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BONUS: LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM UPDATE INSIDE



A young visitor admires mementoes left at the Memorial.

415 Officers to be Added to the Memorial Walls

262 Are Historic Cases, Confirmed By Memorial Researchers

During the 17th Annual Candlelight Vigil, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund will officially dedicate 415 names to the Memorial Walls. This number includes 153 officers who were killed in the line of duty in 2004, as well as 262 cases that were uncovered by the Memorial Research Department. The number of deaths in 2004 exceeds that of 2003 (145) but remains below the decade-long average of 166 per year.

The states that suffered the most losses in 2004 were Texas (14 fatalities, up from 10 in 2003), California (13, down from 17 in 2003), Florida (12, up from seven in 2003), New York (10, up from four in 2003) and Alabama (nine, up from four in 2003). One of the greatest increases in line of duty deaths during 2004 was among federal law enforcement officers: Last year, seven federal law enforcement officers were killed in

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the line of duty, up from one in 2003. One military officer made the ultimate sacrifice (unchanged from 2003).

Of the 153 officers killed in 2004, 57 were shot to death, 51 were killed in automobile accidents, 13 were struck by an automobile while on duty outside their vehicles and nine died in motorcycle accidents. In addition to the 73 traffic-related accidents and the 57 shootings, other causes of death were: job-related illnesses (10), aircraft accidents (3), drowning (3), bomb-related incidents (3), electrocution (1), and stabbing (1). One officer fell to his death, and one was struck by a falling object. Nine of the officers were women.

The oldest historical case to be honored at the Memorial this year is that of George Workner, a Night Watchman from the Baltimore City Police Department who was killed on March 15, 1808.

“Unfortunately, law enforcement continues to be the deadliest profes-

sion in the country,” stated Memorial Chairman Craig W. Floyd. “During 2004, a law enforcement officer was killed in the line of duty every 57 hours. This makes it even more important that each of us take the time and make the effort to recognize the service and sacrifice of the more than 870,000 men and women who put their lives on the

line every day. These heroes live forever at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. It is a priority of this organization to promote the continued safety of America’s law enforcement officers, and to continue to respect, honor, and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.”



Kirk Bockman and Jim Lee from Great Panes Glassworks, have engraved all of the names on the Memorial. This year, they will be adding 415 more.

Commemorating the “Thin Blue Line”: Laser Beam to Honor the Fallen on May 13th

On Friday, May 13th, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund will host its 17th Annual Candlelight Vigil, during which the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice will be venerated and those who continue to serve will be honored.

There is no more beautiful sight in Washington, DC that evening, as more than 10,000 candles are lit to commemorate and celebrate the lives of these brave men and women. Accompanied by stirring words of thanks and beautiful music, the Candlelight Vigil gives testimony that these officers and their loved ones are dear to our hearts.

As the ceremony ends, a laser beam will split the evening sky signifying a special group of heroes who always fight for our freedoms, and never give in. We call them peace officers, America’s “thin blue line” of protection. And, with each name inscribed on the Memorial walls—each life lost for liberty—that “thin blue



A blue laser light shines towards the night sky at the Candlelight Vigil as a symbolic tribute to our law enforcement officers who provide a “Thin Blue Line” of protection.

line” becomes brighter and stronger.

Immediately following the ceremony, the names of all 415 officers whose names are being dedicated that evening will be read. Each year approximately 20,000 people attend this extraordinary event. Many come back year after year to participate in this evening of hope,

healing and love. Whether or not this will be the first year you attend the Candlelight Vigil, it is important to remember that the service and sacrifice of America’s 870,000 law enforcement officers is recognized and that those who have died in the line of duty will never be forgotten.



“As I sat there that day during the luncheon listening to the stories of the other officers that had been selected as Officers of the Month, I can remember how proud and honored I was to be a part of such a distinguished group of officers. Having the chance to come to Washington and accept the award and to meet other officers was a great feeling and the biggest honor of all.”

— Jeffrey S. Postell, Officer of the Month September 2003

2004 Officer of the Month Winners to Be Honored On May 13th

The Board of Directors of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund will host the 9th Annual Officer of the Month Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 13th in Washington, D.C.*

Each month, since September 1996, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund has selected an officer, or group of officers, who have distinguished themselves through exemplary service and devotion to duty.

For a complete listing of the officers who received the award this year, and to read their amazing stories of valor and service, visit www.nleomf.com.

For more information on the Officer of the Month Program, contact Berenice Bonilla at berenice@nleomf.com.

