

THE SHERIFF'S STAR



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But doggone lovable the rest of the time.**

(See page 4 for further proof)

Question for Bobby Knowles:

After more than 30 years with two careers, how does it feel to be left with just one ?

FORT PIERCE — Many men struggle to build one successful career, but St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles has achieved success in two. A military career was his first choice as a teenager, but law enforcement caught his fancy a few years later and he shuttled back and forth between the two high-risk occupations for more than 30 years.

In December, 1992, Sheriff Knowles retired from the U.S. Army Reserves, ending a 32-year military career that also included National Guard duty, as well as active and reserve duty in the U.S. Marines. Now he's adjusting to the new experience of being a one-career man.

The Sheriff's military career began in 1956 when he was a 15-year-old high school student and waves of postwar patriotism were sweeping the country. Caught up in the mood of the moment, he enlisted in the National Guard. His application stated he was 17, and, although Fort Pierce was then a small town where everybody knew everybody, no one challenged this fictional fudging. Two weeks later he was off to summer camp for recruit training.

After a two-year stint as a guardsman, Knowles enlisted in the U.S. Marines and began an eight-year tour of duty that passed up the Halls of Montezuma and the Shores of Tripoli but landed him in California, Hawaii, Okinawa and Vietnam. In Vietnam he was in combat and received numerous decorations.

While in the Marines, Knowles began his law enforcement career by serving as a military policeman from 1959 to 1961. When he returned to civilian status in 1966, he focused on law enforcement full-time by becoming an investigator with the State Attorney's Office.

During 17 years with that agency he served as Administrative Assistant to the State Attorney, and as Commander of the Drug Task Force for the 19th Judicial Circuit. He also managed to continue his military career by signing up with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves in 1970, and switching to the U.S. Army Reserves in 1973. From that point on, his military and law enforcement careers occasionally merged.

One of these mergers occurred in 1980 when Knowles' reserve unit was placed on active duty and he was sent to Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, to participate in the resettlement program for Mariel boatlift Cubans who were confined there. This gave him experience in the corrections



This is a "farewell to arms" photo of Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles, who has retired from the U.S. Army Reserves. His military career sometimes paralleled and sometimes merged with his law enforcement career. It ended in December, 1992.

Commended for fast action and courage

One of the souvenirs from Sheriff Bobby Knowles' military career is an Army Commendation Medal he received for heroism while participating in the resettlement of Mariel boatlift Cubans at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, in 1980.

According to the citation accompanying the medal, "an extremely dangerous situation developed on July 16, 1980, when several Cuban aliens began to riot, and Master Sergeant Knowles, although unarmed and facing imminent danger . . . acted without hesitation to control the militant Cubans. His fast action and courage while apprehending armed men was instrumental in quelling this very explosive situation."

side of law enforcement, and a commendation for heroism.

Knowles' law enforcement career took a dramatic turn in 1984 when he was elected Sheriff of St. Lucie County, but he retained his Army Reserve status and his military career moved to the front burner again in 1990 when he was sent to Panama as a police advisor during a period of political turmoil.

"It was pretty dangerous on the streets," he said later. "We had two cops killed and a GI shot in the knee. There were lots of guns in that country and everybody carries a macheue — the work tool of Panama."

This brief assignment in Panama was the last merger of

Knowles' two careers prior to his retirement from the Army Reserves. Now he's giving full-focus to Florida's war on crime as the immediate past president of the Florida Sheriffs Association, and as a crime-fighting activist who frequently appears before legislative committees in support of criminal justice laws.

After he had packed away his uniforms, Knowles was

SROs

do make a difference

By Douglas Dodd, School Resource Officer
Citrus County Sheriff's Office

INVERNESS — The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program has become very popular among Florida Sheriffs and is now used in many schools statewide. It is proactive in nature and involves placing law enforcement officers in schools to work with students, parents, faculty, and administration.

The SRO's job includes teaching, counseling, and enforcing the law on campus. Classes dealing with such topics as drugs and alcohol, consequences of crime, respect, and citizenship are taught by the SRO. In addition, troubled students often are referred to the Resource Officer for counseling and guidance.

Many times a strong rapport is built, and this helps bridge

asked how he felt about ending his military career. "A little sad," he said, "because it seems so permanent and final. On the other hand, I'm lucky to be alive . . . when I think of my buddies who didn't make it."

The Sheriff admitted he acquired some emotional scars during combat duty in Vietnam, but added that he also treasures many good memories from his years in the military.



