

“Remembering & Honoring Our Heroes

Who gave the Ultimate Sacrifice in December”

The Colonel C. W. Woodson Memorial Gallery located in the Virginia State Police Academy is dedicated to those members of the Virginia State Police and their predecessors, the inspectors of the Division of Motor Vehicles, who gave their lives in the preservation of law and order, and who, in so doing, lived and died in the best traditions of law enforcement's duty and service to mankind. The Woodson Memorial Gallery proudly displays the portraits of three Virginia Troopers - Trooper Gregory Patton Fleenor, EOW: 12/12/1996; Trooper Daniel Lee Williams, EOW: 12/12/1999; and Sergeant James LeRoy Biggs, EOW: 12/18/1984 - who lived their lives by this tradition and by the Trooper's Pledge down to the very letter and who in the month of December gave the ultimate sacrifice protecting and serving the citizens of our State and Country. We will always remember and honor them for how they lived and served.

God Bless our Heroes!



Trooper
Past Present and Future



Trooper Gregory Patton
Fleenor (EOW
12/12/1996)



Trooper Daniel Lee
Williams (EOW
12/12/1999)



Sergeant James LeRoy
Biggs (EOW 12/18/1984)

We will never forget...

Trooper Gregory Patton Fleenor - EOW December 12, 1996

Members of the Virginia State Police Family, Remembers and Honors the service of Trooper Gregory Patton Fleenor, who dedicated his life to serving and protecting his country, state and community, first as a soldier and then as a law enforcement officer. A native of Sullivan County, Tennessee, Gregory Fleenor was a graduate of Tennessee High School in Bristol, Tennessee and the College of Technical Careers at Southern Illinois University.

Gregory Fleenor served for seven years in the U.S. Marine Corps, winning a Certificate of Recognition for physical fitness, an Honor Certificate for highest scholastic average in Air Traffic Controller School, and numerous good conduct and meritorious service awards.

Gregory Fleenor was appointed a Virginia State Trooper in 1993, graduated from the Virginia State Police Academy in May of 1994 and was assigned to patrol Charles City County as his first assignment. In November of 1994, he transferred to Henrico and Hanover Counties where he continued to serve with distinction.

On Thursday, December 12, 1996, Trooper Fleenor was attempting to overtake a suspected drunk driver when he lost control of his patrol car and struck a tree. Trooper Fleenor was killed in the crash that happened on Route 1, near Route 641, two miles north of the Town of Ashland. He was survived by his 10-year-old daughter and his parents.

Trooper Gregory Fleenor served and protected the citizens of the Commonwealth with dedication and commitment for three years.

Thank you for your service! Rest in Peace Brother.

We will never forget...

Trooper Daniel Lee Williams - EOW December 12, 1999

Members of the Virginia State Police Family will always Remember and Honor the service of Trooper Daniel Williams. Trooper Williams dedicated his life to serving and protecting his country, state and community as a soldier and as a law enforcement officer. Originally from Front Royal, Virginia, he was a retired U.S. Marine Drill Sergeant who had served as a Virginia State Trooper for one year.

On Friday, December 10, 1999, Trooper Williams was working a sobriety checkpoint on River Road, near the intersection of High Hill Road and Cooks Road, in Cumberland County, Virginia. He was assisting deputies at the checkpoint when they noticed a vehicle turn off its lights and make a U-turn to avoid contact with law enforcement.

Trooper Williams tried to catch up with the vehicle. Minutes later, his patrol car overturned, struck a tree and became engulfed in flames. Trooper Williams who was critically injured was transported to a local hospital before being flown to a trauma center with third-degree burns over most of his body. Trooper Williams died two days after being critically injured.

Thank you for your service Trooper Daniel Lee Williams! Rest in Peace.

We will never forget...

Sergeant James LeRoy Biggs - EOW December 18, 1984

Members of the Virginia State Police Family, Remembers and Honors the service of Sergeant James LeRoy Biggs, who dedicated his life to serving and protecting the citizens of Virginia. Sergeant Biggs was shot and killed during a traffic stop at the I-64 rest stop in Alleghany County.

The driver of the car was a prison escapee who had embarked on a crime spree during November and December of 1984. The car was speeding and stolen. The killer was convicted of Sergeant Biggs' death and sentenced to life in prison.

Sergeant Biggs had served with the Virginia State Police for 18 years. In May 2004, the Virginia General Assembly voted to have two bridges on I-64 named in memory of Sergeant Biggs.

Thank you for your service Brother. Rest in Peace.

Trooper's Pledge



"Humbly recognizing the responsibilities entrusted to me as a member of the Department of State Police, an organization dedicated to the preservation of human life and property, I pledge myself to perform my duties honestly and faithfully to the best of my ability and without fear, favor or prejudice.

"I shall aid those in danger or distress, and shall strive always to make my State and Country a safer place in which to live.
I shall wage unceasing war against crime in all its forms, and shall consider no sacrifice too great in the performance of my duty.

I shall obey the laws of the United States of America and of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and shall support and defend their constitutions against all enemies whomsoever, foreign and domestic.
I shall always be loyal to and uphold the honor of my organization, my State and my Country."