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NCPAA 17th Annual Conference Was A Tremendous Success!

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In capturing the sense of pride felt throughout the 17th Annual NCPAA conference I feel, Irvin Cobb, a Kentucky native, describes it best, "To be born in Kentucky is a heritage; to brag about it is a habit; to appreciate it is a virtue." Not only did participants enjoy a week of various law enforcement and CPA (CPAAA) classes, but also sprinkled throughout the week was intriguing information on the history of the Bluegrass state. Time spent with any one of the gracious volunteers from the host agency was filled with interesting stories, lessons in history, and that fun Kentucky humor!

Along with many familiar faces, this year's conference brought so many new friends! We had over 175 members in attendance, representing over 26 states, Canada and Guam. On behalf of the board of directors and NCPAA long standing members, we are grateful you decided to attend this year's conference and we welcome you to the NCPAA family!

Being in the horse capital of the world, attendees at this year's conference gained new insight into the daily lives of mounted patrol officers, as well as so many other topics covered throughout the week. Monday's opening ceremonies started with a special treat when Keeneland Bugler, Steve Buttleman, started us out with a "Call to Post". Lexington Police Department's Honor Guard followed with the Presentation of Colors, which was then followed up with the National Anthem sung by Sergeant April Brown (retired). Many local dignitaries were present. Chief Mark Barnard, Lexington Police Department; Commissioner Ronnie Bastin, Lexington-Fayette Urban



County Government; William Saunders, President NAACP; Ray Larson, Kentucky Commonwealth Attorney; Fayette County Attorney; Assistant and Robert Schmidt, President Lexington CPAAA to name a few. Steve Buttleman played "My Old Kentucky Home" to close the first half of the general meeting.

After a short break, the meeting was called back to order by President Powers where old and new business was addressed. President Powers spoke on his time with the organization, his appreciation for

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