Citrus County SRO Doug Dodd teaches students the difference between felonies and misdemeanors. He is one of three SROs in the Citrus County school system.

the gap between law enforcement and youth. When a crime occurs on campus, the SRO is contacted to take appropriate action. Drugs and weapons have no place in our educational system, and SROs are working hard to keep schools free of these dangers.

SROs develop, or are involved with, many different, specialized educational programs. These programs are tailored to catch and keep the attention of the students and to teach them on their level. SROs sponsor clubs and teach programs, such as Junior Deputy, JUST SAY NO, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD), Explorers, Law-Related Education, Seat Belt Safety, Drivers' Education, and Teen Court, just to name a few.

Many SROs also take an active role with the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches (FSYR). SROs throughout Florida serve as counselors at the annual FSYR Summer Camp Program in Barberville, Florida. At summer camp, underprivileged youth enjoy fun and structured activities while discovering the meaning of the theme "Law Officers are your friends."

School Resource Officers are doing a fine job in serving children, families, schools, and communities. Thanks to concerned Sheriffs, Florida has become one of the nation's leaders in this program.

[Note: The 1994 Florida Association of School Resource Officers (FASRO) Conference is being sponsored by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. Anyone interested in attending this training conference should contact Sgt. Bryan Gavin or Cpl. Dave Webb with the PSCO at 813/587-6173.]

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Semper Fidelis — Always Faithful

Part IV in a Series

This is the fourth in a series of articles about K9 units organized by Florida's Sheriffs. Semper Fidelis, the motto of the U.S. Marine Corps, was chosen as an ongoing title for the series because this phrase seems to exemplify the commitment and loyalty demonstrated by K9s and their handlers. Future articles will show how the use of dogs in law enforcement has increased and expanded over the years to make K9s an indispensable factor in modern crime fighting.



K-nines are fierce When fighting crime, But doggone lovable The rest of the time.

Facing an attacking K9 is an experience law-breakers never forget. It's enough to make a tough guy break down and cry. And yet, when these fierce crime fighters are off-duty, they are totally captivating. Little kids pet them and hug them. Old folks rub noses with them. School children clap and cheer when K9s put on school ground demonstrations. If human deputies got as much lovin' as their K9 partners, it would completely ruin them — cause a scandal in fact — but the four-legged deputies never get corrupted or overwhelmed by affection. Somehow they manage to preserve their professionalism in spite of the many "perks" and privileges they enjoy.

A certain law enforcement practitioner who asked to remain anonymous once said he would like to be reincarnated as a K9. "I would never have to wear anything but a collar," he explained. "I could take a bite out of crime and never get charged with brutality. Off-duty, I could get all the huggin' and kissin' I've been missin', and never be accused of unprofessional conduct. I could accept free meals without fear of being corrupted. Best of all, I would never have to pay taxes, brush my teeth, change my socks, or use a public restroom."

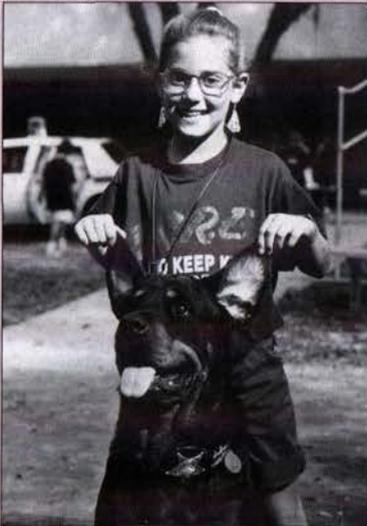
This character was last seen with a smile on his face and a far away, yearning look in his eyes.



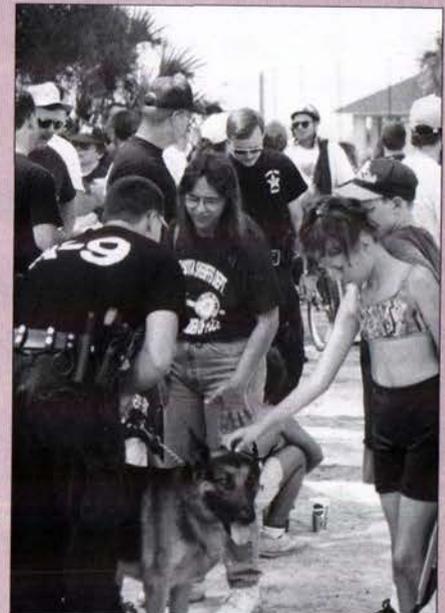
COVER PHOTO — Travis Penhale, son of Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Deputy Mike Penhale with his pal Thor, a Sheriff's Office K9.

