



From the Director

by Ann Dugger

The FBI - and Father's Day

In a recent communication from the FBI, the Jacksonville field office asked for the public's help to identify and capture a man believed responsible for as many as 19 armed bank robberies during the last two years. I thought when I saw the press release how fortunate we are to have the FBI presence in our community as they work with JSO, FDLE and other law enforcement agencies to thwart crime and help keep us safe.

Adding to my appreciation of this organization is the opportunity to attend the FBI Citizens' Academy being held right now in the brand new, state-of-the-art facility on the Southside. Special Agent in Charge James Casey welcomed us the first night, speaking with obvious pride about their building, as well as about the fine men and women under his command.

They'd only moved in the week before, and everything wasn't completely up and running, so we had to be fingerprinted the old-fashioned way - by using inkpads instead of just scanning our prints.

We had our photos taken for badges which we were given the next week, along with a nice zipper notebook filled with a lot of information and supplies. And one night we had a go at shooting the bad guys in the Firearm Training Simulator (FATS) room.

After listening to the Special Agents talk about their respective jobs, and after the recruiter's presentation, I was ready to join - until we were told only four of our group were within the required age limit. Oh well, I keep pretty busy at my current job. I was interested to learn that fewer than two percent of applicants are hired, and in a recent group of 50 trainees at Quantico, 18 failed to pass the physical requirements. The new building has a training room where the agents can work out to keep in shape.

If you've wondered about the primary focus of the FBI, its website (<http://www.fbi.gov>) lists its top priorities: Terrorism, Counterintelligence, Cyber, Public Corruption, Civil Rights, Organized Crime, White Collar Crime and Major Thefts/Violent Crime. Normally, the FBI doesn't work bank robberies, but it is

involved in the one described above because it is multi-jurisdictional - the robberies occurred in Tallahassee, Alabama, South Carolina, etc.

After years of working closely with law enforcement officers, I appreciate the opportunity to become acquainted with a new group of dedicated crime fighters who spend their days trying to keep our country safe and free.

Happy Father's Day

Last month, in honor of Mother's Day, I told how much my Moner meant to me, and this Father's Day I want to talk about my daddy. An article in this issue of the *Victims'*

Advocate talks about the importance of Empowered Parents, and Daddy certainly was that. He showed us by example how to make right choices, to be accountable and faithful to God and to the principles on which our great country was founded.

It was important to Daddy that we did things together as a family. My parents, two brothers, two sisters and I always ate meals together. It was a time to laugh, to share the events of our day and learn about each other. I remember the times we sat together on the front porch and listened to Moner and Daddy tell stories about when they were growing

up. I often couldn't relate to the lack of conveniences and hardships they endured - just as my children and grandchildren today can't relate to the circumstances of my childhood.

Daddy died in 1998 when he was 68, but I still cherish his legacy: a strong faith in God and the character to be an honest, trustworthy and responsible citizen.

Happy Father's Day to all the honorable men in our community who live exemplary lives, love their families, provide for them and lead their children by example, as my dad did. God bless you all.

Inspirational Thought

For he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile. Let him eschew evil and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers, but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

- I Peter 3:10-12

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