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# 48<sup>th</sup> Recruit Academy Graduates



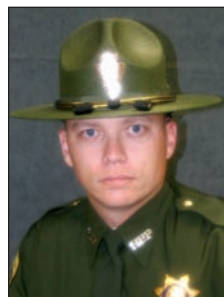
*Montana Highway Patrol 48th Recruit Academy graduation, November 13, 2008. First row (left to right): David J. DeLaittre and John K. Underwood; Second row: Aaron Freivalds, Terrance R. Melton, Daniel T. Arnold, Patrick J. Heaney, and James L. Humiston; Third row: James F. McNulty, Shad A. Andersen, Joshua J. Giddings, Joseph H. DeJong, and Todd A. Hagenbuch; Fourth row: Rainer P. Hoffman, Mathew H. Christensen, David A. Griffenberg, Robert K. Hooper, Chan A. Barry, and Patrick J. Herman; Fifth row: Captain Butch Huseby, Colonel Paul K. Grimstad, and Sgt. Gregory K. Watson.*

The Montana Highway Patrol badge has seven points, which symbolize the seven traits of a trooper: Character, Loyalty, Knowledge, Honor, Integrity, Courtesy, and Judgment.

Each trooper selected a special person or persons to pin on his badge.

### Shad A. Andersen

Shad chose his four children to pin on his badge: Jaycee, Shad, Kelton, and Bennan. He reports that all four are excited to have their Dad become a trooper and drive a Highway Patrol car.



He calls Charlo his hometown. His most memorable Academy event was hearing a knock on his door at 5:33 a.m. on his birthday. When he opened the door, there was a group of tone-deaf cadets and camp commanders singing "Happy Birthday" to him. Apparently, he had overslept and was late for PT.

His future goals include becoming an instructor, becoming more involved in crash investigation, and participating in the Montana Hope Project.

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### Montana Highway Patrol Swearing-in Ceremony November 13, 2008

Attended the 48<sup>th</sup> MHP Advanced Traffic Law Enforcement Course and the MLEA Basic 135 Course

#### Final Standing, with Initial Station Assignments

ID #	Badge	Trooper	Initial Station
1851	255	Rainer P. Hoffman	Plentywood
1852	300	Aaron Freivalds	Billings
1853	183	James L. Humiston	Seeley Lake
1854	163	Todd A. Hagenbuch	Columbus
1855	197	Patrick J. Herman	Plains
1856	316	John K. Underwood	Kalispel
1857	302	Chan A. Barry	Bridger
1858	312	Robert K. Hooper	Baker
1859	266	Mathew H. Christensen	Harlowton
1860	251	David A. Griffenberg	Columbus
1861	287	Terrance R. Melton	Shelby
1862	293	Shad A. Andersen	Polson
1863	256	Patrick J. Heaney	Stevensville
1864	270	Joseph H. DeJong	Stanford
1865	267	James F. McNulty	Havre
1866	286	Daniel T. Arnold	Conrad
1867	269	David J. DeLaittre	Chinook
1868	188	Joshua J. Giddings	Bozeman

Shad indicated he had always been interested in the Montana Highway Patrol, and he feels this will be a good career for him. Before joining the Patrol, he owned an excavation business for five years, where he also drove truck and operated heavy equipment.

He said he learned that there is more to being a trooper than he thought there was 18 weeks ago when he began the academy.

Shad thanks the following: his wife, Tricia, for supporting him and his decision to become a State Trooper.; the Highway Patrol for giving him a vacation from his family; Bob and Sharon Rosenbaum, his in-laws, for letting him use their Cadillac to drive back and forth to the Academy.

Polson will be his initial station assignment, and he is MHP 293.

#### Daniel T. Arnold

Daniel's wife, Ashley, daughter, Hailie, and son, Braydin,

pinned on his badge. He chose them because they are his greatest inspiration to keep striving to better himself.

Great Falls is Daniel's hometown. Prior to joining the Patrol, he was a maintenance worker in an office building. He enjoys helping people and feels he will be able to do just that in his career with the Patrol.