Heather Stonestreet loves Pasco County K9 Frei — and it shows.





Thor, our famous cover K9, makes friends wherever he goes. The photos above were taken when he attended Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) classes at Sarasota County schools.



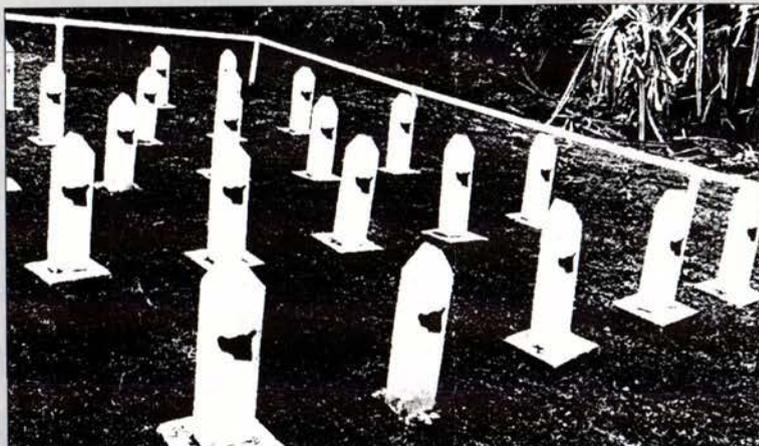
When a "Kops 'n' Kids Day" was held at the beach, K9 Eros and his handler, Sarasota County Deputy Jeff Hogue, were on hand, but guess who got all the attention.

War Dogs made supreme sacrifice

The current *Sheriff's Star* series on Sheriffs' K9s resulted in a letter from F. R. Fitz, of Palm Harbor, extolling the "outstanding loyalty, bravery and intelligence of World War II Marine War Dogs." He continued as follows:

"The canine Marines attached to our unit were a fitting representation of the Marine nickname 'Devil Dogs.' They repeatedly alerted our combat patrols to enemy ambush, thereby reducing casualties. Many, though wounded, attacked Japanese positions without hesitation. It would be an understatement to say the War Dogs were a welcomed addition to our patrols. We eagerly sought their participation.

"The enclosed photograph [taken on Guam] concerns only one of the many Marine Corps campaigns, and gives ample evidence of the self-sacrifice made by canine Marines while achieving victory. Their heroism



This photo from *Leatherneck Magazine* was taken at the War Dog Cemetery in Dedeo. The cemetery honors 24 Marine War Dogs who died in the liberation of Guam.

will last in perpetuity.

"The similarity between the canine members of the Sheriffs' Departments and those of the U.S. Marine Corps is self-evident. It is most appropriate that the U.S. Marine Corps motto of 'Semper Fidelis' has been selected to characterize your four-legged deputies."

*Semper Fi, F. R. Fitz, PNP,
Edson's Raiders Association*



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These photos prove that Pasco County deputies are not talkin' trash when they brag about K9 Flash. They say he's so friendly he could run for Sheriff, and win, if the election laws would let him.

♥



Sheriffs Association support for Youth Ranches has grown from a trickle to a flood in 36 years

TALLAHASSEE — Millions of dollars are flowing annually from the Florida Sheriffs Association to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, forging tight bonds of paternity between the two organizations and preserving a tradition that has remained unbroken for 36 years.

In 1957, when Florida's Sheriffs founded the Youth Ranches, they dipped into the meager financial resources of their Association, and provided \$5,000 as "seed money" for their bold new venture. By today's standards, this would rate as less than "a drop in the bucket," but it was enough in those bygone days to "jump start" Florida's charity for Florida's children.

Inspired by the enthusiasm of the founding Sheriffs, benefactors quickly came forward with offers of land, building materials, livestock and cash, and the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch — flagship of the current Youth Ranches anti-delinquency programs — began to take shape on the banks of the historic Suwannee River.

Initially the Boys Ranch struggled for survival — actually borrowed money to keep afloat — but during those lean years the Sheriffs Association continued to play the role of a faithful parent, and never failed to come up with steadily increasing cash contributions. This financial support, together with fund-raising services provided by the Association, made the difference between success and failure way back then. Moreover, the same situation prevails today, but on a vastly larger scale.

The Association can take credit for a substantial portion of the financial resources that have kept the Youth Ranches going and growing for 36 years. For example: In the fiscal year that ended September 30, 1993, the Association gave the Youth Ranches a cash contribution of \$90,000 from excess operating funds, and added to that a gift of \$50,315 from administrative fees accumulated in a self-insurance program. Through direct mail solicitation of its honorary members, FSA also raised \$1,119,974 in voluntary contributions for the Youth Ranches, and was responsible for wills and bequests totaling \$855,027.

