

Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association Meeting

March 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. – First Quarter Business Meeting

Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

Orlando, Florida

Meeting called to order by President Bob Booker at 10:00 a.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: Warren: Lou Gliozzi, Cambridge: Dave Peters, Delmer Dunlap and Florida: Chris and Nestor Vincenty. There were an additional 14 Association Members in attendance. (HPRS Executive Director Carl Roark, Darryl Anderson and Tony Bradshaw were in attendance)

Executive Board Reports:

Minutes from 2025 4th Quarter meeting were available online

Motion to accept as written by Charles Linek

Second by Dale LaRue

Discussion none

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Collins

The Association has a total of \$118,741.06 in available funds. This amount stays fairly even throughout the year. Two of the accounts, OW Merrell Award (\$6,358.37) and the Chiamonte Humanitarian Award (\$6,849.31) provide solely for those two awards. A full report is attached on the last page of the minutes.

Motion to approve report as prepared by Dale LaRue

Second by Colonel Charles Jones

Discussion none

Motion carried

Committee Reports:

State Troopers of Ohio: Retired Colonel Butch Collins

Retired Colonel Rice sends his regards. The STO Board meeting was held last week. Building relationships with the General Assembly have been promising. Retired Colonel Rice trying to get indexing for troopers. Washington and California already have this in place. In discussion with Kevin Miller on this topic. The STO's 2026 focus will be assisting the HPRS with the legislative

changes needed to provide options needed to progress. Discussed possible changes with teachers' pension that could affect other pension systems.

Membership & Credentials: Retired Colonel Butch Collins

OSHPRA Membership is steady – Approximately 1,300 Members including surviving spouses. Emails are sent to individuals retiring. Discussed an article in Mansfield New Journal regarding pay for OSP Mansfield personnel. He thanked Colonel Jones for where we are at today.

Highway Patrol Retirement System Report - Carl Roark and Darryl Anderson

Held remarks until after dinner but did thank everyone for the work they have done.

Carl Roark – Luncheon Program

- a. Discussed COLA for 2026 – 2.7%
- b. The certified level is 3%. COLA is applied to the anniversary date of the retiree.
- c. Reminder - the Health Reimbursement Act (HRA) is for health-care costs. The board is looking at increasing HRA. Eligibility – Pre-Medicare – Two Years and Medicare – 4 years
- d. Investments did well
- e. Thanked Darryl Anderson and Tony Bradshaw for the work that they both do.

Darryl Anderson

- a. Pension is secure;
- b. Retirement investment is doing well;
- c. Retirees are living longer;
- d. 230 members over 80;
- e. 90 is considered the new 100!!
- f. 3 % COLA not going to happen every year – working to provide options, but will need legislative language changes for HPRS.
- g. HRA – Trying to get an increase as Carl mentioned in his comments.

Active Ranks Update: Colonel Charles Jones

Held remarks until after dinner.

- a. Colonel Jones thanked everyone for being here and recognized his wife, Royel, as being his biggest supporter. He appreciated the support from the Retirees' Association.
- b. Provided update on Lieutenant Geer from Bowling Green. A donor has been identified.
- c. Budget signed and will sustain the patrol for 7-8 years. A lot of support in legislation.
- d. Working with several law enforcement agencies across the state on enforcement
- e. operations.

- f. 2026 Initiative – ACT 2026 – Advancing, Collaboration and Traffic Safety will be the focus this year within the OSHP. Fatal’s down for 2025 – This is the 4th consecutive year for fatalities being down.
- g. Colonel Jones discussed the Top Trooper competition in September. Colonel Jones said the first event was held in Texas and we are hosting the 2nd year. Ohio already has 22 states participating. Trooper Sam Hammond placed 2nd in Texas. Internal tryouts will occur in the next couple of months. Dates of the event are September 20th to September 24th, 2026. Due to the event being held at different locations, it will be closed for spectators. They are looking at having the awards ceremony open to others. The event will be held in California for 2027.
- h. 250th Anniversary of United States. Service means strength is the title.
- i. State of the Patrol – March 27, 2026 at the Academy. A link will also be provided to watch it on the Ohio Channel. This will be posted on www.Troopertotrooper.com.
- j. Continuing with violent crime initiatives in the larger cities. (Cleveland, Cincinnati and Dayton)
- k. Continuing big push on recruitment. Everyone including retirees, are recruiters.
- l. 178th Class graduates in April, 2026
- m. 179th Class in the Academy, started on January 19, 2026,
- n. 180th Class starts April 20th.
- o. No less than three cadet classes a year, and no less than two basic classes a year – the Academy is a busy place!

