Michael Jagoda, URI’s New Police Major

by Dave Lavallee

The University of Rhode Island appointed a decorated Connecticut State Police commander with 22 years of law enforcement experience to be the University’s new police major. Michael A. Jagoda, a 1991 graduate of URI, will supervise the day-to-day operations and the 27 sworn officers of the University Police Department. He will also manage URI’s 18 security personnel spread over three campuses.

Prior to starting his work at URI in June, he served as the commanding officer/lieutenant of the Bridgeport, Conn. State Police barracks, where he managed 102 sworn officers and civilian personnel since 2011. In that position, he oversaw police services for 21 cities and towns with a total population of 1.33 million people. Yale University, the University of New Haven, Fairfield University and Sacred Heart University were all in his jurisdiction. Jagoda began his career with the Connecticut State Police in 1993.

He was the commander in charge of the Connecticut State Police command post during the mass shootings at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown in 2012. His duties included coordinating emergency services, local and federal law enforcement and emergency management agencies. For his service, Jagoda was awarded the Sandy Hook Elementary School Meritorious Commendation.

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One Rhody Blue Angel

Kathy Conlon, an Academic Advisor for URI’s College of Business Administration, is now able to talk with students about just how things look from a much higher level and moving at a much faster pace -- like 7 g's. On Tuesday, May 26, Conlon became one of the few Rhode Islanders to fly with the Blue Angels.

"Getting suited up and strapped into the cockpit made it all real, especially when the pilot, Captain Jeff Kuss, showed me the ejection handle," Conlon said.

"The take off was fast straight up like a rocket, then we leveled off and I thought I was in heaven. It was surreal to be above the clouds in five seconds. At one point, we

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Since 2005, Jagoda was the operations/executive officer at Rentschler Field, a post he held simultaneously with his job in Bridgeport for the last four years. Rentschler Field is the 40,000-seat, East Hartford stadium that is home to University of Connecticut football and other major athletic and entertainment events.

He arrives at URI at an historic moment, with the arming of URI Police officers after years of discussion and preparation.

“We are proud and pleased that Major Jagoda has joined our campus community to help lead our Police Department during this important transition from an unarmed department to one that has been extensively trained and is now fully equipped to be first-responders in every sense of the term,” URI President David M. Dooley said.

“It’s an honor to welcome back one of our own who has distinguished himself in all phases of police work. He will not only be a critical part of our public safety efforts, but also an inspiration to students who want to pursue law enforcement careers when they complete their degrees at URI.”

His selection was the result of a national search that attracted candidates from as far away as Puerto Rico.

Christina Valentino, vice president for administration and finance, said all groups that met with Jagoda during his interviews were pleased with his open and friendly approach.

“We were very impressed with Mike’s interest in becoming involved with all facets of the University community and that he wants URI’s police officers to connect with the numerous constituents of the campus aspects of the campus. He wants URI police personnel to be engaged and involved in campus life, including serving on various campus committees,” Valentino said.

“Major Jagoda held a variety of leadership positions during his career, first in small, rural areas and then finally in a major metropolitan area of Connecticut,” said URI Public Safety Director and search committee chair Stephen Baker, the first to hold the major’s post at URI. “Mike has such extensive experience in all phases of police work and emergency response that he stood out.

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URI Gender and Sexuality Center Grand Opening

by Jhodi Redlich

On May 6, 2015, URI became the first university in the nation to design and build a freestanding LGBTQ center. Hundreds of community members attended the grand opening to hear from President David M. Dooley; Naomi Thompson, associate vice president for the Office of Community, Equity and Diversity; and center director Annie Russell.

"Prominently located on Upper College Road, our new Gender and Sexuality Center firmly states that we value and support every member of our community," Dooley said. "This new facility is a tangible way for current and new students, faculty and staff to know that our transformational goals are far more than words on paper. We encourage, welcome and celebrate the growing diversity that’s part of our community."

Recent graduate Jessica Brand spoke about her experience transitioning from male to female and the support she has received from URI, including health insurance coverage to cover her sex reassignment surgery. She is the first to take advantage of the new benefit in the student health plan. Jessica is the daughter of education Professor Susan Trostle Brand and her husband, the late Stephen Brand.

The $2.1 million, 4,300-square-foot, single-story stone and clapboard building was built on time and on budget. It includes a multipurpose room, a conference room, a group counseling room and a lounge.

Cutting the ribbon, from left: Naomi R. Thompson, associate vice president, URI Office of Community, Equality and Diversity, David M. Dooley, URI president, and Annie Russell, director of the new center.

URI President David M. Dooley with Jessica Brand outside the new center.
In his new role at URI, he will assist the public safety director in planning, organizing, directing and coordinating community policing services and all law enforcement activities and operations of the police and security divisions. He will plan, administer and carry out continuing programs with students, faculty, staff and residents of the surrounding area to promote public safety and improve community relations. He will oversee law enforcement activities for special events involving large crowds and be responsible for equipment maintenance, including firearms.