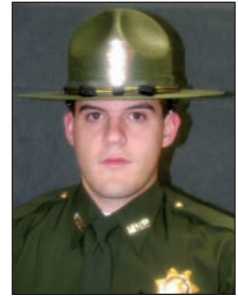
Daniel reports the class schedule was well prepared. He indicates he was provided with training that will greatly aid him as he starts his career with the Patrol.

He would like to thank the following: his wife, Ashley, for running the house single-handedly during his time at the Academy and for all of her support during the training; Hailie and Braydin, his children, for being his inspiration and determination factor.

Daniel would like to continue in the crash investigation education and is also interested in becoming a Police Vehicle Operations Course instructor.

He claims the bull ring made a lasting impression on him, and the OC pepper spray day will also never be forgotten.

Daniel is MHP 286, and Conrad will be his new home.



#### Chan A. Barry



Steve Barry had the honor of pinning on his son's badge. Chan selected his Dad because his Dad has lots of practice pinning on a badge, and Chan apparently felt he was less likely to stab him.

Chan wanted to work for a professional organization and that is why he chose the Patrol. He also reports that his Dad said he needed to get a job.

Helena is his hometown, and prior to joining the Patrol, he lived and worked in Williamtown, Australia. He designed mission scenarios for the Wedgetail Operational Mission Simulator for the Royal Australian Air Force at Raaf Base.

His future Patrol interests include completing the FTO program, being successful during probation, and eventually becoming a firearms instructor.

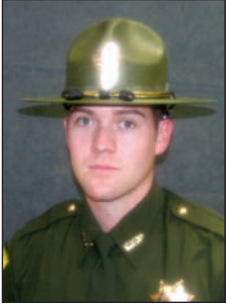
Chan's most memorable Academy event was riding along with Cadet Robert Hooper during the PVOC night pursuit. Chan lost track of how many circles they made with Trooper Adorni chasing them.

Chan would like to thank: his Mom and Dad, Steve and Laura Barry, for their support, advice, and cheap rent; his brother Chris, sisters Tammy and Casey, and their spouses for keeping him grounded; his grandparents, Bev Lutkie and Chan and Joyce Cooper; his nieces Bree, Tori, and Cate for making him laugh.

Bridger will be his new home, and Chan is MHP 302.

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### Mathew H. Christensen



Mathew chose his wife, Allissa, and little boy, Zacharia, to pin on his badge, because they mean more to him than anyone in the whole world.

Mathew came to the Patrol from Primerica Financial Services. He chose the Patrol because he felt it was a career he can grow into and that it will challenge him. He also enjoys assisting people and knows that he will have that

opportunity often with the Patrol.

He would like to thank the following who have influenced him for the better: his lovely wife, Allissa; his best little buddy, his son Zacharia; his parents, Chris and Michele Christensen; his mother- and father-in-law, Chris Lamoreaux and Greg Lamoreaux; his brothers and sisters; the Camp Commanders and all the people that helped the class make it.

Mathew says he learned a ton in the Academy. The classes were great and loaded with information, and he gives a special thanks to all the instructors. In the future, he would like to extend his knowledge of crash investigation and also become a drug recognition expert. He hopes to be a well rounded trooper and eventually help train and assist his fellow troopers.

As far as memorable events, he says what happens at the Academy stays at the Academy. A favorite quote by Neil L. Andersen is, "You don't know everything, but you know enough."

Mathew's hometown is Townsend, and he will be calling Harlowton his new home. He is the new MHP 266.

