missouri legislative session to be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed. The legislation focuses on aiming to enhance oversight, strengthen crime prevention efforts, and improve law enforcement leadership in St. Louis. By reinstating a state-appointed Board of Police Commissioners, the bill seeks to create a more stable leadership

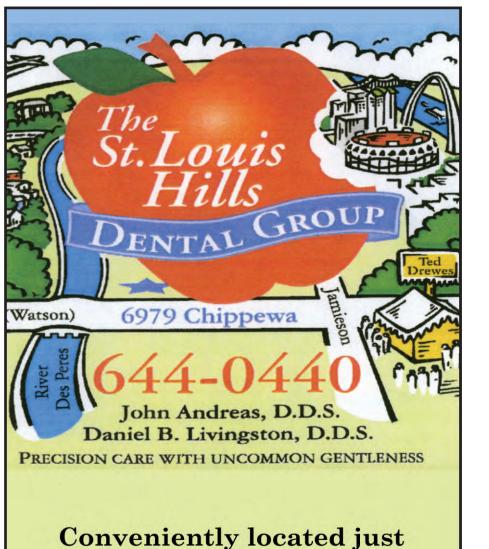
structure that prioritizes crime reduction and support for officers.

Supporters of the bill argue that state governance will depoliticize police operations, improve law enforcement efficiency, and ensure that officers have the necessary resources and guidance to protect the community. This change reflects the governance model in place before 2013 when a governor appointed board provided oversight to the department.

For Governor Kehoe, HB 495 was his top priority going into the 2025 legislative session. Throughout his tenure, he has emphasized the importance of greater commitment to public safety, particularly in St. Louis, where crime reduction remains a critical concern for both law enforcement and residents. By making this bill the first to be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed, Missouri lawmakers delivered a victory for the new Governor.

Governor Kehoe Signs Crime Bill

After five years of laying the groundwork, we were able to move our most important piece of legislation into the win column, as Governor Mike Kehoe signed HB495 into law with the stroke of his pen. The historic legislation is a major provision that has been a priority of Lodge 68 and returns control of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police department to a Governor appointed board of commissioners. Additional provisions in the bill are part of Kehoe's "Safer Missouri" crime plan and include a prohibition on stunt driving on public roads, the creation of the Committee on School Safety, mutual aid for law enforcement agencies, a reporting system for prosecuting attorney's protection of minors and stiffer sex trafficking penalties, and an increase in the penalties for fentanyl possession. The event was well attended by members of law enforcement from across the state as well as legislators and staff. (Cont. on pg. 7)



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Governor Mike Kehoe held an additional signing event on Thursday, March 27th, at SLPOA Lodge 68, which saw a packed house of active and retired Lodge 68 members and supporters. Governor Kehoe now has 90 days to appoint the members of the police board who will then govern the operations of the department.

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST:

Omnibus Public Safety

SB143 – Contains numerous provisions relating to public safety, including an increase to \$100,000 for line of duty death benefits for first responders, several sections relating to EMS and ambulance district training, an increase on the limits of ephedrine products purchased without a prescription, child custody and child abduction provisions, and establishes the firefighters' bill of rights. The bill was heard on Tuesday in the Senate Emerging Issues and Professional Registration Committee. We testified in support of the section of the bill that increases the line of duty death benefit. We are also working with the sponsor to include free college tuition benefits for first responders to the bill as it moves forward.

Workers' Compensation

HB497 – Modifies several provisions relating to benefits provided under a workers' compensation claim, including modifying the definition of occupational disease and the prevailing factor test definition. In addition to other provisions, the measure also requires the consideration of any savings or other insurance of the injured employee from governmental or private sources when considering benefits. The bill received first round approval from the full House on Tuesday and is expected to receive a final House vote early next week before advancing to the Senate. We are working with legislative leaders and other organizations that have members who would be impacted by this legislation to modify the language in the bill.

St. Louis PRS

HB147 - modifies the current definition of "earnable compensation" for the St. Louis Police Retirement System. The bill requires that the compensation must not include funds received by a member through a judgment or settlement of a legal action if the funds are intended to retroactively compensate for a salary differential between the member's actual rank and the rank the member claims he or she should have received. The bill received first round approval in the House on Wednesday and is expected to receive final approval next week before advancing to the Senate.

St. Louis City Sheriff

HB1456 – Requires the City Sheriff to hold a valid peace officer license and set a minimum annual salary of \$50,000 for deputies.