That was a good year, but typical rather than phenomenal. The totals were actually higher in 1992 (\$1,087,249 in contributions; \$1,214,693 in wills and bequests); and 1991 (\$1,143,125 in contributions; \$1,715,615 in wills and bequests). Added to these totals each year were the usual direct cash contributions of \$90,000 and insurance fee contributions of \$50,000.

It's mind-grabbing to contemplate that this cash flow



When Sheriff C. W. "Jake" Miller (right) recently handed a \$90,000 Florida Sheriffs Association check to Sheriff Geoff Monge as an annual contribution to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, he was perpetuating a tradition that began in 1957 and has added up to millions upon millions of dollars. Miller is Chairman of the Florida Sheriffs Association Board of Directors and Monge is Chairman of the Youth Ranches Board.

originally began with a \$5,000 trickle, but wait!! There's more to this story of parental benevolence.

Ever since 1957 the Sheriffs Association has been providing editorial and graphics arts services for Youth Ranches periodicals, annual reports, brochures and promotional materials. No cash value has been assigned to these services, but considerable savings have resulted. Without them the Youth Ranches would have had to hire additional staff or a public relations firm.

Sheriffs serve as members of the Youth Ranches Board of Directors, and, although outnumbered by civilians as required by the Youth Ranches Charter, they have always been actively involved in the 36-year march of progress. Many of them sponsor fund-raising events such as barbecues, golf tournaments and fish fries.

Turning a fragile dream into an anti-delinquency project of nationwide fame has not been easy or inexpensive, but who can look at the 8,000-plus youngsters who have been steered away from delinquency and despair since 1957 and say that Florida's Sheriffs should have been devoting their time exclusively to chasing bad guys?

Get real.

Drug Farm gets boost from annual Great Golf Shootout

PALM BEACH GARDENS — Although Sheriff Richard Wille's foursome lost the fourth annual Great Golf Shootout at Ballen Isles Country Club on September 11 by one stroke, the Sheriff went into the locker room a happy man because the fund raiser had produced \$ 9,300 for his "Drug Farm," a unique project for the rehabilitation of substance abusers.

Equally happy was Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Media Relations Officer Bob Farrell, who heads the Substance Abuse Awareness Committee, sponsor of the Shootout. He said the committee of law enforcement and business leaders raised \$44,000 through various events last year, and appears to be headed for a higher total in the current accounting period.

"The dedication and interest shown by law enforcement and the business community, along with the support of WPBF-TV, has enabled us to begin to gain some ground against substance abuse," he added.

Founded five years ago by Sheriff Wille as a program that attempts to rehabilitate drug abusers with a mixture of military discipline, intense drug therapy and hard work, the Drug Farm was launched with a federal grant



Happy with the Golf Shootout proceeds were (from left) Sheriff Richard "Bang Bang" Wille, PBSO Media Relations Officer Bob Farrell, and WPBF-TV Anchor Reg "Boom Boom" Miller.

of \$560,000. Funding has been a recurring problem, but support from the community has helped to keep it afloat. Over 75 local businesses and individuals contributed door prizes and hole sponsorships for the 1993 Golf Shootout.

Highlight of this year's tourney was the head-to-head battle between foursomes led by Sheriff "Bang Bang" Wille and WPBF-TV news anchor Reg "Boom Boom" Miller. Although the Boom Booms won this year, the Bang Bangs hold a 2-1 lead in the four-year-old feud. The foursomes battled to a draw in 1991.

Top executives graduate from Executive Institute

TALLAHASSEE — Two Sheriffs, a former Sheriff, and two Sheriff's Office executives were in the class that was graduated from the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute at Wakulla Springs Conference Center, September 22.

They are: Washington County Sheriff Danny Hasty; Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson; State Attorney Lawson Lamar, former Sheriff of Orange County (Orlando); Raymond A. Miley, Undersheriff, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; and Maj. Gary G. Terry, Commander, Jail Division I, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

A total of 111 graduates representing top leadership in law enforcement and corrections have completed customized training since 1990. During that year the Institute was established within the state university system by the Florida Legislature. It offers an innovative, multifaceted approach to the education and training of criminal justice executives.



SHERIFF HASTY

Dr. James D. Sewell, Director of the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute, presents Certificates of Achievement to Sheriffs Danny Hasty and Cal Henderson.



