JUST THINK OF ME AS...
YOUR BULLETPROOF VEST

By Jeff Rouvela, SLPOA Business Manager

Bullets are flying.
All the time...bullets are flying. And, more and more, they're flying at cops.

I'm not just referring to the literal hunks of lead that hurtle through the air etched with the name of an unsuspecting police officer. We all know — despite the incredulous denials of our enemies in the media, elected office and the "activist community" — that it is more dangerous than ever to be a cop. We've got the bagpipe bills to prove it.

I'm speaking more figuratively about the hunks of hatred; the slugs of slander; the projectiles of political attacks; the pellets of press criticisms; the wads of wild demands from so-called reformers, which have all become the ammo for the enemies of law enforcement officers in a war of words that endangers cops' livelihoods just as much as real bullets endanger your lives.

That's where I come in.

You have to have protection from these mounting character attacks you're exposed to more and more frequently as police officers. Someone has to take those bullets for you because they are deadly to your reputations, to your careers, to the very survival of the profession of law enforcement as we know it.

You can't effectively protect yourselves from those growing assaults on the police profession. Individual officers speaking out against these travesties would be picked-off one-by-one by the powerful forces that back cop-hating extremists. You are simply too long-term allies succumbed to political pressure and called for the Association to fire me, the law enforcement family.

It's a family I'm proud to be a part of.

There are a lot of people out there right now that don't want to see us stick together as a family. They especially don't want to see you protected by somebody who is an effective surrogate for the police family as a powerful collective. In the English language, we sometimes call a powerful collective, a union. The fact that you're unionized and that you have effective representation scares the bejesus out of your enemies. Black Lives Matter spin-off group "Campaign Zero" lists as its number one priority diluting or completely doing away with police unions and police union contracts. That's because they know, better than anyone, that it has been your union and your union representatives that have saved the hides of cops everywhere since Ferguson.

The media and our political enemies say they want you to have better representation — a more effective voice — as a police union. The Post-Dispatch even said so in an op-ed. Then the next day, they endorsed devout cop-hater and Ferguson protest leader, Antonio French, for mayor of St. Louis.

Does anyone really think your critics want you to have a more effective voice?

They don't want you to have a voice at all.

So your enemies hit me with every bullet they have in their arsenal and I end the day tattered and torn but...
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

#FIREEROODA?

There’s been some recent banter on social media followed by the Twitter hashtag of #fireerooda. It’s always interesting to me to see so many people infuriated by one man’s opinion. Freedom of speech and expression is one of the core values in our country. So much so that our forefathers embedded it in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. It is easy to tackle tough issues and to have real life conversations when everyone agrees. The true test of someone’s ability to listen, compromise and even change comes when you can do so with a person who has a point of view or opinion that differs from your own. I personally do not get involved in social media. I have found much better ways to spend my free time than engaging in a war of words on social media. However, as president of this organization, I certainly would not prohibit any employee from making personal statements, on a private account and on their own free time. I also do not believe an outsider should try to threaten or dictate to an organization who they should hire, fire, hire or employ.

The tremendous strain under which the police in this county operate is no secret, especially in this post- Ferguson era. We are under constant attack by a variety of groups for a variety of reasons. As a collective voice, we decide how to respond to those who would falsely and unfairly disparage us. That is not a decision that we will delegate nor will we allow anyone to dictate how or who responds.

SERGEANT PROMOTIONS

Chief Dolson recently made promotions from Police Officer to Sergeant. Many of our members have expressed concern to me about making these promotions while the number of police officers is still extremely low. The promotion lawsuit has not been resolved and there is not an injunction in place that prevents the promotions from being made. SLPOA still feels the process was not properly carried out and we will see the lawsuit through to its conclusion, win or lose, whenever that may be. That position does not mean the newly promoted sergeants are to blame. SLPOA would never betail someone for advocating for themselves and their family. All of the recently promoted are members of our organization and I congratulate them. It was never our intention to stand in the way of our members being promoted. I know most of the new sergeants personally and I am sure they are all deserving candidates. The message we received from the Chief’s office was there is a need and a shortage of sergeants in the districts. I don’t doubt that at all. However, the perception and reaction to promotions is always negative when there is a significant shortage of police on the street. It feels as if the districts are not a priority when, in reality, the districts are the most important piece to this department. Making promotions wherein the newly promoted person stays in their current assignment sends a bad message to the street officers, even when the need for them to stay is there.

