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To: Membership Committee, VFW Post 7402 Buchanan, Georgia. December 11 2018

Comrades; It is with great honor that I introduce a candidate for VFW First Responder of the year 2018

Georgia State Trooper #383 Joseph M. Vincent, 176 Tyler Lane, Carrollton Georgia 30117

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Graduating from Mt. Zion High School in Mt. Zion Georgia in 2011; Joe enlisted in the United States Army. After (BCT) Basic Combat Training at Ft Leonard Wood MO., he went to Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems Maintainer School at Ft. Benning, GA. Then on to his first duty station at **Camp Casey, Korea**. In Korea, Joe went on to complete Combat Air Assault School, which would serve him well on his next tour of duty as an infantryman with the **2nd ID. (Infantry Division) In Iraq**. Returning to the United States he was stationed with the 4thID at Ft. Carson CO. where he continue his professional development by completing Combat Life Saver and Army Combative Courses.

He is personally decorated with: The Combat Infantry Badge(CIB), the award worn by infantrymen that reflects they have met the enemy in combat and have prevailed. The Army Commendation Medal, The Army Achievement Medal (3 awards) Good Conduct Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon. National Defense Service Medal and Army Service with Ribbon. Driver/Mechanic badge and rifle and pistol Expert awards.

Joe left the Army in 2014 with an **Honorable Discharge and a Secret Security Clearance** to join the **Georgia Department of Public Safety as a State Trooper.**

Joe became a Trooper in August 2015 and has served in the Villa Rica post since that time. Thru November 2018 he has accounted for nearly 800 vehicle stops; writing nearly 700 citations. Working over 300 crashes and making over 175 custodial arrests. Joe has made two "pit" maneuver at high speeds to the extent that his cruiser was damaged to the point of needing replaced. His last Pit Stop was in excess of 90MPH.

He has been awarded The Bronze Medal from MADD for making over 25 DUI stops in 2016, 2017 and 2018 with 7 DUI stops in November 2018 alone.

His Post Commander; 1st Sgt Butch Thornton speaks highly about Joe and says " he always completes his assignment rather it be additional or routine and is an asset to this troop and the GSP. He has now completed his 4th class on accident reconstruction and is the post instructor on accidents."

Joe lives with his wife and two daughters in Carroll County GA.

This is a fine young combat veteran and first responder that still serves everyday to protect us.

Respectfully Submitted; Larry G. Smith

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- ALERRT Training (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training)
- POST Certified
- 4 years of experience in the United States Army, including 6 months as a supervisor
- SECRET Security Clearance
- Honorable Discharge
- Expert rifle and pistol marksman (US Army)
- Driven over 10000 miles, Accident free (US Army)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

(Georgia State Trooper) Georgia Department of Public Safety 2015-Present

Supervisor: SFC Thornton #830

- Investigates traffic crashes
- Enforces traffic and criminal laws in the State of Georgia
- DUI Investigations (SFST, ARIDE)
- Assists requesting agencies in the State of Georgia

(BFVSM) U.S. Army 2011-2014

Supervisor: SSG Thomas, Eldon F.

- Qualified with a variety of weapon systems
- Instructed physical fitness activities
- Supervised 4-6 employees
- Maintained multi-million dollar equipment
- Driven a variety of military and civilian vehicles, accident free

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Accident Reconstruction Levels 1-5, GPSTC, 2017
Taser, Post 4 Villa Rica, 2017
Drug Interdiction Training, GSP CIU, 2016
ARIDE Training, GPSTC, 2015
Georgia State Patrol Trooper School, GPSTC, Forsyth, GA, 2015
Combat Life Saver, U.S. Army, Ft. Carson, CO, 2013
Army Combatives, U.S. Army, Ft. Carson, CO, 2013
Air Assault Training, U.S. Army, Camp Casey, ROK, 2012
Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems Maintainer, U.S. Army, Ft. Benning, GA, 2011
Basic Combat Training, U.S. Army, Ft. Leonard wood, MO, 2011
Diploma, Mt. Zion High School, Carrollton, GA, 2011

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Army Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medals (3)
Good Conduct Medal
Korean Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Overseas Service Ribbon

National Defense Service Medal
Army Service Ribbon
Driver and Mechanic Badge
Expert Rifle and Pistol Badge
MADD DUI Award (25 Pin)

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Georgia State Trooper School, GPSTC, Forsyth GA. completed 2015
POST Certified, GPSTC Forsyth GA. completed 2015
ALEERT, (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) 2015
ARIDE Training, GPSTC Forsyth GA. 2015
Drug Interdiction Training, GSP CIU 2016
Taser training Post 4 Villa Rica GA. 2017
Accident Reconstruction levels 1-5 GPSTC, Forsyth GA. 2017

August 2015 through October 2017-26 months on patrol.