SHERIFF HENDERSON

The curriculum seeks to identify trends and events that will challenge law enforcement and corrections professionals during the coming "turn of the century."

Five awards presented by explorers' association

Four individuals and the Florida Sheriffs Association have received Distinguished Service Awards from the Florida Sheriffs' Explorer Association (FSEA), a statewide organization that has been coordinating the activities of law enforcement explorer posts sponsored by Sheriffs since 1979.

Three of the individuals who received special recognition are adults who have served as explorer post advisers for over 10 years. They are Detective Harold Sicks, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office; Deputy Ray McGrogan, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office; and Detective Sergeant Steve Haller, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

An award was also presented to State Representative Tim Ireland, of Fort Myers, after he presented the keynote address at the annual conference of FSEA in Lee County.

The Distinguished Service Award presented to the Sheriffs Association expressed appreciation for services and benefits provided by FSEA during the 14 years that have elapsed since FSEA was founded by FSA. Columbia County Sheriff Tom Tramel, President of FSA, recently accepted the award from Leon County Sheriff's Office Deputy James Meeks, who is Chairman of the advisers group for FSEA.

One of the benefits FSEA receives from FSA in an



Florida Sheriffs Association President Tom Tramel (right) accepts a Distinguished Service Award which was given to FSA by the Florida Sheriffs Explorer Association. The award was presented by Leon County Deputy Sheriff James Meeks, who is chairman of the advisers group for the Explorers Association.

annual college scholarship. The 1993 scholarship was awarded to Explorer Jason Levy, from Alachua County. He was chosen from a group of applicants and is currently taking minimum standards training as the first step in his proposed law enforcement career.

As a former Explorer seeking to enter law enforcement full-time, he has over 207 role models to emulate. All of them are former Explorers currently employed in the criminal justice system.

GA/FLA Sheriffs focus on seat belt safety

Labor Day was also "buckle up day" when Florida and Georgia Sheriffs joined "hands across the border" with municipal police and highway patrol officials to emphasize seat belt safety during the holiday weekend. This photo was taken at an Interstate 95 strategy session attended by four Florida Sheriffs and their Southeast Georgia counterparts. The Florida Sheriffs are (starting at third from left) Ray Geiger, Nassau County; Neil Perry, St. Johns; Jim McMillan, Duval; and (at the far right) Murray Richardson, Baker. A similar strategy session was held at the Interstate 75 border crossing.



Association employee retires after setting tenure record

TALLAHASSEE — Mrs. Louise Metcalf was hired by the Florida Sheriffs Association in 1962 as a temporary employee, but she soon became a permanent employee, and remained on the staff for 31 and one-half years. When she retired on October 30, 1993, she was able to claim an all-time record for tenure.

During a retirement luncheon on October 29, Gary Perkins, Deputy Executive Director of the Association, presented an appreciation plaque and a cash bonus to Mrs. Metcalf. He also praised her for her faithful, dependable and dedicated service.

Former Executive Director Carl Stauffer, who hired Mrs. Metcalf in 1962, said he had been unable to promise her any job security at the time because the Association was "struggling to keep its show on the road," and was trying at the same time to raise funds for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch which had been founded less than five years earlier.

Fortunately the Association survived and eventually grew from a staff of four people in a small rented office to the present staff of 18 full-time employees in an attractive office building owned by the Association.

The Boys Ranch prospered too, he said, and evolved into the present Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., with its statewide network of child care programs and services.

Stauffer told Mrs. Metcalf that she had played a vital role in the amazing progress of the Association and Youth



Hugs and praise from Carl Stauffer (left) and Gary Perkins were Mrs. Louise Metcalf's reward for 31 and one-half years of devoted duty as a member of the Sheriffs Association staff. She also received a plaque praising her for faithful, dependable and dedicated service.

Ranches. He admitted she had frustrated him during the 16 years he was her supervisor because he had wanted to exercise his skills as a boss and he had never found anything for which to criticize her.

"You will be very difficult to replace," he told her, and his sentiments were echoed by two guests of honor, Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver, and Youth Ranches Founder Ed Blackburn, former Sheriff of Hillsborough County.

Mrs. Metcalf's sister, Mrs. Jane Grimes, was unable to attend the retirement party due to illness. She retired in 1986 after serving 26 years on the Association staff — a record at that time.

Large crowd witnessed deputy's life-saving action at football game

PALATKA — The crowd's attention suddenly shifted to the sidelines during an Interlachen High School football game when Interlachen Head Coach Dwayne Cox collapsed with a heart attack.