CBA NEGOTIATIONS

Collective Bargaining negotiations are continuing for the successor agreement for Police Officers and the first agreement for Sergeants. The process is slow but we are making progress. We fully expect to reach an agreement in a timely manner and present the agreements to

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SLPVA UPDATE
By George Ratternmann

The St. Louis Police Veterans’ Association is very fortunate to have members who volunteer and whose work and help at the SLPVA’s Cook Outs and monthly meetings make them a success. We are also very fortunate to have members who work in the background invisible to most members and who do so with little recognition from their fellow members. At our February meeting we honored one of those behind the scenes volunteers, Jack Folluo.

JACK FOLLUO
Jack Folluo has delivered the SLPVA banner to funeral homes to honor members when they passed away. Jack has been quietly doing this important honor, delivering the SLPVA banner, to his fellow members for 17 years. He’s delivered the SLPVA banner in good weather and bad, on short notice, and often he had to re-arrange his personal schedule to accomplish the delivery.

Jack has devoted many hours over the last 17 years to the SLPVA and until last month his good work was hardly noticed. At our February 8th meeting Jack retired from delivering the SLPVA banner to members’ funerals. Jack’s good work on behalf of the SLPVA for the last 17 years was acclaimed by the members at the meeting. They voted to award Jack a Lifetime Membership in the SLPVA. The 91 members and officers present gave Jack a round of applause and standing ovation.

OTHER VOLUNTEERS
I also wish to mention that Joe Burgoon stepped forward and has been delivering the SLPVA banner to the funeral homes of deceased members who live north of I-64 for about 2 years and he also deserves recognition and appreciation for his good work. And to complete the circle, I want to acknowledge that George Weindel has volunteered to immediately succeed Jack Folluo as the I-64 south deliverer of the SLPVA banner. We appreciate George doing so.

MEETING DATES
April 12 @ SLPOA Hall
May 10 @ Lemay Park
June 14 @ SLPOA Hall
July 12 @ SLPOA Hall

April 12th, June 14th and July 12th are regular monthly meetings at the SLPOA Hall. May 10th is our Spring Cook Out in Lemay Park.

Minutes of the February 8, 2017 St. Louis Police Veterans’ Association
The 460th meeting of the St. Louis Police Veterans was called to order at 11:30. President George Ratternmann led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chris Zarbo read the opening prayer.

All officers were present.

President Ratternmann stated we received three applications for membership. David Ehson, Melvin Sheilds and Rick Hegney. A motion was made by Wil Grove, seconded by Herman Ubben to accept the applications. Motion passed by voice vote.

President Ratternmann acknowledged Jack Folluo for his 17 years of delivering flags to deceased members at the funeral homes. George Weindel will take over that position. A motion was made by Jim Wurm, seconded by Wil Grove to make Jack Folluo a life time member of the organization. Motion passed on a voice vote and Jack received a thunderous ovation from the members.

President Ratternmann introduced SLPOA Attorney Brian Milligan, who addressed the membership on the changes to the new MO state gun laws. After which, he answered questions from the membership.

Secretary’s Report: A motion was made by Herman Ubben, seconded by Ralph Harper to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed on voice vote.

Treasurer’s Report: A motion was made by Wil Grove, seconded by Ralph Harper to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Terry Shoemaker gave the monthly report. A motion was made by Wil Grove, seconded by Jim Wurm to accept the report subject to audit. Motion passed on a voice vote.

President Ratternmann stated the following non-members had passed away, Roy Kessler, Robert Porter and Jardee Carter.

Old Business: None

New Business: Herman Ubben again thanked the membership for their donation of soap for the needy. And, stated the SLPVA had donated over 4000 bars since donations were started.

President Ratternmann stated the SLPVA election will be in March for all positions. Anyone interested is welcome to run. They will take office on April 1st.

Tony Pona stated we had 91 members in attendance. Nine Prizes and 2 donated by Cathy Chapman were awarded.

A motion was made by Rich Chapman, seconded by Wil Grove to adjourn. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.

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I am writing this article from the National Conference of Legal Counsel for the Fraternal Order of Police. Like every other local or national union organization this organization is attempting to guess how the dramatic political changes which have swept the country will affect their membership. And like every other organization, they have absolutely no idea. The FOP seeks to define the issues so that it can respond and educate its members. This also requires gathering resources, both monetary and manpower, to stand behind the FOP. The ability to organize and rally support makes the FOP relevant.

