

Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association Meeting

November 8, at 5:00 p.m. – Fourth Quarter Business Meeting

Aladdin Shrine Center

Grove City, Ohio

Meeting called to order by President Bob Booker at 5:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by Vice President Dale LaRue

Roll call of board & district representatives by Secretary Lydia Frey, 12 elected officers were in attendance. (President Bob Booker, 1st Vice President Dale LaRue, 2nd Vice President Ginny Fogt, Secretary Lydia Frey, Treasurer Brenda Collins, Past President Richard Collins, Colonel Charles Jones, District Representatives: Findlay, Pam Sullivan; Cleveland, Glenn Peterson, Warren, Lou Gliozzi, Cambridge, Dave Peters, Delmer Dunlap. There were 21 Association Members in attendance. (HPRS Operations Manager Tony Bradshaw also in attendance)

Executive Board Reports:

Minutes from 2025 3rd Quarter meeting

Motion to accept as written by Dale LaRue

Second by Pam Sullivan

Discussion none

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Collins (detailed report on last page)

Financial report given to the members present.

Motion to approve report as prepared by Charle Linek

Second by Ginny Fogt

Discussion none

Motion carried

Committee Reports:

Membership and Credentials: Butch Collins (Carried under new business)

No new members pending

Resolutions: None

Historical: None

Active Ranks Update: Colonel Charles Jones

Held remarks until after dinner

Colonel Jones thanked everyone for being here and recognized his wife Royel as being his biggest supporter. Colonel talked about the history of the patrol in his remarks.

177th class graduates next Friday and the 178th is at the Academy training.

Colonel Jones said recruitment is their top priority. They are finding new ways to connect. The Highway Patrol is partnering with local agencies in helping their communities. When communities call, OSP responds. Again, he thanked everyone for what they built and their life long commitment.

State Troopers of Ohio/ Membership & Credentials: Colonel Butch Collins and Tom Rice

Retired Colonel Rice thanked everyone for all that they have done and held remarks until after dinner. Prior to his remarks, he recognized Retired Colonel Butch and Brenda Collins for their dedication to the program. They oversee Trooper to Trooper, update the Facebook page, OSHP retirement website and much more. Captain Collins also, does the secretarial work for the STO program. They were presented with a beautiful clock which was engraved on the back.

STO has been around since 2021. Has been successful. Discussed step increases, \$5000 retention bonus and the dedicated funding source through the BMV registration and license plate fees.

Retirement System Update: Anthony Bradshaw and Darryl Anderson

Held remarks until after dinner

Anthony Bradshaw said Medicare enrollment was underway. The deadline to enroll is 12/07/25. Any questions, contact the Retirement System. Be aware of unsolicited phone calls and mailers.

COLA for 2026 – 2.7 %. Members will receive the increase on their anniversary date. Social security increase is 2.8% and it goes into effect January of 2026. Windfall provision taken away. Amount may look different if Medicare is taken out. Again, call if you have any questions.

Darryl Anderson – Strength - \$1 Billion. Pension is secure.

Discussed the 2.7% for the COLA.

Discussed Health Care and how the cost keeps going up. Premium also going up. He said to check on Medicare, Medigap and your prescription drug plan. Some drug plans are going away.

Special Orders and Announcements:

Ailing Members: Directed members to the website. Card circulated for Retired Lieutenant Ralph Ehrhart and his wife Judy. They were involved in a serious crash on State Route 4.

If anyone has other names to be added to the list, please let us know.

Executive Board Elections – No nominations from the floor. Five in current positions.

Vote from membership to have 5 remaining individuals keep current positions.

Motion to accept: Dick Fogt

Second by Colonel Jones

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

The swearing in of the executive board was held after the dinner.

Retired Major Booker was recognized as being the longest serving President by Sheldon Senek.

President Booker updated everyone on the Snowbird in March of 2026. Dates are March 6th and 7th, the meeting will be held at 10 AM with the luncheon to follow on March 7th, 2026. Same location as last year. Watch for updates on Trooper to Trooper. Room reservations are available now through the link.

Good of the Order:

Retired Colonel Butch Collins thanked everyone for coming to the 50th anniversary this evening. He mentioned the special OSHPR 50th Anniversary license plates at each of the tables. Everyone in attendance would receive one and they have extra if anyone in attendance tonight wants to purchase another for \$5.00 each. Colonel thanked Ginny Fogt for setting up the entertainment. The photographer (Shane) from OSP was also mentioned and reminded everyone to get their photo taken.

Colonel Collins talked about his travels across the state with his wife Retired Captain Brenda Collins. They recently traveled to Van Wert for the dedication of the late Lieutenant James Kirkendall. They will be attending the dedication at the Mansfield Post on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 9A for Captain Forrest “Frosty” Freeman. Frosty passed away in August of 2025 in South Carolina. His wishes were to have his granite stone with the Flying Wheel donated to the Mansfield Post. This monument was a symbol of his pride in the organization and was displayed at his homes in South Carolina. Frosty’s brother, Eddie, transported the stone and the concrete base from South Carolina to the post, per Frosty’s wishes. The stone has been placed and a plaque has been ordered as a remembrance to Frosty.

Colonel Collins also mentioned Retired Dispatcher Rebel Martin from Batavia was in attendance tonight. She is the daughter of the late Lieutenant K.O. Martin.

Motion to adjourn made by – Dave Peters
2nd – Brenda Collins

Motion Passed – Meeting Adjourned

Main	Checking Account (.05%)		\$	525.46
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	5.00
	Blue Max Savings (2%)		\$	35,630.95
	CD Total (3.80% to 4.75%)		\$	55,307.82
	*Anniversary Checking Account (.05%)		\$	619.57
	OSHPRA Regular Account Total	#3783 Total	\$	92,088.80
	OSHPRA Benevolent Account			
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	5.00
	Blue Max Savings (2%)		\$	3,536.49
	12 Month CD (3.8%)	5/5/2026	\$	6,983.38
	OSHPRA Benevolent Account Total	#5643 Total	\$	10,524.87
	O. W. Merrell Award Account			
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	1,552.83
	12 Month CD (3.8%)	5/13/2026	\$	4,745.78
	O. W. Merrell Award Account Total	#6708 Total	\$	6,298.61
	Chiaramonte Humanitarian Award Account			
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	839.25
	12 Month CD (3.8%)	5/13/2026	\$	4,745.78
	12 Month CD (3.8%)	5/13/2026	\$	1,189.68
	Chiaramonte Humanitarian Award Account Total	#6822 Total	\$	6,774.71
	GRAND TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS		\$	115,686.99
	*Anniversary Account is NOT part of regular monies	-\$ 619.57	\$	115,067.42

Report prepared with all statements through 10/31/2025
and all other available information through 11/5/2025.