Fortunately, Putnam County Deputy Sheriff Jon Kinney was there on security duty and knew what to do. He gave Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation to the stricken coach and averted a tragedy.

"Coach Cox is alive today and recuperating at home due to Deputy Kinney's quick response," Sheriff Taylor Douglas reported recently after presenting a life saving medal and plaque to Kinney. He said Kinney also received special recognition from the Putnam County School Board.

When Deputy Kinney accepted the Sheriff's Office



Accompanied by his wife, Martha, who is a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper, Deputy Sheriff Jon Kinney (center) accepts a life saving award from Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas.

award he was accompanied by his wife, Martha, who is a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper.

Sheriffs Association supporters who care . . .

Progressive business firms have always been major supporters of strong law enforcement, but until recently they remained in the background like "silent partners." Now the Florida Sheriffs Association is giving them special recognition by enrolling them as Business Members. There are three categories of membership determined by the amount of annual

dues. Bronze members pay \$50 per year; Silver, \$250; and Gold, \$500. Each member receives a distinctive wall plaque, a plastic identification card, an office window decal, and a subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*. To apply for a Business Membership, please write to Florida Sheriffs Association, P. O. Box 12519, Tallahassee, FL 32317-2519; or call (904) 877-2165.



TALLAHASSEE — Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone (right) presents Gold Business Membership to Kevin Butler, representing Mail Master of Tallahassee.



JACKSONVILLE — Jacksonville Sheriff James E. McMillan (left) presents a Gold Business Membership to Mr. Mike Harvick, of Keefe Supply Company.



TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson (right) presents a Silver Business Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Scott Barnes, representing Harley-Davidson of Tampa.



TALLAHASSEE — Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone (right) presents Gold Business Membership to Walter E. Haley, representing Forms Management, Inc.



PENSACOLA — Escambia County Sheriff Jim Lowman (left) presents a Gold Business Membership to Kip Dye, representing Kar-Mart of Pensacola.



VERO BEACH — Indian River County Sheriff Gary C. Wheeler (right) presents a Silver Business Membership to Mr. Richard Philo, of Richard's Marine, Inc.



Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

Honor Roll

Roster of Lifetime Honorary Members

Home towns eliminated

To protect our Lifetime Honorary Members from receiving unwanted solicitations and junk mail, we have discontinued printing their home towns when we print their names.

We decided this was necessary after we learned that certain organizations of questionable legitimacy were adding our Lifetimers to their mailing lists. Obtaining a complete mailing address was relatively easy for them as long as they had the Lifetimers' home towns. Without the home towns, it will be extremely difficult.

We have never permitted other organizations to use our membership lists, and we will continue to do everything possible to protect the privacy of our members.

On these pages we give special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches who have qualified for Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving \$1,000 or more to the Youth Ranches. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*. Under a regulation which became effective in 1984, those whose gifts total over \$5,000 will receive additional gold stars on their plaques – one for \$5,000, two for \$10,000, and so on, up to a maximum of five stars for gifts totaling over \$25,000.

Presentations

We regret that photos of Lifetime Honorary Members are not always available when their names appear on the membership roster. Consequently, we often find it necessary to print the names in one issue of *The Sheriff's Star* and the photos in a subsequent issue.

New Lifetime Honorary Members

Mrs. Caroline C. Alleman
Alma Food Imports, Inc.
Alyce's Hallmark Shop
Bay County Sheriff's Office
Mrs. Dorothy E. Blum
Mr. and Mrs. Don Buller
Mr. David R. Callen
Mrs. Nellie S. Capece
Mr. Philip J. Carlton
Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Critchfield
Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Dunnam
Richard Easton, M.D.
Frances G. Easton, Ph.D.
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Felix, Jr.
Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch
Alumni Association
Miss Beatrice E. Fowler
Mr. T. W. Franklin
Mr. Peter Gerame
Mr. Melvin Goggins
Mr. Bob Gottschall
Ms. Dorothy L. Heckman
Mr. John S. Heer
Mr. Herb Helseth
Mr. Gordon Herttell
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hirst
Mr. Donald E. Hotchkiss
Ms. Helen G. Hummert
J & J Beefmasters



MR. MEZZAPELLE



MR. STUART

STUART — Presented by Martin County Sheriff Robert Crowder to Mr. Frank Mezzapelle, representing Van Dee Decorating Center; and Mr. Carl Stuart, representing VFW Post No. 4194.