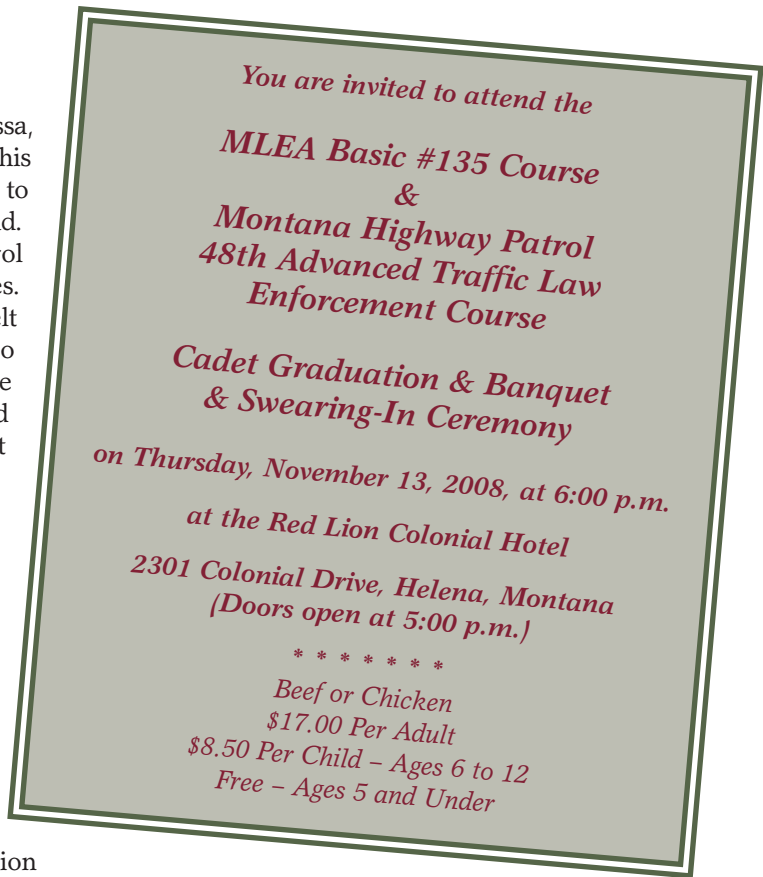
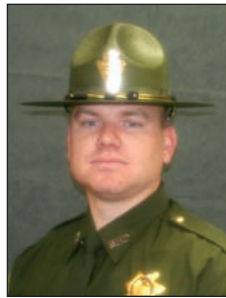
### Joseph H. DeJong

Joe selected his son, Easton, and his wonderful wife, Darci, to pin on his badge. He reported they are the reason he wanted to become a trooper. He had his loving family pin on his badge because he had to leave them for 18 weeks, which is something they will never forget.

Joe chose the Patrol because he wanted a job that would keep him on his toes and to have the opportunity to always learn new things.

Joe's hometown is Hobson. Prior to joining the Patrol, he was a wild land firefighter for Bureau of Land Management in Lewistown, where he was a senior firefighter for seven years and an engine captain for the last five years.

He reported that all the classes rocked! Well, not all of them, he later said. Death by power point was very typical, but very important. The classes outside the classroom walls were the best and usually the most fun.



He would like to thank all the training officers at the MLEA and Mrs. Erin Inman for the great job they did. He would also like to thank the Camp Commanders and Sgt. Watson for getting the class to this point. Also, thanks to all the other troopers and sergeants that helped with the class; they made it really fun.

Some of the most memorable academy events include the firearms and PVOC classes that were awesome. The bull ring was fun and tiring, and the softball games were very fun.

In the future, Joe would like to attend Desert Snow training and become proficient at crash investigation, DUI enforcement, and regular Patrol duties. He'd like to some day be a Camp Commander and instructor in one of the many awesome courses he had.

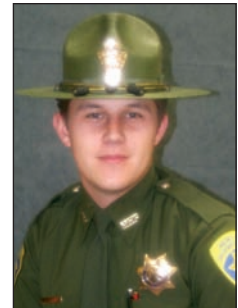
Joe's thought for the class: Just keep doing what you are doing, and keep the train on the tracks.

Stanford will be Joe's initial station assignment. He is MHP 270.

### David J. DeLaitre

David's dad, Dennis LeLaitre, pinned on his son's badge. David wanted him to have the honor because he looks up to his Dad.