A recipient of a bachelor’s degree in consumer affairs from URI, Jagoda said he was inspired by the work of Ralph Nader while he was on campus. “I wanted to go to work for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. But during summers in Wallingford, I also volunteered with fire and rescue services. I saw law enforcement and public safety as careers in which I could make a difference.”

Jagoda said he is grateful to be returning to the University that helped him develop as an adult. “So many professors and fellow students had a positive effect on me. They helped open my mind and make me the person I am today. “I want to meet with every member of the police force individually as well as the stakeholders at URI to hear what they have to say,” Jagoda said. “I come from the third largest law enforcement agency in New England. The Connecticut State Police is a very progressive agency and I want to bring those ideas to URI.”

Jagoda’s wife Amy also graduated from URI with a bachelor’s degree in communicative disorders. The couple has a daughter at Springfield College and twin daughters in high school.

What do leading figures like Rudy Tanzi, Rev. Bernard LaFayette Jr., Cory A. Booker, Christiane Amanpour, Bob Hope, Jhumpa Lahiri, Elie Wiesel, Coretta Scott King, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. all have in common? They are members of an exclusive group.

They are among the 456 individuals who have been awarded honorary degrees from the University of Rhode Island since 1941.

Each year, the URI Honorary Degree Committee seeks names of individuals who have distinguished themselves through important contributions to the University, to the State of Rhode Island, or to the nation - individuals who deserve to be honored by the University and who will bring honor to the University by accepting a URI degree.

You are invited to nominate candidates for honorary degrees to be conferred at the 2016 Commencement Ceremonies. Just complete the nomination form, include supporting details and send to Donna Williams at donna@uri.edu by September 30, 2015. If you have any questions please call 874-4410.

Find details about the selection process and the nomination form online at:

web.uri.edu/commencement/honorary-degrees/
The University of Rhode Island recently inducted 10 retirees with at least 40 years of service into its Lifetime Service Society during ceremonies outside the Robert L. Carothers Library and Learning Commons.

The Lifetime Service Society was established three years ago to honor those who have given much of their lives to the University. During the ceremonies, President David M. Dooley presented each recipient with a plaque, and the recipients also received certificates from Congressman Jim Langevin, Governor Gina Raimondo and the General Assembly. In addition, a commemorative brick with each person’s name and years of service was unveiled on the library plaza.

With this year’s inductees, 107 former employees have been entered into the society, which honors those with 40 or more years of service to the University.

“At URI, we talk about building a vibrant and inclusive community,” Dooley said. “One way to achieve such a goal is to have faculty, staff and administrators who are dedicated to serving the University with their talent and energy. Those we honor here today have brought their skills, commitment and sacrifice to the University for not just years - but decades. And we are better for it. As the University grows and becomes even more dynamic you remind us of the traditions and rich contributions URI has made to the state, nation and world. Thanks to you for imparting the values of dedicated and cheerful service to our community. You are among the people who have played a major role in making the University what it is today.”

This year’s certificates and citations were presented to the following 2014 retirees:

**John Boulmetis of Kingston**

**Professor of Education**

John Boulmetis earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from URI and his doctorate from Ohio State University. He joined the URI faculty in the School of Education in 1978. He coordinated the master of arts degree in adult education until 2012, advising more than 400 graduate students. He served as president of the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education, received the group’s President’s Award for Exceptional and Innovative Leadership in Adult and Continuing Education and was named the Rhode Island Adult Educator of the Year. He authored more than 150 articles, reports and books and was awarded more than $18 million in grant funding.

**Robert C. Bullock of West Kingston**

**Professor of Biological Sciences and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences**

Robert Bullock earned his bachelor’s degree from Gordon College, master’s degree from the University of Maine, and a master’s degree and doctorate from Harvard University. He joined the URI faculty in 1974 after an appointment at the University of Central Florida. His scholarly interests focused on the biology of marine mollusks, especially the polyplacophora.

He taught classes on invertebrate zoology, animal diversity and systematic biology. While at URI, he served as chair of the departments of Zoology and Biological Sciences, associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, president of the American Malacological Society and senior Fulbright scholar at the University of the Azores.

When the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences opened, Bullock created a display of mollusks from his extensive collection. Three zoological taxa have been named in his honor: Bullockus, a group of Caribbean marine snails; Lepdidochitona bullocki, a chiton from Colombia; and Chiton (Rhyssoplax) bullock, a chiton from Vietnam.

**Cynthia Y. Faria of Wakefield**

This special dedication ceremony for University employees would not have been possible without the passion and perseverance of inductee Cynthia Yemma Faria.