Mr. Kenneth R. Jones	Sanders Ceramics	Mr. William L. Varn III
Mr. R. Boone Ketchum	Sarasota County Sheriff's Office	Veterans Home of Florida
Dr. and Mrs. Alan Klibanoff	K-9 Unit	Mr. Donald G. Villano
Mr. Joe Kraemer	Mrs. Ann Seery	Mrs. Barbara White
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lindahl	Mr. and Mrs. Neal Seiter	Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield P. Wilds
Loyal Order of Moose #1213	Mrs. Paul Sessions	Winn Dixie Store #603 –
Bartow Lodge	Mrs. Nancy Siapno	Clearwater
Loyal Order of Moose Lodge	Mrs. Jeanne Small	Mr. Arthur Winter
#2308	Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Sorger	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wolf
Mr. and Mrs. Val Lynn	Mrs. Harold S. Stark	Yankeetown Thrift Shop
Mrs. Diane Mayne	Stetson University	
Mr. Merrill McGlamery	Residential Life	
Dr. and Mrs. David Mitchell	Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Stewart	
Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan	Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stoutamire	
Mr. Kent Pershing	Mr. and Mrs. L. Kenneth Taylor	
Proctor & Gamble – Cincinnati	Team Edition Apparel	
Dr. Lawrence A. Ross	Mr. Luke L. Thompson, Jr.	

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .



OKEECHOBEE — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President Planned Giving Bob Haag to Ms. Yvonne Chapman.



SARASOTA — Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge to Mr. Frank Berlin.



EASTERLINGS

STUART — Presented by Sheriff Robert Crowder to Mr. Nick Easterling and family, of Stuart; and Mr. Grant Grand, of Palm City.



MR. GRAND



WEST PALM BEACH — Presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille to Mrs. Betty McGrath, of Jupiter.



PALATKA — Presented by Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas (right) to Mr. Bernard L. Smith.



KISSIMMEE — Presented by Osceola County Sheriff C. W. "Charlie" Croft (left) to Mr. George Barclay.



PENSACOLA — Presented by Escambia County Sheriff Jim Lowman (left) to Mr. Quentin McMullen.



LECANTO — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Stephen Feldstein to Mr. William J. Jennings.



MR. WHITELY

SAFETY HARBOR — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Mac Stones to Mr. Ray Whitely, representing Fairway Village Square Club; Youth Ranch/Safety Harbor Resident Director Joe Ballard; and Ms. Myrna Burnett, of Clearwater. (The Ballard membership was issued to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ballard.)



MR. BALLARD



MS. BURNETT



MRS. LECHNER



MRS. MALOY



MR. NELLIGAN



MR. OLIVER

CLEARWATER — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President Planned Giving Jean Newell to Mrs. B. J. Lechner (membership issued to Mr. and Mrs. Lechner); Mrs. Jeffrey G. Maloy (membership issued to Mr. and Mrs. Maloy); Mr. Gilbert Nelligan (membership issued to Mr. and Mrs. Nelligan); and Jerry Oliver, General Manager, Florida Suncoast Dome. (Recognition was given to Mr. Oliver for allowing the Youth Ranch/Safety Harbor to be the designated charity for a garage sale held at the Dome.)

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .



CAPE CORAL — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust (left) to Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Cornell.



TALLAHASSEE — Presented by Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver (left) to Mr. and Mrs. Hal McCord.



SARASOTA — Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge (left) to Mr. Shea Long and Mr. John Sutton. Mr. Long is the owner of Long Distributors, Bradenton.



CRYSTAL RIVER — Presented to Ms. Kathleen Lambert, Assistant Manager, Crystal River Opportunity Store, by (from left) Youth Ranches Regional Director Stephen Feldstein; President-in-Transition C. T. O'Donnell II; and President Harry K. Weaver.



BROOKSVILLE — Presented by Hernando County Sheriff Tom Mylander (second from left) and Youth Ranches Regional Director Stephen Feldstein (left) to LTC. and Mrs. Robert L. Hawkins.



YOUTH CAMP — A Lifetime Honorary Membership issued to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kritzmacher was presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge (right) to Mr. Kritzmacher. Sheriff Monge is Chairman of the Youth Ranches Board of Directors, and Mr. Kritzmacher is a Youth Ranches Regional Director.



BOYS RANCH — Presented by Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver (right) to Sheriff and Mrs. Geoff Monge, from Sarasota. Sheriff Monge is the Chairman of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Board of Directors. The presentation occurred when Sheriff and Mrs. Monge were attending a celebration marking the 36th anniversary of the Boys Ranch on October 1, 1993.