The bill was heard on Wednesday in the House Local Government Committee. One individual appeared in opposition to the measure. There was no opposing testimony. An identical bill, HB529, was heard by the committee two weeks ago but has not advanced.

Second Amendment Preservation Act (SAPA)

Hb1175 – Reinstates certain provisions of SAPA, which was previously determined to be unconstitutional. The bill received final approval from the House on Thursday and now heads to the Senate for additional consideration. We are currently working with Senate leadership as well as the Sheriff's Association and Chiefs Association to minimize any impact this would have on our members and to retain the ability of officers to work with federal agencies.

Self Defense

SB363 – Modifies provisions relating to self defense by

providing that there shall be an automatic presumption of reasonableness that a defendant believed deadly force was necessary to protect themselves or a third person. Also provides immunity from civil or criminal prosecution for use of force and states that any claim of self defense will shift the burden of proof to law enforcement and prosecutors to overcome the claim by proof of clear and convincing evidence. The bill was heard on Monday in the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee. Missouri Firearms Coalition testified in support of the measure, while Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Moms Demand Action, and NAACP appeared in opposition.

Temporary Plates

HB378 – Contains several provisions relating to the Department of Revenue, including language that authorizes law enforcement officers, based on reasonable suspicion, to stop or inspect a person to determine whether a temporary license plate is valid or current. If it has expired by at least 70 days or has been altered, the officer must issue a citation, and the person will be fined \$250. The bill received first round approval in the House on Wednesday, and we expect a final vote to be taken next week for the bill to advance to the Senate.

HEARINGS OF INTEREST:

The following bills of interest are currently scheduled for a hearing next week. For the most up to date listing of all House hearings, please click here. For all Senate hearings, please click here.

Halo Law

SB669, which creates a mandatory 25 foot safety zone around first responders as they perform their jobs after a verbal warning has been given, will be heard on Monday, March 31 at 3:00 pm in the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee.

Tax Deduction for Overtime Pay

HB860, which allows for 100% of pay received as overtime pay to be free of any state income tax liability, will be heard on *Tuesday, April 1 in the House Special Committee on Tax Reform.*

LEGISLATIVE DATES OF INTEREST:

- April 21, 2025 Easter holiday no session
- May 9, 2025 Last day to pass the FY26 budget
- May 16, 2025 Last day of the 2025 legislative session



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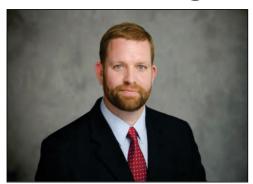
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Date of Employment: 12/05/1966 Date of Retirement: 06/02/1999

Retired 6/26/1995

Walter succumbed to his illness on his 78th birthday. Walter was always willing to provide a helping hand at the SLPVA meetings and Cookouts. Walter's son is an active officer in the 1st District.

(Father of Fleet Services Division Body Shop Supervisor Bryan Collier, dsn 3662, and Retired District One Police Officer Andrew Collier, dsn 6502)

He was predeceased by: his parents, Clarence E Collier and Marian C. Collier; and his sister Shirley Eiffert. He is survived by: his sons, Bryan Collier (Elizabeth), Jeffrey Collier (Pam) and Andrew Collier (Andrea); his grandchildren, Oliva, Kirsten, Emma, Joshua, Heather, Ayanna, Sarah, Marissa, Georgia and Nick; his brother-in-law David Eiffert; and also Suzanne Collier.

Police Officer Lawrence Irving DSN 4895

Officer Irving served almost 29 years with our department and will be deeply missed. He was assigned to the South Patrol Desk.

Funeral arrangements are pending.



Please keep Officer Irving's family, friends, and fellow officers in your thoughts.

Retired Major Kenneth K. Kegel DSN 1768

Birth: 02/25/1956 Death: 01/30/2025

Date of Employment: 11/05/1979 Date of Retirement: 04/01/2018

Assignment code at time of retirement: 400

Surviving Spouse: Georgiann Kegel

Funeral services are pending.