Three Forks is David's hometown. Prior to joining the Patrol, he was a mechanic at Tour American RV. He chose the Patrol because he wanted to work for the most respect-



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### 48<sup>th</sup> Class Awards

#### Don Williams Award

The Don Williams Award is given to the person elected by his fellow students as their class representative. This award is given in memory of Don Williams, a Sanders County Deputy Sheriff who was killed in the line of duty.

The class representative for the Basic Law Enforcement 135 Course was *John K. Underwood*.

#### Most Outstanding Health and Physical Fitness Award

The Most Outstanding Health and Physical Fitness Award is earned by the student in each class with the highest achievement overall on a battery of physical fitness tests. This award is presented on behalf of the Montana Peace Officers Standards and Training Council. This achievement is measured by point scores.

The most Outstanding Health and Physical Fitness Award for the Basic Law Enforcement 135 Course was awarded to *Aaron Freivalds*.

#### Allen Kimery Outstanding Shooter Award

The Allen Kimery Outstanding Shooter Award is presented to the student in each Basic Class who displayed excellence in marksmanship, safety, and tactical proficiency. Allen Kimery was a Missoula County Deputy Sheriff who was killed in the line of duty.

The Kimery Outstanding Shooter Award for the Basic Law Enforcement 135 Course was presented to *Chan A. Barry*.

#### Josh Rutherford Award for Excellent—Best Performance in Defensive Tactics

In each Basic training class, an award is given for the

best performance in defensive tactics as determined by the Academy staff and instructors.

The Josh Rutherford Award for Excellence in Defensive Tactics is given in honor of Josh Rutherford. Josh was a Blaine County Deputy Sheriff and MLEA Senior Defensive Tactics instructor, who was killed in the line of duty serving his community.

The Award for Best Performance in Defensive Tactics for the Basic Law Enforcement 135 Course was earned by *Robert K. Hooper*.

#### Jimmy Kaaro Academic Achievement Award

The Jimmy Kaaro Academic Achievement Award is presented to a selected student in each Basic Class in the memory of Jimmy Kaaro, the retired sheriff of Fergus County. It is given to the person who has displayed outstanding scholastic achievement, including the ability to demonstrate skills and knowledge learned during the twelve weeks of Basic training.

The academic achievement award for the Basic Law Enforcement 135 Course was presented to *Aaron Freivalds*.

#### Glenn Janes Memorial Award

The Glenn Janes Memorial Award is presented to the student in each Basic Class in memory of Glenn Janes, Montana Highway Patrol. It is given to the student who has displayed excellence in Police Vehicles Operations training.

Glenn Janes, a Montana Highway Patrol Trooper, was a lead Vehicle Operations instructor at the MLEA until he was lost from the law enforcement community. This award is given in his memory.

The PVOC Award for the Basic Law Enforcement 135 Course was presented to *Joshua J. Giddings*.

ed law enforcement agency in Montana.

David would like to successfully complete FTO and probation and get a good feel for the job's responsibilities.

His most memorable academy event is Cadet Shad Andersen and his comedy.

David would like to thank his parents, Dennis and Nancy, for raising him right and always being there for advice and support; his two little sisters, Rebecca and Hannah, for their support; all of the administration and training officers for the time and efforts in making this possible.

David is the new MHP 269, and he will be stationed in Chinook.

#### Aaron Freivalds

Aaron gave the honor of pinning on his badge to his son, Kegen, and his wife, Kristina. They were selected because

they ultimately were the ones that started him down the path to the Patrol.

Billings is Aaron's hometown, and before joining the Patrol, he had been an iron worker. Because he loves to drive and because he had only heard good things about the Patrol, he wanted to join the Patrol.

With regard to the academy training, he reported the training was the best he had ever attended. His most memorable event was the sensation of being sprayed with pepper spray during the OC class.

In the future, he hopes to obtain his pilot's license. He also hopes to attend many advanced training courses to help make him a highly-trained and well-rounded trooper.



