

Vetter, Raymond C.

Named Deputy-police chief.

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Vetter Becomes Deputy Police Chief; 14 Others In Force Win Promotions

Duck Orders Bring Command Officers To Full Strength

Police Chief Robert Duck today promoted Capt. Raymond C. Vetter to the rank of deputy chief, and announced the promotions of two lieutenants to the rank of captain, four sergeants to lieutenant, and eight patrolmen to sergeant.

The promotions, all effective Jan. 1, bring the number of command officers on the force to full strength.

Chief Duck's announcement followed a week of interviews with policemen.

Captain Vetter, who observed his 48th birthday Thursday, will become Chief Duck's administrative assistant and will command the division's service units, the records and communications bureaus.

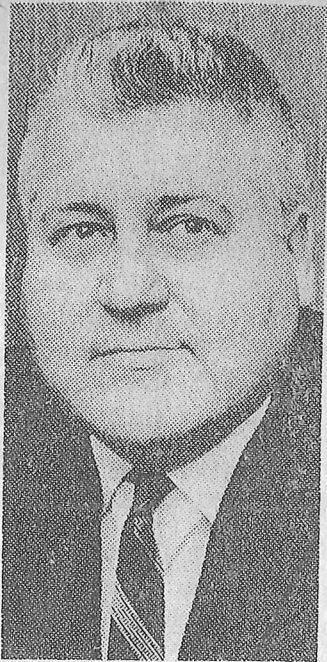
The records bureau now is supervised by Deputy Chief William Wiener, who will retire at the end of the month.

Appointed In 1952

Now captain in charge of felonies in the detective bureau, Captain Vetter was promoted to his present rank in January, 1968.

He was appointed a patrolman in January, 1952, graduating at the head of his police academy class. He became a sergeant in July, 1960, and a lieutenant in October, 1964.

Captain Vetter, his wife, and their six children live at 1266 Craigwood Rd.



RAYMOND C. VETTER
Birthday present
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Vetter Named Acting Chief

Will Head Police When Duck Retires

Deputy Chief Raymond Vetter will be named acting police chief when Chief Robert Duck retires March 1, City Manager Daken said Thursday.

The manager had intended to name a permanent chief by then but the number of applicants for the position exceeded expectations, and the six-member screening committee has taken longer than intended to reach a list of finalists.

The screening committee is to arrive at a list of three to six finalists. Mr. Daken then will appoint one as chief.

Donald Bradley, city labor relations and personnel director, said the administration had received 86 applications as of Thursday for the job which will pay approximately \$23,000 annually.

Vetter Appoints Two To Be Acting Chiefs Of Detective, Felony Units

As one of his first orders as acting chief of police, Raymond Vetter Thursday afternoon appointed two men in acting capacities to run the detective bureau and the felony squad.

Captain John Weinandy was named acting head of the detective bureau after the retirement Thursday of Deputy Police Chief Marion Davey.

Captain James Navarre was named acting felony staff captain to replace Captain Weinandy.

Acting Chief Vetter was appointed to his post by City Manager Daken after the city's screening committee failed to find a replacement for Chief Duck, who also retired effective Thursday.

Manager Daken noted that 89 applications for Chief Duck's job

have been received by the city's personnel department and the six-man screening committee has narrowed the list to less than 20.

Some time between March 15 and March 30, the manager said, he will make the appointment.

He added that he does not expect to get involved in the screening process until the list has been further narrowed to no more than six candidates.

A retirement dinner honoring Chief Duck and Deputy Chief Davey was held Thursday evening at the Parkcrest and was attended by hundreds of well-wishers.

Chief Duck, an attorney, said he will practice law, and Deputy Chief Davey stated he will enter into a law-enforcement counseling service.

Mr. Bradley said that more than two-thirds of the applicants are from outside the Toledo area and responded to advertisements in national magazines devoted to police affairs.

When asked about filling the slot of deputy chief-investigations, which will become vacant when Marion Davey retires March 1, Donald Shanteau, safety director, said that he would prefer that no key positions be filled until the new police chief is named.