Retired Sergeant John G. Corrona DSN 7450

Birth: 06/21/1946 Death: 02/11/2025

Date of Employment: 05/19/1969 Date of Retirement: 06/19/1989

Assignment code at time of retirement: 6th District

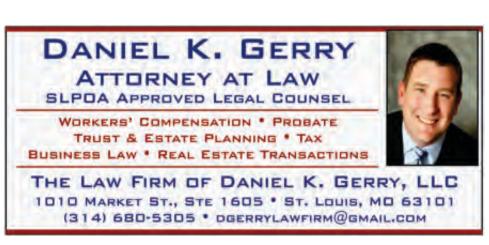
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Surviving Spouse: Pamela J. Corrona





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We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us (Cont. from pg. 10)



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of John Corrona, who left us peacefully on February 11, 2025, at the age of 78. John was born on June 21, 1946, in Red Bud, IL the son of Phillip John and Irma Louise (Bendel) Corrona. He married Pam (Stover) Kimmel on September 6, 1986. John was a steadfast figure in the lives of many and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

John served his country proudly in the United States Marine Corps having received the Bronze Star with Combat V, Purple Heart and other honors completing over 480 combat missions in Vietnam. This experience shaped his character and instilled a deep sense of duty and honor that he carried with him throughout his life. After his military service, he transitioned to a twenty-year decorated career with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, including a thirteen-year stint as an Undercover Narcotics Detective Sargeant where his resourcefulness and tenacity shone brightly. Following retirement, John began a second career as a private investigator, opening his own firm, Covert Inquiries Investigations.

An adventurous soul at heart, John loved hitting the open road in his Corvette, exploring different states and making memories with friends and family. He was a proud member of the St. Louis Corvette Club, the VFW, and the 40 et 8 Club, cherishing the camaraderie and shared passions within these communities. Although John was most known for entertaining friends and family with his unique story telling ability, John will be most remembered by his love for his grandchildren and how very proud he was of his family.

He is survived by his wife, Pam Corrona of Vincennes; son, Phillip Corrona and his wife Suzanne of Vincennes; grandchildren, Savannah Geller and her husband Mitchell, Samuel Corrona, Spencer Corrona and his fiance Macy, Simon Corrona; his twin brother, James Corrona of Vincennes; daughter-in-law, Toni Kimmel of Vincennes; and his nieces

and nephews, Andrea, Nathan, Von, Gretchen, Jeff and Peggy. John is preceded in death by his parents, and his bonus children, Gregory and Christopher Kimmel.

Friends may visit with John's family from 3-6 pm on Sunday, February 16, 2025, at Goodwin-Sievers Funeral Home, 524 Broadway, Vincennes, IN and from 10:00 am until the hour of service time of 11:00 am on Monday, February 17, 2025, at Goodwin-Sievers. Rusty Thorne will officiate, and John will be laid to rest in Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider making a donation to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, T2T.org in John's memory. He would have appreciated the thoughtfulness and generosity of anyone wishing to honor his legacy. On line memories may be shared with John's family at www.goodwinsieversfh.com. Goodwin-Sievers Funeral Home is privileged and honored to be entrusted with the care of John and his family.

https://www.goodwinsieversfh.com/obituaries/john-corrona Funeral services are pending.

Retired Police Officer George T. Overby DSN 5739

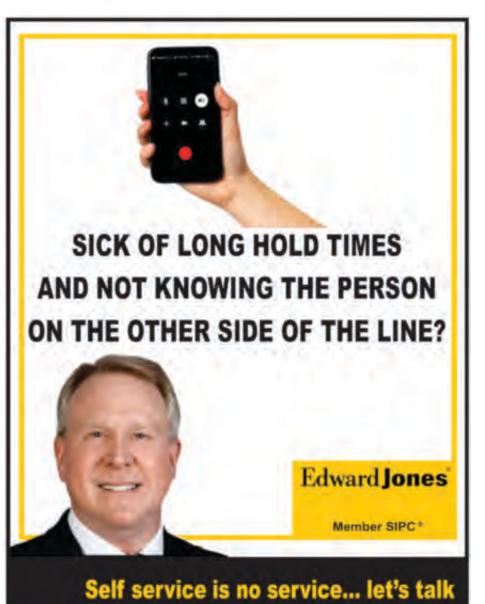
Birth: 09/24/1937 Death: 02/08/2025

Date of Employment: 08/02/1965 Date of Retirement: 07/08/1988

Assignment code at time of retirement: 2nd



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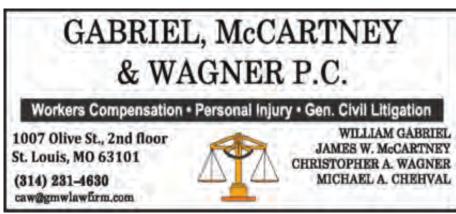


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Retired Police Officer Jeffrey P. Spengemann DSN 7738

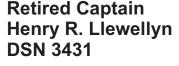
Birth: 09/17/1977 Death: 02/12/2025

Date of Employment: 03/27/2008 Date of Retirement: 10/01/2014

Assignment code at time of retirement: 303

Surviving Spouse: Jennifer M. Spengemann Dependent Child: Nathan H. Spengemann

Funeral services are pending.