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### Alex F. Mavity Outstanding Student Award

The Alex F. Mavity Outstanding Student Award is presented to the student who achieves the highest accumulated score in all evaluated performance areas: fitness, academics, firearms, defensive tactics, scenario-based training, and performance evaluations.

Alex Mavity, a detective with the Billings Police Department, was killed in the line of duty. This award is given in his memory.

The outstanding student for the Basic Law Enforcement 135 Course was *Aaron Freivalds*.

### Paul Williams Class Inspiration Award

The Paul Williams Class Inspiration Award is presented to the student who inspired the staff, students, and instructors with his dedication and effort while attending the Basic Course.

This award is given in honor and memory of Sheriff Paul Williams, an inspirational Montana law enforcement officer. In Fort Benton, there is a plaque that honors Sheriff Williams which reads: "Service above all else, except honor."

The Basic Law Enforcement 135 Course Inspirational Student was *James F. McNulty*.

### Joe May—Leadership Award

The Leadership Award is named in honor of Joe May. Joe May, the assistant public service director for what was, then, known as the Montana State College, was one of the most important supporters of the newly-established Montana Law Enforcement Academy.

This award goes to the student in each Basic Class who has achieved excellence through a personal display of leadership and motivational skills.

The Leadership Award for the Basic Law Enforcement 135 Course was presented to *Todd A. Hagenbuch*.

### Jack Wiseman Outstanding Officer Award

The Jack Wiseman Outstanding Officer Award is named in honor of the former Academy Commander. Mr. Wiseman offered over 22 years of the outstanding leadership to the graduates of the Montana Law Enforcement Academy.

This prestigious award goes to the student in each Basic class who is selected by the students as the most outstanding officer in their class.

The student selected must display exceptional professionalism by demonstrating an exemplary attitude and outstanding achievement in leadership, academics, health and fitness, and survival skills.

The Montana Law Enforcement Academy is proud to honor the recipient of the Jack Wiseman Outstanding Student Award.

For the Basic Law Enforcement 135 Course, the award was presented to *Chan A. Barry*.

### Hal Vogelsang Fidelity Award

The Hal Vogelsang Fidelity Award is named in honor of retired FBI Special Agent Hal Vogelsang. Mr. Vogelsang served honorably as an FBI Special Agent for 36 years, much of this time in Montana. Mr. Vogelsang served for over 25 years as an MLEA adjunct instructor and is a past member of the Montana Law Enforcement Academy Advisory Council and the Montana Law Enforcement Academy Foundation. The recipient of this award is selected by the staff and presented to the officer of each class who demonstrates through actions and deed the overall qualities of honor, pride, integrity, duty, loyalty and service, not only to the profession but to the class and staff.

The Montana Law Enforcement Academy is proud to honor the recipient of the Hal Vogelsang Fidelity Award.

For the Basic Law Enforcement 135 Course, the award was presented to *John K. Underwood*.

Aaron would like to thank Kristina, his wife, for all her support and help as he starts this career; Kegen and Mia, his children, for giving him the drive to always do his best; Peter and Johana, his parents, for giving him the skills to walk down the road of life.

Billings will be Aaron's station, and he is the new MHP 300.

### Joshua J. Giddings

Jim Bowen had the privilege of pinning on his son's badge.

Josh's hometown is Muskegon, Michigan. He had been a journeyman pipe welder before joining the Patrol.

He chose the Patrol because he wanted to be a part of an organization that helps its employees excel in areas in which they are interested.

Josh indicates the training he had will help him



tremendously in the field. He would like to distinguish himself as a good trooper and a good friend.

With regard to memorable academy events, he said there are just too many to pick only one. He reports there is nothing he would trade for the experience and opportunities in the years to come as a Highway Patrol Trooper.

He would like to extend his thanks to his parents, Jim and Kara Bowen for their love and support throughout his life; his grandparents, Bernie and Lee Lapointe, for their guidance and support; his future in-laws, John and Joan Steward, for their support and encouragement; his fiancée, Katie, for helping him become the person he is today.