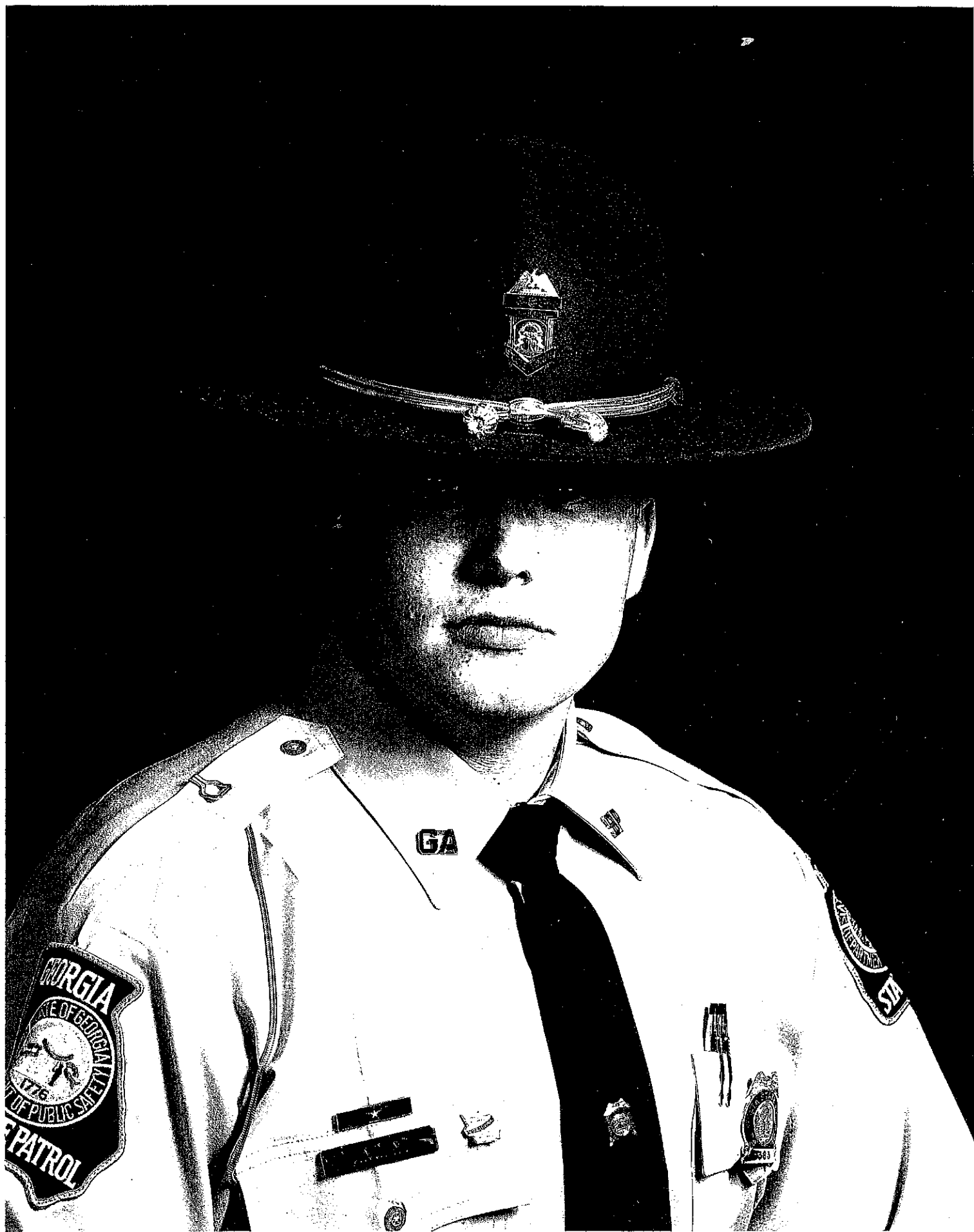
640 vehicle stops
583 written citations
654 warnings
123 custodial arrests
263 worked crashes
50 DUI arrest

Trooper Vincent was awarded MADDs (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) bronze medal for having 25 DUI arrest in 2016 and stands to be awarded his second award for over 50 arrest in 2017.

Joe has been involved in two "pit" maneuver incidents; the last at speeds over 90 mph resulting in arrest of life endangering and reckless motorists, with severe damage to his cruiser, to the extent it had to be replaced.

Trooper Joe has served and continues to serve the state of Georgia's citizens faithfully; and has also taken steps to advance his profession education and training to remain at the top of his profession.

Respectfully Submitted Larry G. Smith and W.A. Thorton 1st Sgt GSP Post 4 Commander





Georgia Safety Recognition Awards Program



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Post entries are submitted to State Chairman

State Awards

1st Place Winner in Each Category \$200 and Plaque

The State winners will be honored at the Awards banquet at the Mid-Winter Conference in Macon on Saturday, February 17, 2018.

Emergency Services Award

Any individual who actively gives emergency medical treatment, provides rescue service or civil disaster assistance as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to perform those duties and give assistance to our nation's citizens.

Law Enforcement Award

Any individual who serves in a municipal, county, state, or federal unit tasked with enforcement of the laws pertaining to their area of responsibility. This award does not apply to individuals employed by private companies or security services.

Firefighter Award

Any individual who actively fights fires as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to perform those duties and give assistance to our nation's citizens.

Criteria for All Awards

Candidates must have:

- Been recognized by their colleagues or those they serve.
- Demonstrated consistent excellence in the performance of their duties.
- Displayed consistent dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years
- Shown continuous growth in responsibilities and skills within their profession.

Documentation Required

- Nomination letter containing the candidate's name, title, address, telephone number, and identifying award for which the individual should be considered.
- One page resume of the candidate's overall background.
- One page resume of the candidate's background in their field.
- One page resume of the candidate's accomplishment and awards in their field.
- Photograph (preferably a headshot) of the candidate.

Can be combined

Deadlines Post winners to State Chairman
State winners to National

January 1, 2018
February 1, 2018