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## **La Porte's Persails completes career in police work**



With a combined 37 years of law enforcement service, and leaving behind a significant era of positive influence, La Porte Officer Clarence Persails recently retired from the La Porte Police Department.

Starting with La Porte in 1985, Persails was no beginner in the police field. Immediately upon graduating High School, Clarence joined the U.S. Army and served in the Military Police. 6 years later, he was honorably discharged and soon-after left his home state of Michigan, intentionally relocating to Texas.

Once in Texas, Persails investigated his surroundings and tried out for La Porte. Scoring #1 on the civil service exam, Clarence proved he was ready and willing to begin a career at what he describes as, “helping out the every-day little guy.”

Once on the streets, Persails spent 13 years as a graveyard patrolman, contributing to the area's ongoing battle of intoxicated drivers, while also taking on the role of Field Training Officer. Then, as the department formed a new School Resource Officer Division in 1998, Persails applied and was assigned to the La Porte High School Campus, where he spent his remaining 18 years.

Persails has expressed a great amount of satisfaction with his career, yet even greater anticipation for the satisfaction of his retirement. He plans to spend more time with his wife as they relocate to Toledo Bend, and devote more time to his personal hobbies of fishing, ice hockey, wood working, and golf. Meanwhile, thousands of students who have passed through the doors of La Porte High School owe a small amount of their maturation and sense of humor which only could have come from Officer Persails.