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Josh is MHP 188, and Bozeman is his initial station assignment.

### David A. Griffenberg

David selected Molly Kathleen Edgar, his fiancée, to pin on his badge, because she will have to endure all of the hard times that he will go through in his life.

David's hometown is Helena, and he chose the Patrol because he had previously worked in the Supply Section and had a first-hand opportunity to see everything the Patrol has to offer.

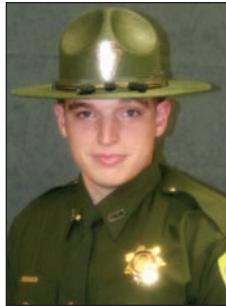
Before working in the Supply Section, he worked at Hastings in Helena.

David reports the Academy classes are a lot different from college because you get to apply what you learn in a hands-on environment.

He would like to focus on seat belt enforcement. His most memorable Academy event was firearms training because he had never shot a pistol before the Academy.

David would like to thank the following for their support and encouragement throughout this entire process: his fiancée, Molly; his father and mother, Bill and Ava; his brother, Chad; his previous supervisor, Sgt. Irwin; his sister, Kelli.

Columbus will be David's new home, and he is MHP 251.



### Patrick J. Heaney

Marty Heaney had the privilege of pinning on his son's badge. Pat reported that his parents, Marty and Kay, have always been there for him.

Anaconda is Pat's hometown, and he recently retired from the United States Air Force after serving 20 years. His last military position was in Security Forces.

He chose the Patrol because he wanted an interesting career and always wanted to be part of the Patrol.

Pat said the Academy classes and training were excellent. He said there were many memorable events, such as the time he was stabbed by Cadet Arnold.

He would like to focus on DUI enforcement and drug detection.

Pat would like to thank his family for their support.

He is the new MHP 256 and will be stationed in Stevensville.



### Patrick J. Herman

Patrick chose his Dad, Robert Herman, and his future son, Hayden Reyes, to pin on his badge. Patrick reported that his Dad was his backbone throughout this process, and Hayden will hopefully be excited and happy to have this honor as well.

Patrick chose the Patrol because he wanted a career that could help make a difference in the lives of other people. Prior to joining the Patrol, he worked in a plywood plant in Kalispell.

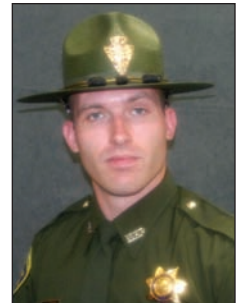
He said the overall curriculum was very informational and interesting; however, Patrick reports the firearms and PVOC classes were the best.

He had many memorable events: Attending Trooper Evan Schneider's funeral; All in a one-week time frame, he was sprayed with pepper spray, was beaten up in the bull ring, and ran seven miles.

He would like to be a well-rounded trooper and become proficient in DUI enforcement.

Patrick thanks the following: Robert and Mary Herman, his parents, for always standing behind him through this process; Miriah Reyes, his girlfriend, for being understanding and patient through his Academy experience; Hayden Reyes for being as understanding and patient as a four-year-old can be while Patrick was attending the Academy; the rest of his family for helping out whenever they could; the Camp Commanders and other recruits for making the time at the Academy entertaining and enjoyable.

Patrick will be stationed in Plains, and he is MHP 197.



### Todd A. Hagenbuch

Karleen Hagenbuch pinned on her husband's badge. Todd chose her for this honor because she gave her full support for him to pursue a lifelong dream of joining the Patrol.

Todd's hometown is Kunkletown, Pennsylvania. Prior to joining the Patrol, he was director of inventory management with Data Imaging Systems. Todd always wanted to be with a Highway Patrol since he graduated from high school.

He would like to increase his knowledge of crash investigations and commercial vehicles. He would also like to become an instructor in whatever area may become available or where he is needed.

Todd's most memorable academy event was the "bull ring" during defensive tactics.