Faria began her career at URI as a senior clerk stenographer in the Department of Languages and ended it as a coordinator of Space and Federal Equipment in the Property & Support Services Department.

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During her 41 years, she’s served through five URI presidents, held six job titles and worked in eight Kingston campus buildings, although her job as coordinator took her into buildings on all four URI campuses.

She views her accomplishments as earning her bachelor’s degree in journalism while working full time; watching her two sons receive their URI undergraduate degrees; and developing the concept that led to this lifetime society.

She says she’s fortunate to have worked at URI for as long as she had, and that it was truly an honor for her to become a member of the Lifetime Service Society.

**Richard H. Kingsley of Jamestown**

Beginning as a research assistant in 1973, Richard Kingsley had a 41-year career at the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography. He has the distinction of having received all three of his degrees from the University of Rhode Island (bachelor’s degree in geology, master’s degree in oceanography and doctorate in oceanography). Kingsley earned the two graduate degrees while he was employed at GSO.

He participated in seven oceanographic research expeditions collecting Mid-Ocean Ridge basalts. He, along with GSO Professor Emeritus Jean-Guy Schilling, is responsible for defining the trace element and isotopic contents of Mid-Ocean Ridge basalts. Kingsley has authored or co-authored more than 52 journal articles and presentations, and supervised and instructed work-study students, graduate students and fellow employees in geochemical and instrumental laboratory procedures. Richard enjoys sailing and gardening.

**Phyllis J. Lamidi of Providence**

Lamidi graduated in 1967 from Hope High School in Providence and later worked at the URI Cooperative Extension Services from 1974 as a technical assistant. She is an alumna of the University of Rhode Island, receiving her undergraduate degree in 1978 and her master’s degree in education in 1980. Lamidi was promoted to Educator II in 1986 with the Cooperative Extension, focusing on children, youth and family programs. She was later promoted to Educator IV and worked closely with longtime Co-Director Marilyn Martin to identify, design and implement programs that met the needs of Rhode Island’s youth and families. Her community outreach and collaboration has benefited families from Pawtucket, Woonsocket, Portsmouth and Middletown -- to name just a few. She retired in 2014 after a full career of dedicated service to the community.

**David C. Maslyn of West Kingston**

**Dean of University Libraries**

David Maslyn came to URI in 1974 as the first professional University archivist and head of special collections. Under his guidance, the library expanded its primary research collections to include University archives, personal and political papers, corporate and religious records, the Commercial Pattern Archive and unique rare books and Rhode Island Book Collection. In 1978 he established the New Leaves Press and acquired three 19th century hand presses. He served as an adjunct professor and on numerous committees.

Maslyn advocated for the establishment of a professional State Archives and Records Management Program. As dean, he worked to establish the Learning Commons, expand the Information Literacy program, create the Digital Initiatives Unit and institute the Curriculum Resources Center.

**The Late Elmer A. Palmatier formerly of West Kingston**

The late Elmer A. Palmatier was a professor in the Department of Botany from 1942 to 1982, and in those 40 years, he shared his knowledge of botany, philosophy and life with more than 12,000 students. In 2010, a scholarship was established in his name to support an outstanding undergraduate in biological sciences each year. He was presented the Rhode Island Natural History Survey’s 2005 Distinguished Naturalist Award and he was the 1974 winner of the URI Award for Distinguished Teaching. The former West Kingston resident was an authority on the flora of Rhode Island. **continued on page 7**
Glenworth A. Ramsay of Wakefield

Although Glen Ramsay has lived in Rhode Island since 1961, his freshman year at Brown. His first trip to the University of Rhode Island didn’t occur until May of 1973. That’s when he came down to the Economics Department for a job interview. The first words out of the chairman’s mouth were, “We wanted Jane but she turned us down, so you’ll have to do.” Once he was in the classroom, things improved quickly and three years later he was awarded the URI Foundation Teaching Excellence Award.

His research resulted in publications in the areas of industrial organization, antitrust and regional growth. Several of his teaching innovations were also published in higher education teaching journals.

From 1984 to 1991 Ramsay set up the Office of Institutional Research and Planning and served as the first director. From 1991 to 1995 he served as chair of the Economics Department and interim chair from 2007-2009. His greatest love has been teaching. Several of his former undergraduate students are now professors at prestigious universities and use some of his more diabolical assignments in their courses. He said that he feels as though those assignments are now his “grandchildren.”

David E. Tetreault of West Kingston

David Tetreault began his undergraduate work at URI in 1958, the same year Francis Horn became president of the University. He majored in electrical engineering and soon became interested in the emerging field of computing. After receiving his master’s degree in electrical engineering in 1972, Tetreault began his career as a special instructor in electrical engineering and the computer laboratory.