The known issues of Right to Work, Paycheck Protection, Secret Balloting and the basic right to organize are being discussed at both the local and national levels. A collective bargaining agreement provides you a voice in the conditions of your employment. It provides pay, health benefits, retirement and it mandates that your employer must bargain with you in good faith. These agreements provide a grievance process and due process that provide judicial review of the agencies decisions. Beyond the inherent dangers you face on the street, the largest issues that you as police officers face are the concerted threats to collective bargaining. This is a political battle being fought at both the national and local level. These are matters directly affecting you and you have made yourself irrelevant to the fight.

You are not relevant if you do not participate in the political process. As public sector employees you have the ability to do what no other labor union can do: ELECT YOUR BOSS! Recently, Missouri passed a statute that provides protection for you if you engage in political activity. While you may not do so in uniform, privately you can involve yourself in any form of political activity that you see fit. Local elections are decided by a few hundred votes and you could provide the swing votes. A collective and organized approach to getting your members, their family and friends to vote is a powerful tool. More importantly, it would make you a recognized force in the political arena and, therefore, relevant. How can you justify inactivity?

On a local level, ask yourself whether there is a single candidate in the mayoral race that truly cares about police officers. Given the small numbers that vote in local elections, you and those you influence can be truly influential in a political race. The only way that any candidate will care about you is if you have demonstrated an ability to affect the outcome of the election. That ability makes you relevant.

So how do you accomplish that? SOCIAL MEDIA! If you have a Facebook page, you can post your concerns, opinions and recommendations to all of your Facebook friends. Ask them to share your recommendations. You have delivered a message to an exponentially growing number. Twitter is the same. The National FOP has decided that social media is the path to communication rather than print or broadcast media. Anyone who watched the November election would have to agree with this indisputable position. You can become relevant without leaving your home. I am not trying to discourage old fashioned activism. If you want to march, go to ward meetings and donate money then by all means do it. But, this alternative is a very effective and minimally intrusive approach.

You may not like politics but you have no choice. Historically, police have not been involved in a real voice in politics. Oh, every politician wants his photo taken with you during the campaign. But, they are not beholden to you because you don’t make them be so. Recently, a candidate promised to exempt police ad fire from ‘Right to Work’; that didn’t happen. A mayoral candidate who sought our endorsement didn’t feel like we were important enough to actually show up for the endorsement. That same candidate believes that they can refuse to bargain with you unless they can decide who your representatives must be. You are treated this way because you simply aren’t relevant. Of course, you can decide to change this.

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Those days when the bullets are hitting me from all sides make for tough days but, such is the life of a bulletproof vest.

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membership for review and ratification. We have spent a lot of time and effort to produce a solid agreement for both ranks. We have sought input from members and we are working hard to get as much included as possible. No agreement is perfect. Every negotiation is a give and take, but we hope to have a strong contract concluded in time for the next fiscal year.

LYDA KREWSON FOR MAYOR

I want to take a minute to remind and encourage all of our city residents to vote in the Mayoral Primary on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. After careful consideration, SLPOA has endorsed Lyda Krewson for Mayor. Remember, you must ask for a Democratic ballot in order to vote. This is probably the most important election for our organization in decades. Please take the time to vote!

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End of Watch: MARCH 31, 1907

Believing a police officer’s job was too risky for a widower with a small child, Probationary Police Officer Lemuel Boyce decided to resign from the police department just five months after joining the force. His resignation, approved by the Board of Police Commissioners, took effect on March 30, 1907. Unsure if he had to work one last shift before his resignation was official, Officer Boyce reported for duty at the Eighth District Station at 11:00 PM that night. To be certain that he was fulfilling his responsibility, he decided to stay on the job until his relief at 7:00 AM on March 31, 1907.

About 3:15 AM, a burglar broke into a saloon at 3201 Chouteau on the corner of Chouteau and Cardinal Avenue by stepping up on a beer barrel and climbing through a transom door over the door. He stole $2.00 from the cash register and was climbing back out the building when he woke the owner, William Rehm, who lived upstairs. Rehm fired four shots at the fleeing burglar from his second floor window.

These shots were heard by Officer E.J. Mackie who rushed toward the scene. Rehm showed the officer which direction the burglar ran while making his escape. As the officer began his pursuit, he heard three shots and saw from the flashes of a gun muzzle up ahead that two men were struggling on the corner and one had shot the other. Officer Mackie found the wounded man to be Officer Boyce, who also heard the shots and left his beat to investigate. Officer Boyce saw a man running in his direction and hid behind a telephone pole until the man reached the officer’s location. Officer Boyce then grabbed the man as he ran past and they began to struggle. The escaping burglar shot Officer Boyce three times, twice in the face and once in the chest. Officer Boyce, 32 years old, died on the way to the hospital. He was survived by his 15 month old baby daughter.