He would like to thank his wife, Karleen, and his children Jake, Kate, and Ali for supporting him through this time and holding down the home front; the Camp Commanders for their time, sharing of experiences, and their support and encouragement through these past 18 weeks.

Columbus is Todd's station, and he is MHP 163.



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### Rainer P. Hoffman

Rainer chose his parents, Bob and Silvia, to pin on his badge because he said it was an honor they deserved.

Rainer most recently worked as an Officer for the Glendive Police Department. He lived many places while growing up, but he calls Shawano, Wisconsin, his hometown.

He said the Academy has been a great learning experience. Rainer would like to focus on drug interdiction in the future. He said the Patrol is a great agency to be a part of, and that's why he wanted to become a member of the Patrol.

He reported the curriculum was very good, and he feels very capable to begin field training.

Rainer would like to thank his parents, Bob and Silvia, for raising him right and teaching good morals and respect for others; his girlfriend, Jodie, for being supportive of him; his friend, Craig Hill, for pushing him to pursue a career in law enforcement in Montana.

His station will be Plentywood, and he is MHP 255.



### Robert K. Hooper

Robert gave the honor of pinning on his badge to his wife, Jacquelyn; son, Wyatt; daughter, Wylie; and mother, Carolyn Hooper.

Robert always wanted to become a law enforcement officer, and the more he learned about the Highway Patrol, the more he wanted to belong to the organization. Plus, "Trooper Hooper" sounds good!

He calls Butte his hometown. Prior to joining the Patrol, he was a Motor Carrier Services Officer for the Department of Transportation for three years at the Wibaux scale.

He reports that he enjoyed all of the materials taught, but some of his favorites included Police Vehicle Operations Course, firearms, and defensive tactics. In the future, he would like to become an instructor in those subjects. Robert also has an interest in furthering his education in various training such as drug and criminal interdiction, crash investigation, and child seat restraints.

Robert has a few memorable academy events: The bull ring where he kneed Sgt. Watson and head butted Sgt. Collins in the shoulder on numerous occasions; The brotherhood of law enforcement at Trooper Evan Schneider's funeral with the demonstration of unity at such a sad and tragic event.

He would like to thank the following: Jacquelyn, his beautiful wife; Wyatt, his son; Wylie, his daughter; Carolyn Hooper, his mother; the rest of his family and friends; his fellow recruits. Without the support of all of these people (especially his wife, children, and mother), it would have



been extremely difficult to make it here. He would also like to thank all the Camp Commanders, the MLEA staff, and other instructors.

Robert also shares that he wishes his father, Kenneth Hooper, could have been here to see him graduate. His father passed away in January of 1977, just six months before Robert's birth. His father was a police officer for the Butte-Silverbow Police Department.

Baker will be Robert's initial station assignment, and he is MHP 312.

### James L. Humiston

Jim chose Trooper Jeramy Rice to pin on his badge. Jim reported that Trooper Rice was living Jim's dream, and then Trooper Rice helped Jim make his dream become a reality.

Spokane, Washington, is Jim's hometown. Prior to joining the Patrol, he worked as a supervisor in Food Services at Benefis Healthcare in Great Falls.

He chose the Patrol because he wanted to work for the best law enforcement agency in the state. In the future, Jim would like to focus on general patrol duties and attend further crash investigation training.

His most memorable academy event was the "A" Team at the PVOC track, with special thanks to Cadet John Underwood and Trooper Larry Adorni for the endless laughs.

Jim extends special thanks to Captain Huseby, Sgt. Watson, and the Camp Commanders for all of their leadership; his parents, Beth Gilbert and Bob Humiston, and Gloria for being here.

Seeley Lake will be his new home, and Jim is MHP 183.



### James F. McNulty

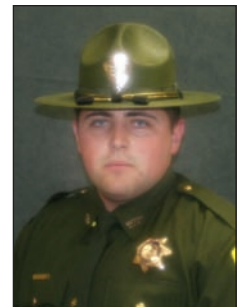
Because Jessica, Jim's fiancée, helped him earn the badge, she had the privilege of pinning on his badge.