Birth: 02/20/1934 Death: 02/02/2025

Date of Employment: 02/09/1959 Date of Retirement: 08/03/1988

Assignment code at time of retirement: Bureau

of Field Operations



Retired Detective Richard A. Davis, DSN 0476

Birth: 10/30/1929 Death: 12/09/2024

Date of Employment: 09/28/1953 Date of Retirement: 09/25/1989

Assignment: District Six Detective Bureau

Retired Sergeant Isaiah N. Brown, DSN 272

Birth: 06/29/1930 Death: 03/18/2025

Date of Employment: 02/01/1957 Date of Retirement: 03/18/1984

Assignment code at time of retirement: 6th

Funeral services are pending.





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Retired Sergeant Earl A. Cobb **DSN 7389**

Birth: 09/01/1943 Death: 03/03/2025

Date of Employment: 06/30/1969 Date of Retirement: 09/30/2004

Assignment code at time of retirement: 453

Surviving Spouse: Virginia A. Cobb

Father of SLMPD Retired Detective Sgt. Patrick Cobb, Retired Officer Joseph Cobb, Father-in-Law to Police Dispatch Supervisor Michelle Cobb & Police Dispatch Supervisor Teresa Vaccaro also cousin to Central Patrol Secretary Kristine Kiefer.

Burial at Jefferson Barracks



Birth: 09/15/1952 Death: 03/22/2025

Date of Employment: 02/17/1975 Date of Retirement: 02/29/2000

Assignment code at time of retirement: 3rd

District

Funeral services are pending.





Retired Police Officer John W. White **DSN 7583**

Birth: 12/16/1946 Death: 03/30/2025

Date of Employment: 12/15/1969 Date of Retirement: 01/04/2000

Assignment code at time of retirement: 3rd

District

Surviving Spouse: Corine L. White

Funeral services are pending.

Retired Police Officer James D. Seifert **DSN 7665**

Birth: 09/21/1943 Death: 03/30/2025

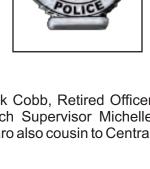
Date of Employment: 03/09/1970 Date of Retirement: 05/02/2005

Assignment code at time of retirement: 451

Age 81, passed away on March 30, 2025, in Saint Louis, Missouri. Born on September 21, 1943, in the same city he called home throughout his life, Jim lived a life marked by service, dedication, and quiet joys.

In 1966, Jim answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army. He was stationed in Korea during the Vietnam War era, a time that shaped his sense of duty and commitment to others. Upon completing his time in the military, Jim continued his path of public service by joining the police force. Over the course of an impressive 35-year









career in law enforcement, he rose through the ranks to become a detective—a role he held with pride and integrity.

Jim was a man who found fulfillment not only in his professional life but also in the simple pleasures that brought him peace and happiness. He cherished time spent relaxing on a Florida beach with a cold beer in hand and took great joy in BBQing for those around him. Whether tinkering around the house or tending to his yard, Jim found satisfaction in staying active and engaged. Above all else, he valued time with family and friends—moments that brought warmth and meaning to his days.

and shared many years of love and companionship with Cindy Takacs is also remembered by his brother Larry Seifert, sister Nancy Haug and future son-in-law Nate Jackson. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Geraldine Seifert; his parents Arthur and Daisy Seifert; his brother Lester Seifert; and niece Rebecca Haug.

He was a devoted father to his daughters Larraine and Stephanie Seifert

A memorial gathering will be held on Friday, April 4, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Kutis Funeral Home, located at 5255 Lemay Ferry Road, Saint Louis, Missouri 63129. A service will follow at the same location from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

James Dean Seifert will be remembered as a father, brother, husband, son, police officer, army veteran—and above all—a man who lived with purpose and heart. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to The BackStoppers.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Laughter

It has been said that "Laughter is good for the heart." I hope that the following article is helpful to your heart. Enjoy!

Job Interview

I went for a job interview today; and the manager said, "We are looking for someone who is responsible.'