**This event is by invitation only*

THANK YOU

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is grateful to all donors for their support of the organization and for their contributions to the Matter of Honor Campaign. The donors whose names are listed below have invested \$1,000 or more between January 1, 2005 and March 31, 2005 (This does not include commitments from the Museum Founding Partners. See page 5).

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Flags Fly at Half-Staff on May 15th

In compliance with P.L. 103-322, signed by President Clinton in 1994, flags on all government buildings will fly at half-staff on May 15, National Peace Officers Memorial Day. Lowering the American flag on this day serves as a tribute to the more than 17,000 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty to protect the life and safety of others.

This constitutes a rare honor: The only other day that government buildings are required by law to lower their flags is Memorial Day.

Please remember to lower the flags that fly at your home, agency, or business on May 15th. Encourage those in your community to observe this day and follow the government's lead to recognize the service and sacrifice of our law enforcement officers.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM UPDATE

Project Summary

The National Law Enforcement Museum will soon be built across the street from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. In 2000, a law authored by U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and U.S. Representative Joel Hefley was enacted to establish the Museum. When completed, the National Law Enforcement Museum will be the world's largest and most comprehensive museum dedicated to law enforcement. Expected to become one of the area's most popular tourist destinations—drawing hundreds of thousands of visitors every year—the Museum will increase public support of law enforcement and enhance officer safety and pride.

From the moment visitors enter the Museum, they will be captured by the drama, humanity, and dedication of law enforcement officers. State of the art, hands-on interactive exhibits and rotating educational displays will give visitors a better understanding of the law enforcement profession and a greater appreciation for the men and women who wear the badge.

The heart of the Museum will be the Hall of Remembrance, which will tell the stories of America's fallen officers. Other galleries will give visitors an unprecedented look into the life of law enforcement. As they progress through *Being an Officer*, *The History of Law Enforcement*, and the *Reel to Real* galleries, visitors will be captured by an array of exhibits, mementos, and dramatic representations of life behind the badge.



Future "Hall of Remembrance" gallery.

This national institution will be a symbol of the respect and gratitude we all owe America's law enforcement officers—past, present, and future.

Significant achievements to date:

- Congressional authorization
- Hiring of architectural firm (Davis Buckley and Associates)
- Hiring of Project Manager Tom Gallagher (E & G Group)
- Hiring of Exhibition Designers Christopher Chadbourne and Associates
- Preliminary approval of architectural and exhibition designs
- Hiring of Chief Curator, Lauren Kaminsky

Significant activities for 2005:

- Collection of Museum artifacts
- Oral history ("Voices Behind the Badge") program
- Collection of officer profiles ("Faces Behind the Badge")
- Collection of agency, departmental, and organizational profiles
- Exhibition and architectural design development

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THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE
NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM

Our Campaign: A Matter of Honor

To tell your story properly, we need your help. That's why we've launched *A Matter of Honor*: The Campaign to build the National Law Enforcement Museum. This \$80 million campaign- \$10 million of which we hope to raise from the Law Enforcement community- is a historic philanthropic initiative. **Of this \$10 million goal, we have already reached the \$4 million mark with pledges from dedicated law enforcement organizations that are working relentlessly for the cause.** We have appropriately called our Museum campaign *A Matter of Honor*, not merely because this Museum will be a national symbol of respect and gratitude owed to all federal, state, and local officers; but also because for all of us who steadfastly support the work and people of law enforcement, building this Museum is truly a matter of honor.

Help the National Law Enforcement Museum Build its Collection!

Attention all readers: Do you have Eliot Ness's badge? Wyatt Earp's gun? Can you prove they're the real thing? If so, you can help build our collection of historical law enforcement items. So... climb into your attic and dig in your basement; if you find any artifacts, documents, and/or memorabilia that you think will help us tell the story of law enforcement over time – from the 1700's to the present – get in touch with Chief Curator Lauren Kaminsky (see below).

Items accessioned into the Museum's collection will receive the highest standards of care, will be thoroughly researched, and will help the public and generations to come have a greater understanding of the law enforcement profession and its relationship with American society.

Here are some of the types of things we're seeking to add to the collection:

- Uniforms
- Gear and equipment
- Communication tools, from police rattles and watch boxes to high-tech radios
- Weapons
- Manuals and textbooks
- Historic lawmen's badges
- Early finger-printing kits
- Transportation
- Police pop culture
- Police movie posters
- Police gazettes, newspapers, broadsides, memoirs
- Evidence of significant crimes
- Crime scene kits

A few "please don'ts":

- Please don't ship anything to the NLEOMF offices before you've talked with our staff. Our curator will want to talk to you about your potential donation.
- Please don't be offended if we can't accept your gift. While we'd like to take everything that has any relationship to American law enforcement, because of limited exhibition and storage space and our strict guidelines regarding accessions into the collection, we know we'll be forced to make many hard decisions. That's why we ask that you contact us first.