Columbia Falls is his hometown, and most recently he was a United States Navy Corpsman with the Marine Corps Security Forces Training Company in Chesapeake, Virginia.

He reported the overall training he received in the last 18 weeks was exceptional. He really enjoyed the training in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, crash investigation, PVOC, as well as MCA Codes.

Jim chose the Patrol because every Montana Highway Patrol trooper he has ever seen has always carried themselves professionally and with a sharp appearance, which earned his respect. He felt this career would match his lifestyle. He also wanted to come home to Montana and help his fellow Montanans after serving his country.

In the next three years, he wants to learn as much as he pos-



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sibly can on the road and receive further training in crash investigation and become a part of the Special Events Support Unit.

Jim will always remember calling cadence on the formation runs. In addition, he remembers the way his classmates could experience something not-so-great and flip it so that they pulled the good from it or at least some laughs.

His hope is that the Highway Patrol continues its strict hiring process. He knows for a fact that he can rely on any of the men from the MLEA Basic 135 and MHP 48th Academy in his time of need.

Special thanks go to Jessica, his fiancée, and their daughter, Laicey, who have supported him and tolerated all his time away from home; his family for all the encouragement they have given to him all of his life.

Jim is MHP 267, and his station is Havre.

### Terrance R. Melton

The honor of pinning on Terrance's badge went to Terri Weasel Tail, his girlfriend, and his son, Terrance Melton.

Browning is his hometown, and prior to joining the Patrol, Terrance worked for Blackfeet Housing as a Grants Compliance Officer. He joined the Patrol because it has always been his dream to be a trooper.

He thought all of the classes have been very useful and informative. Terrance's most memorable time at the Academy was the time he fell asleep during his lunch break in the Cottonwood day room and woke up covered in newspaper.

Over the next three years, he would like to become more familiar with the general patrol duties and DUI enforcement.

He would like to thank Terri WeaselTail, his girlfriend, for all of her support; his family for their support.

Terrance is MHP 287 and will be stationed in Shelby.

### John K. Underwood

John chose his wife, Shea, to pin on his badge. John reported she had sacrificed so much to help him realize his dream. She

earned the spotlight and recognition as much as he had and that she had truly been a "trooper" throughout the process.

Prior to joining the Patrol, John was the facility manager at the Christian Center Church in Kalispell. He chose a career with the Patrol because we all drive the same roads, and he wants to do his part to help make those roads safer for all of us through education and enforcement.

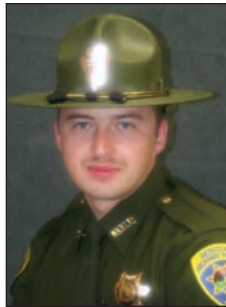
Some of the most influential classes for him, besides PVOC and firearms, were the live scenarios, because they helped him think and put into practical use the laws and techniques he learned.

He earned the nickname "Captain Hook" due to the unfortunate turn of events with a broken hand and the use of crutches due to injuries during training. He enjoyed the laughter and friendly banter between the cadets. Sometimes they laughed so hard they had tears in their eyes.

In the next three years, he wants to be proficiently trained in all aspects of his career with the Patrol. He wants to take his knowledge and share it with school-aged children to help inform them about the pleasure and dangers that surround the freedom that comes with the responsibility of driving Montana's roadways. John hopes to influence the lives of the upcoming generations to be more responsible drivers to keep the roads safer for all of us.

Special thanks go to his family because they have been very encouraging and supportive over the years in his pursuit of a law enforcement career. No one person personifies that more than his wife. John says she has been there through the blood, sweat, and tears in his relentless pursuit and eventual appointment with the Patrol; his Camp Commanders, instructors, fellow troopers, and commanding officers who have sacrificed so much of their time, energy, resources, and hope into this organization for each of the graduates, the next generation of Montana Highway Patrol troopers.

John's initial station assignment is Kalispell, and he is MHP 316.



# SEATBELTS

## Everybody's Wearing Them