Special Orders and Announcements:

Ailing Members: List of ailing members in the hospitality room. Retired member Keith Miller gave an update on retiree Steve Brode as he was taken by squad overnight to a nearby hospital. If anyone has other names to be added to the list, please let us know.

Mary Arend (Glioblastoma)	Pamela Sullivan (Multiple)
Rich Rucker (Pancreatitis & Heart)	Active Lt. Matt Geer (Kidney)
Patricia Ashbridge (Back surgery)	Lance Mathess (Back Surgery)
Mike Kurczewski (Back Issues)	Active Tpr. Gunner Combs (crash)
Ron Hoeft (Cancer)	Sarah Cox (Breast Cancer)
Craig Franklin (Cancer)	Dave Gillespie (Aphasia)
Ralph & Judy Ehrhart (Crash Nov)	Benny Mikes (Heart & Lung)
Larry Myers (Giant Cell Arteritis)	Tom Romaker (bladder cancer)
Benny Mikes (Heart & Lung)	Mark Stelzer (prostrate infection)
Steve Brode (Heart & Lungs)	

Current and New Business:

- a. A sponsorship of \$1000 from OSHPRRA for the Top Trooper Competition hosted by the Ohio State Highway Patrol was discussed. The OSP Auxiliary Foundation is raising money for the event. A motion to approve \$1000 – Jim Fleming. Second by Lou Gliozzi. Discussion none. Motion carried
- b. 2nd VP Ginny Fogt reminded the group of our Peace Officer Memorial ceremony coming up on May 8th. She will be sending out the list of grave sites of our officers lost in the line of duty and deceased superintendents needing maintenance.
- c. Cookout at the Academy and next business meeting -June 5, 2026
- d. The Sunbird will be held again at All Occasions in Waldo, Ohio on August 8, 2026.
- e. The annual meeting will be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Grove City on November 14, 2026. Catering will with the same vendor as last year.
This will be a luncheon rather than a dinner as in previous years
- f. Snowbird 2027 – Have looked at and passed on a couple of different venues. We will be looking at another location soon near The Villages. The current hotel has been good, and we will be getting a quote from them at the end of March. The Board will weigh the pros and cons of changing locations when all of the facts are in. If you have any ideas or new location, submit it to Executive Board. We do have a suggestion for recognizing specific Academy classed to further the appeal to newer retirees.
- g. Dale LaRue has the 50th Anniversary license plate on all of the vintage cruisers – thank you to Dale and his driving crew!

Motion to adjourn – Dave Peters

Second – Donnie Robbins

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

#3783	Checking Account (.05%)		\$	2,127.77	
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	5.00	
	Blue Max Savings (2%)		\$	16,070.84	
	CD Total (3.25% to 3.8%)		\$	76,695.99	
	*Anniversary Checking Account (.05%)		\$	619.68	
	OSHPRA Regular Account Total	#3783 Total	\$	95,519.28	
#5643 OSHPRA Benevolent Account					
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	5.00	
	Blue Max Savings (2%)		\$	3,557.75	
	12 Month CD (3.8%)	5/5/2026	\$	7,071.03	
	OSHPRA Benevolent Account Total	#5643 Total	\$	10,633.78	
#6708 O. W. Merrell Award Account					
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	1,553.03	
	12 Month CD (3.8%)	5/13/2026	\$	4,805.34	
	O. W. Merrell Award Account Total	#6708 Total	\$	6,358.37	
#6822 Chiaramonte Humanitarian Award Account					
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	839.36	
	12 Month CD (3.8%)	5/13/2026	\$	4,805.34	
	12 Month CD (3.8%)	5/13/2026	\$	1,204.61	
	Chiaramonte Humanitarian Award Account Total	#6822 Total	\$	6,849.31	
GRAND TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS				\$	119,360.74
*Anniversary Account is NOT part of regular monies			-\$	619.68	
				\$	118,741.06

Report prepared with all statements through 2/28/2026
and all other available information through 2/8/2026.