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Ray VETTER



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RAY VETTER OBITUARY

VETTER Ray Ray Vetter, husband, father, grandfather and retired police officer, ×
took his final walk on October 3, 2011, at the age of 87, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 16, 1923, to Ralph and Helen (Morrisey). He was raised in Toledo, Ohio, attended St. Mary's Grade School and graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1941. He grew up during the Great Depression and learned the value of earning a dollar. He took great pride in sharing his good fortune with his family and those in need. At the age of 18 he was drafted into the army and served in the 87th infantry during World War II. He served in the European theater, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He served as a Toledo Police officer for 34 years, retiring at the age of 62. He started out as a patrolman on the accident squad and worked his way up through the ranks; he was promoted to sergeant in 1960, lieutenant in 1964, captain in 1968 and deputy chief in 1971, when he was named assistant chief, the division's second in command. In spite of his career success and high ranking, if anyone asked what he did for a living, he would simply say, "I'm a cop". He was a very private person who was devoted to his family. He was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Catherine of Sienna parish for 57 years. He could often be seen walking the streets of West Toledo, during his twice daily exercise route of four miles per day. He was a staunch supporter of Catholic education and took great pride in having his six children and nine grandchildren attend Toledo Catholic grade schools and high schools. He enjoyed listening, watching, and talking about sports, especially Notre Dame Fighting Irish football and the Cleveland Indians. He helped coach Little League baseball, and CYO football and basketball. He attended all of his kid's games and continued to support his grandchildren's sporting events, including t-ball, baseball, football, soccer, basketball, volleyball and lacrosse. Surviving are his loving wife of 62 years, Cecelia; children, Jackie (Brad), Jerry (Mary), Jeff, Jim (Mary Pat), Tim (Cindy), and daughter-in-law, Sue Goetz; grandchildren, Katherine, Maggie, Colleen, Danny, Molly, Nick, Marty, Tommy and Samantha. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Helen; son, Tom, brother, Ralph, and sister, Jeanne. Visitation will be held on Friday, October 7, 2011, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue. Prayers will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, from the funeral home, followed by the funeral services at 10:00 a.m. at St. Catherine Church, 4555 North Haven. In lieu of flowers (he really never liked funeral flowers); contributions can be made in Ray's memory to Toledo Police Memorial, St. Catherine's Church, Central Catholic High School, or Hospice of Northwest Ohio. A special thanks to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, especially his nurse Linda. Online

condolences may be shared with the family by visiting our website at: www.ansberg-west.com



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My deepest sympathy to all of the Vetter family. You are all in my prayers and thoughts.

--Lynne Fischer

October 13, 2011

With deepest sympathy to the entire Vetter family. Mary Nagy

October 8, 2011

To Ray Vetter Family. My dad was on the 2nd. class from 1940 to 1972 and really respected Mr. Vetter, as did I. My Dad was Lieutenant James Dempsey Sr. He thought of Ray as a Friend and, as a "Cops-Cops". He was a Gentleman. Are Prayers are with the Family.

James Dempsey Jr.

October 8, 2011

Mr Vetter was a great man, I used to see him walking all the time so I would talk to him about our younger years because he was one of my Bball coaches at St.

Kates ? We are truly losing a great man and his family is like all of us saddened but we all have great memories of a great man and now he's with God so our prayers go out to all his loved ones

Dan/Judy Kolhoff

October 7, 2011

My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Vetter Family.

Lori J. Heintschel (Rutkowski)

October 6, 2011

I was saddened to hear of Ray Vetter's death. Some of my sweetest memories from childhood were shared with him and the Vetter cousins. He was a gentle bear of a man and I was glad to share many conversations with him at family gatherings after I was grown and gone. His memory will live on. Rest in peace.

Gary Eberle

October 6, 2011

I knew Mr. Vetter my whole life, he was a wonderful man. My sympathies to the Vetter family.

Tim Kozak - AZ

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Great Family Man, Great guy, Great Character, Great Cop. You can't ask for more.
We are all lucky to know him.

Bob Duck

October 5, 2011

My deepest sympathy to your family. I went to CCHS with Tim just a few years back. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers

Kathy Trame-Fraser

October 5, 2011

Thoughts and prayers to all of you in the passing of the Chief. Love you all

Mary Quinn

October 5, 2011

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Chief Vetter. He was a kind and decent man and I enjoyed working for him.

Larry & Judy Vienhage

October 5, 2011

I was sad to hear of Chief Vetter's passing. He was and will always be held in my memories on the department as a boss who had an ear for anyone who wanted to talk to him. Known by many as the "Moose" he was highly respected by me as a detective who worked for him. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family at this time.

Bob Poiry,
TPD, retired

October 5, 2011



I grew up down the street from the Vettters and what a wonderful Father and Husband he was!! My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Judy Grubb Widman

October 5, 2011

Jeff and Family,
My Deepest Regrets
Linda DeLaPena

October 5, 2011

Mrs. Vetter and family...

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May memories comfort you and your faith give you strength.

All our love...

Greg, Chris, Matthew, Gabrielle, and Olivia

Chris Kuyoth-Pigg

October 5, 2011