Police detectives searched for the burglar turned murderer, checking with witnesses, passersby, and vagrants in the area, with no success. About five months later, Chief of Detectives Major James Smith heard that one of the young men seen loitering in the vicinity of Cardinal Avenue on the night of the murder had been sent to the reformatory in Booneville, Missouri. That man, 17 year old Oscar Jackson, was arrested after a similar burglary just three weeks after the officer’s murder.

From the ongoing investigation, Major Smith became certain that Jackson killed Officer Boyce. He confronted Jackson’s mother who admitted that her son did not come home the night of the murder. She also gave the major several pawnshop tickets, one of which was for a revolver pawned on March 31, 1907. The gun and bullets were the same caliber as the murder weapon.

On September 1, 1907, Major Smith took Mrs. Jackson with him to the reformatory in Booneville where he insisted on speaking to Jackson immediately after they arrived at 2:00 AM. He placed Mrs. Jackson in an adjacent room, pulled down the window shade and then brought Jackson in.

Jackson, defiant and demanding to be allowed to go back to sleep, insisted he had nothing to do with Officer Boyce’s murder. He claimed to have been asleep in his bed all that night. Major Smith replied that he knew Jackson did not come home the night of Officer Boyce’s murder. He then raised the shade letting Jackson see his mother.

Major Smith showed Jackson the recovered revolver and moments later, Jackson confessed to the murder. He was returned to St. Louis where he pleaded guilty to Murder in the First Degree. He was sentenced to 99 years in the Missouri State Penitentiary. He died in the prison hospital on June 25, 1908.

*Biographical information extracted from In the Line of Duty: St. Louis Police Officers Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice—Second Edition by Barbara Miskivcek and Kristiana Carnaghi.

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Birth: September 24, 1943
Death: January 27, 2017

Mr. William J. Cram, DSN 6277, started his career on 10/24/1966 in the photo lab and rose to the rank of lead photographer with the St. Louis Police Department's Laboratory Division. Mr. Cram retired on 01/22/2003 having served 36.25 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department. He was an avid model aviation pilot and model train engineer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis Joseph and Mildred Mary (nee Paszinski) Crame; and a cousin, Paul Graves.

Surviving are his cousins, Brian (Nikki) Graves of Belleville, IL; Palty Graves Dixon of Orlando, FL; Roger (Donna) Graves of Worden, IL; and Scott Paszinski California; one aunt, Shirley Paszinski of California; and dear friends Donna Rabitt of St. Louis, MO; and Barb Healer of Belleville, IL.

ROBERT EARL PORTER

Birth: November 24, 1943
Death: January 29, 2017

Officer Robert E. Porter, DSN 7025, received his commission and entered the academy on 07/29/1968. After the academy he held the following assignments through out his career. They were the 47th, 77th, and the 8th Districts. Officer Porter retired on 03/20/1989 having served 20.64 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Officer Porter was also a veteran on the United States Army and served from 03/01/1965 to 03/01/1967 and achieved the rank of Army Specialist 4th Class. Officer Robert Porter is the father of Detective Sergeant Tonya Porter, DSN 7412 assigned to the Child Abuse Unit.

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But what is God’s will for a police officer? The answer is: many things. A police officer must enforce the law, and this includes the use of physical force. Various levels of physical force including lethal force against a suspect may be necessary and justifiable in order to protect oneself, other officers, or citizens from harm or injury.

Police officers do not leave roll call and “hit the streets” with the intention of injuring someone. Yes, they may joke about it or make a boasting prediction, “If I find this guy, I will bring great bodily discomfort to him.” But the reality is that the officer is doing his/her job of enforcing the law.

Part of enforcing the law is issuing summonses, traffic tickets, and parking tags. Nobody likes to receive one of these, and many officers do not like giving them. But in order to keep the peace, create a safe environment to live and work in, and to ensure the well-being of everyone, an officer must do his/her duty.

Still another example of police officers doing God’s will is the countless acts of kindness and of assisting citizens in need. Every day officers go out of their way to help people through difficult and stressful situations. And to put it even more simply, officers like being nice to people.