"Well, I'm your man," I replied. "In my last job, whenever anything went wrong, they said that I was responsible."

Bubba & Billy Joe

Bubba and Billy Joe were on vacation in Dallas, walking downtown, window shopping, and they saw a sign on a store which read, "Suits \$7.99 each, shirts \$2.99 each, trousers \$4.49 each.

Bubba said to his pal, "Billy Joe, Lookee here! We could buy a whole gob o'these, take 'em back to Georgia, sell 'em, and make a fortune. Just let me do the talkin', cause if they hear your accent, they might think we're ignorant and not wanna sell stuff to us."

Bubba continues, "Now, I'll talk in a slow, Texas drawl so's they don't know that we is from Georgia."

They went in the store, and Bubba said with his best fake Texas drawl, "I'll take 50 of them suits at \$7.99, 100 of them there shirts at \$2.99, and 50 pairs of them there trousers at \$4.49. I'll back up my pickup and..."

The owner of the shop interrupted, "Y'all from Georgia, ain't ya?" "Well... yeah," said a surprised Bubba. "How come y'all knowed that?" "Because this is a Dry-Cleaners store," came the reply.

Watching TV

I was watching a show on TV for about 10 minutes, and this lady was listing all of these great things to do for fun. Then I realized that it was one of those religious channels, and she was reading a list of sins.

Actual Exchange between a pilot and the Airport Control Tower

A DC-10 had come in a little hot and thus had an exceedingly long rollout after touching down.

San Jose Tower noted: "American 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway if you are able. If you are not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101, make a right turn at the stoplight, and return to the airport."

Wife & Husband

My wife said...

My wife said that I can be an idiot sometimes. I think it's nice of her to give me permission like that.

Red Skelton on marriage:

"The best way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once." "Marriage is an institution where the man loses his bachelor's degree and the woman gets her master's."

"When I married Miss Right, I didn't realize her first name was 'Always'."

Dessert

At a reception, my wife said to me, "That's the 4th time you've gone back for dessert! Doesn't it embarrass you?"

I said: "No, I keep telling them that it's for you."

Voodoo Doll

My wife yelled from upstairs and asked, "Do you ever get a shooting pain across your body, like someone's got a voodoo doll of you; and they're stabbing it?"

I replied, "No...'

She responded, "How about now?"

Lesson for today - "Silence"

Tsunami...... T is silent

Honest..... H is silent

Psychology..... P is silent

Knight..... K is silent

Wife..... Husband is silent

Class dismissed!

Words of Wisdom

A troubled parent posted:

"This morning my son said that his ear hurt. And I asked, "On the inside or outside?"

So he walked out the front door, came back in, and said, "Both."

This got me wondering if I am saving too much for his college education.

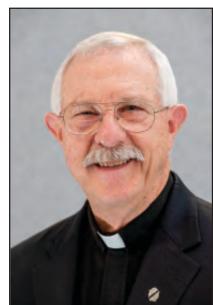
Do you all remember, before the Internet, people thought that the cause of stupidity was the lack of access to information?

Yeah, it wasn't that.

I really think that it is time to take the warning labels off of everything and let stupidity work itself out of the gene

Dry Cleaner

I took my suit to the cleaners, who wanted to charge me \$40, so I gave it to the charity shop next door. cleaned and pressed it and put it in the window. I bought the suit back for \$15.



By Chaplain John Fava

Financial Advice

If you get a LOAN at a bank, you will be paying it back for 30 years. If you ROB a bank, you will be out of prison in 10 years. Follow me for more financial advice.

Questions

I found \$20 in a parking lot and thought to myself, "What would Jesus

So I turned it into wine.

A police officer came to my house and asked me where I was between five and six?

He seemed irritated when I answered, "Kindergarten."

What do you do when you are in a packed elevator and your stomach decides to demonstrate the mating call of a whale?

No matter how stupid you may feel at times, ask yourself, "How is it that Little Red Riding Hood could not figure out that a talking wolf in drag was not her Grandma?"

Is it possible that if Adam and Eve had been Cajuns, they would have eaten the snake instead of the apple and saved us all a lot of trouble?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

Why is the lemonade that you buy in a carton made from artificial flavors, but furniture polish is made from Real lemons?

Think about it... If you work at an unemployment office and you get fired, do you still have to come in to the office the next day?

I hope that you had a laugh or two with the above stories. Please know that I pray for you every day. May God bless you.





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