His continued interest in technology led him to his next position at URI - instructor of computer science -- and eventually to the appointment of assistant professor. Meanwhile, Werner Baum succeeded Francis Horn as president, followed by Frank Newman, Edward Eddy, Robert L. Carothers and David M. Dooley.

By 1981, Tetreault’s interest, knowledge and considerable talent in all things computer changed his career path from teaching to heading up the systems group at the Academic Com-
LTC (R) Paul F. Helweg, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament
Cramer’s Sabers R.O.T.C. Alumni Chapter

Welcome to the 2015 URI ROTC Alumni Golf Tournament to be held at the Green Valley Country Club in Portsmouth, RI with a shotgun start at 12:30 pm, Friday, September 18, 2015.

Golf is $125 per player. The fee includes greens fee, golf cart and buffet dinner in the clubhouse following play. If you don’t play or can’t make the tournament, join us for dinner only ($40).

All individual players or foursomes should advance register with a check made out to: ROTC Golf #5919 and mail payment to: URI Foundation: Attn: Alma Halsband 79 Upper College Road, Kingston, RI 02881. Also, send an email with your name/names of your foursome to: Ms. Jane Stich at: jstich@mail.uri.edu. The deadline for advance registration is September 11, 2015. Players wishing to join after that will have to make payment directly to Green Valley Country Club via check on the morning of play. (Late registrants please provide foursome info. to Ms. Stich.) Advance registrations are encouraged!

Last year we had over 30 tee/hole sponsors; our goal is to increase tee sponsorship again this year. Please contact Tom Heaney at: tahini06@gmail.com if you would like to be a tee sponsor. The $100 donation is fully tax deductible through the URI Foundation. All sponsors will have their “message” and photo of their choice posted on tee signs around the course the day of the tournament.

Make plans now to join us for this fun event. Prizes and raffles and more will be awarded at the post-play buffet dinner in the clubhouse. This is a great way to help your ROTC Alumni support the Cramer’s Sabers Battalion Cadre and Cadets.

LTC (R) Paul F. Helweg, Jr., Memorial Golf Tournament at Green Valley Country Club

September 18, 2015
Check-in at 11:30 a.m.
Shotgun start, play begins at 12:30 p.m.

$125 per player

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Register for the tournament today!
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Deadline for advanced registration is Friday, September 11, 2015. Anyone wishing to register after September 11 must register at the Green Valley Country Club Pro Shop.
Directions:
The object is to unscramble the 20 words. Write the word in the spaces provided. After Unscrambling the 20 words there is a secret phrase that is made by the letters circled. Once you have found that phrase, print it in the space provided below and return the complete word unscramble to Joy Lewis, President’s Office, 35 Campus Avenue, Green Hall. Please include your name, address and e-mail with your entry. A drawing of all correct entries will determine the winner. A URI prize will be given to the winning entry. The winner will be announced in the next issue of URInformed. Good Luck!

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...and Best Wishes To Those Who Retired

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In Memoriam

- Dawna J. Bates, Custodian, Custodial Services
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- Margaret J. Keefe, Professor, University Library
- Mark Wood, Professor, Psychology
**Cook's Corner**  
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**Peach Crumble**

**Ingredients:**
- 6 cups sliced peeled ripe peaches
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

**TOPPING:**
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup butter, melted and cooled
- Vanilla ice cream, optional

**Directions:**
Preheat oven to 375°. Place peaches in a greased shallow 2-1/2-qt. baking dish. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar, flour, lemon juice, peel and cinnamon; sprinkle over the peaches.

Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and nutmeg. Stir in egg until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over the peaches. Pour butter evenly over topping.

Bake 35-40 minutes. Serve with ice cream if desired. Yield: 10-12 servings.

1 serving equals 237 calories, 8 g fat (5 g saturated fat), 38 mg cholesterol, 167 mg sodium, 40 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 2 g protein.

-- from *Taste of Home* magazine, August/September 1994.

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OVER a rainbow! We went about 80 miles south to open airspace. We did all the tricks and it was taxing on the body trying not to pass out.

"I felt like I was in heaven and did not want the ride to end. I even asked to go upside down again. The jet is amazing - as slow as 120 mph to the speed of sound at 650 mph, but I felt like it wasn't even real. Of course, the grand finale was pulling 7.2 g's right before the landing!"

In the top physical shape required for the flight, Conlon was nominated by one of her students who's in the National Guard and works out of Quonset Point. When she's not in the office on campus, Conlon is also well known as a fitness instructor at the YMCA in North Kingstown and at the Fascitelli Fitness Center.

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**URI Night with the PawSox**

**August 7, 2015 Pawtucket, RI**

Join us for our annual URI Night with the PawSox, presented by the URI Alumni Association. Alumni and their families are invited to this event, which includes a barbecue, raffle prizes, and much more. Details and registration are available at: [alumni.uri.edu/pawsox](http://alumni.uri.edu/pawsox)

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