MRS. STEBBINS



MR. MOBLEY



MR. BROWN



MR. HALL



MR. PIRELLO

LIVE OAK — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President Planned Giving Linda Crews to Mr. Leo Mobley, of Mobley's Custom Cuts, McAlpin; Mr. Walter Brown, of Gordon Ford Tractor Co., Live Oak; Mr. Kenneth Hall, representing Suwannee Ford, Obrien; Mrs. Seth Stebbins, of McAlpin; and Mr. Al Pirello, of Madison.

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .



CHEANEYS



BALKES



MR. FOSTER

LARGO — Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cheaney; Col. and Mrs. Dale H. Balke; Mr. William Foster; Sgt. Robert Helmick (from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office); Mr. and Mrs. Robert James; Mrs. Vivian Simmons; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Willison; Mr. Douglas Saltarelli; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dennis; Ms. Alana MacBain, representing GFWC Clearwater Junior Woman's Club, Inc.; Ms. Jessie Saunders (left) and Ms. Betty Butler, representing Seminole United Methodist Church Thrift Shop.



SGT. HELMICK



MR. AND MRS. JAMES



MRS. SIMMONS



WILLISONS



MR. SALTARELLI



MR. AND MRS. DENNIS



MS. MACBAIN



MS. SAUNDERS AND MS. BUTLER



TALLAHASSEE — Presented by Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Canady.

Seminar gives Sheriffs pointers on avoiding unethical pitfalls

TALLAHASSEE — “The public doesn’t expect us to be perfect or infallible,” Sheriff Neil Perry told his fellow Sheriffs, “but they do expect that we use good judgment, that we are honest and fair, and that we do not forsake them for our personal gain.”

Perry, who has topped a 25-year law enforcement career by serving almost ten years as Sheriff of St. Johns County, was the keynote speaker at an ethics seminar sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association on October 27. His remarks were titled “Keeping the Tarnish off the Star.”

“We, as Sheriffs, must resolve to put the public good above private advantages for anyone, whether self, family, friends, political allies or special interest groups,” he said. “It is the only way we can maintain trust in the Office of Sheriff.”

Perry said that Sheriffs, as the highest profile officials in their counties, are “bright and shining targets for every crackpot, would-be lawman, bright-eyed investigative reporter, and political opponent.

“I am not here to give you a lesson in ethical behavior or good conduct,” he continued, “but I do want to point out some things that Sheriffs should consider to avoid pitfalls.” The pointers he offered included establishing written policies and procedures; implementing a documented accounting procedure for investigative funds as well as for supervising confidential informants and drug investigations; and establishing a hiring procedure that meets all state standards.

“Keep your sex life out of the Sheriff’s Office,” he added. “Don’t hide from the news media, and never, never say ‘no comment.’ Don’t fix tickets or tell a deputy to fix one. Don’t let your deputies work on your reelection campaigns or even contribute to your campaigns.”

In conclusion, Perry recalled an incident from the ancient Trojan wars. “Beware of new friends bearing gifts,” he said. “Remember how the Greeks brought a [gift] horse to the Trojans.”

Prior to Sheriff Perry’s speech, Florida Ethics Commission Chairperson Bonnie Williams discussed the disclosures required by Florida’s new gifts law. She also described procedures for handling ethics violation complaints filed with the Commission.



On October 27 Florida’s Sheriffs took time out from enforcing the law to make certain that they are obeying the law — Florida’s new law governing gifts to public officials.

Standards of conduct for public officials, as required by law, were outlined by Maury Kolchakian, General Counsel for the Sheriffs Association; and Mark Herron, the Association’s Counsel for Governmental Affairs.

Attorney Bill Powers, the Association’s Labor Relations Legal Counsel, gave an overview of the ethics complaint and hearing processes.

Ethics Seminar follow-up

As a follow-up to the Ethics Seminar held in Tallahassee on October 27, an Oversight Committee of Sheriffs is reviewing the policies and procedures of the Florida Sheriffs Association to make certain that they comply with the requirements of Florida’s new gifts law.

Appointed by Association President Tom Tramel, the committee includes Geoff Monge, Sarasota County, Chairman; Guy Tunnell, Bay County; Charlie Wells, Manatee County; Don Hunter, Collier County; Taylor Douglas, Putnam County; Howard Godwin, Highlands County; Eddie Boone, Leon County; Danny Hasty, Washington County; and Vernon Keen, DeSoto County.

The committee held its first meeting on October 28. It will submit recommendations for approval during the Annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Association, January 23-26, 1994.