At one time of your life, you asked yourself two questions, “What do I want to do with my life? What career am I going to pursue?” After you completed your tests, interviews, etc., you entered the Police Academy. Whether you actually prayed about this decision or not is not the issue here. The bottom line is that you are doing God’s will.

God’s will for a police officer is being proud of the job that he/she does. When you officers put on your badge, and you know and understand what the badge symbolizes, that creates pride. When you officers answer calls, investigate and solve cases, and are responsible for your performance, these actions are also a source of pride. Knowing that most citizens look up to you officers and are thankful for the protection and service that you give to them, this is gratifying and makes you proud.

Shortly before the recruits graduate from the Police Academy, I speak to them and tell them that I admire them for becoming police officers. With all the negativity that is going on and all the attempts to discredit the SLMPD and its officers, they (the recruits) still want to do this job. And in this article, I include all of you veteran officers. You want to be police officers, and you want to do God’s will. This is commendable.

Where would our city, state, and country be without you? Your work at keeping the peace does not go unnoticed. You may feel unappreciated and unwanted at times, but the majority of the citizenry not only want to see you but need to see you on patrol on a daily basis.

When you graduated from the Police Academy, you took an oath saying that you would follow and uphold various guidelines, rules, and regulations. The last line of this oath stated, “So help me God.” In other words, you took an oath to do God’s will. Yes, God is smiling on you today and every day because you are doing God’s will.

As always, please know that the other chaplains and I support you and are praying for you. A chaplain is on call 24/7, and we can be reached through Communications, Real Time Crime Center, and the District Stations. May God bless you, your families, and your loved ones.

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And I heard the voice of God saying, “Whom shall I send, And who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me (Isaiah 6:8).”

Recently, I was talking to a recent graduate from my criminal justice program at North Technical High School about his career path as he prepares to leave for U.S. Air Force basic training. The young man, now a freshman at Saint Charles Community College, performed at the highest academic level for two straight years in our program and was awarded our prestigious “Top at Tech” award. Additionally, the young man really modeled what I like to see in young people regarding strength of character. He spent several years serving as a police explorer and is currently working in private security with the ultimate goal of joining the ranks of a Law Enforcement agency. I feel pretty good about where he’s headed in terms of doing everything possible to reach his goal. So it struck me as odd when he asked if I would speak to his mother due to her concerns about his wanting to be a police officer. I mean if anybody is clearly on the right path, this kid is. Still, I don’t think Law Enforcement is the first career choice of most parents for their children because of the inherent dangers and stressors associated with the profession. Based on this truth, Anthony’s mom is in good company. I totally understand why she’s afraid for her son. My own son is in college preparing to be an educator and my daughter wants to be a criminalist. Honestly, although I would be okay with it, I’m not upset that they have no desire to be police.

I think we can all agree based on what we know about the work, how important it is to feel called to law enforcement. My message to my children has always been for them to prayerfully pursue what feels right to them, not what feels right to me. Gods plan and purposes in accordance with his divine will for our children’s lives should always supersede what we desire for them on a personal level. This is extremely important to understand because God has designed each of us with a specific divine purpose in mind. Let’s consider Psalm 139:13-16 for a moment. It says “for you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.” I think I will have that talk with Anthony’s mom. My message to her is a simple one. “Ma’am God has posed the following question to your son.”Whom shall I send, and who will go for us”? Ma’am your son Anthony has answered very clearly. “Here I am...Send me!”

God is asking this question perpetually “who shall I send and who will go for me into the most volatile of situations, not knowing if they will return to their families? Who shall I send and who will go for me, knowing that at the end of some shifts, they will return to their families devastated, battered and broken? As we begin our tours of duty each day, the law enforcement community says collectively, “here I am... send me! This is what makes us police! Whether we realize it or not, when we accept the call to law enforcement, we state emphatically, in a form of implied consent; “Here I am...send me!” This propels us into a dynamic partnership with the God of heaven and earth. Whether that partnership turns into a personal relationship is a matter of personal choice. A personal relationship with our God through Jesus Christ gives us the best chance to maximize said partnership and helps us be the kind of peacemakers God has called us to be. In the end, we understand that there are criminals in our society who prey on Gods people. We understand that we are Gods protective hand, charged with making sure normal stays normal. We know that we are the conduits for peace, for without us anarchy would reign. God has blown the trumpet and issued the communal call for justice to Law Enforcement. We answer with loud and resounding, “Here we are Lord...Send us!”

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