If you have an item you think might be appropriate, please contact Chief Curator Lauren Kaminsky at 202-737-3400, or access our item collection form at www.nleomf.com.



"Reel to Real" Media Timeline



"Quote Wall"

Founding Partners of the National Law Enforcement Museum

*To date, \$7 million has been raised
through the Founding Partner Program.*

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New York State

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National Sheriffs' Association

National Troopers Coalition

Peace Officers Research Association
of California

Phoenix Law Enforcement Association

Police Unity Tour

San Diego Police Officers Association

NLEOMF OFFICIAL GUIDE TO POLICE WEEK!

2005 Schedule of Events

The 17th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on Friday, May 13th, 2005. Sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), the event will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Memorial grounds, located at Judiciary Square, on the 400 Block of E Street, NW, Washington, D.C. A reading of the names newly engraved on the Memorial immediately follows the ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend; no tickets are required. Bear in mind that seating is on first-come/first-serve basis.

For more information, visit our website at www.nleomf.com. Additional National Police Week events will be posted as more information becomes available.

Tuesday May 10	<p>Noon – 11th Annual Blue Mass. St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 10th & G Streets, NW, 202/347-2713</p>
Thursday May 12	<p>2:00 p.m. – Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Begun in 1997, the Police Unity Tour has raised approximately \$1.5 million for the NLEOMF. To ride along or for more information, visit www.policeunitytour.com. Contact: 973-443-0030; email novantime@aol.com</p>
Friday May 13	<p>9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – National Concerns of Police Survivors' Seminars Concerns of Police Survivors, Hilton Alexandria Mark Center (Registration is mandatory)</p> <p>8:00 p.m. – 17th Annual Candlelight Vigil National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, 400 Block of E Street, NW 202/737-3400 <i>It is advised that anyone attending take the Metro Red Line to Judiciary Square.</i></p>
Saturday May 14	<p>8:30 a.m. – 3rd Annual Steve Young Honor Guard Competition Fraternal Order of Police Grand Lodge Grant's Statue at 1st Street, just west of the U.S. Capitol. Contact: Ken Roske via email: honorguard@policeweek.org or visit www.policeweekhonorguard.com</p> <p>9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – National Concerns of Police Survivors' Seminars Concerns of Police Survivors Hilton Alexandria Mark Center (Registration is mandatory)</p> <p>10th Annual Law Ride Line up begins at 9:00 a.m. in Lot 8 of RFK Stadium in Washington, DC. The procession will leave RFK promptly at 11:00 a.m. and ride to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, located on the 400 Block of E Street, NW. Contact: lawride@bellsouth.net</p> <p>10th Annual Emerald Society & Pipeband March and Service National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies, Inc. Assemble at 4:30 p.m. at New Jersey Avenue, & F Street, NW. Step-off promptly at 6:00 p.m. March will proceed to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Contact: National Conference Office: 301/858-0972 or email: peswashdc@aol.com</p>
Sunday May 15	<p>Noon – 24th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Services Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary West Front of the United States Capitol, Washington, DC</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – FOP/FOPA Wreathlaying Ceremony National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, 400 Block of E Street, NW</p>



Chris Jackson at the Memorial site honoring officers with a moving bagpipe tribute.

Wondering Where to Stay and Where to Park?

Parking will not be available to private or police vehicles at the Memorial during Police Week. It is strongly advised that anyone attending utilize public transportation, particularly the Metro subway system. The Judiciary Square station, accessible via the Red Line Metro train, is conveniently located directly below the Memorial.

Make sure to secure your hotel reservations for National Police Week as soon as possible, since hotels often sell out quickly. We advise that you call Washington DC Accommodations at 1-800/554-2220 for information and assistance in making lodging arrangements.

If you Plan to Carry Your Sidearm

District of Columbia statutes dictate that if officers have authorization from their department to be in the area in uniform and are representing their department at an event, they may carry their sidearm. **Officers are only allowed to carry firearms if they are in uniform and carrying a department ID.**

Officer Dress Code

If you are wondering what to wear, the Class A uniform is the standard uniform for any of the National Police Week ceremonies and events.

Leaving Mementoes For Loved Ones at the Wall

During National Police Week and throughout the year, there is a long-standing tradition of visitors leaving objects at the Memorial. These poignant mementoes honor our nation's fallen heroes and add power and beauty to the Memorial. If you leave items at the Memorial, please be aware of the following:

Because the marble surface of the Memorial can be easily damaged, please remember to use only masking tape when affixing an item to the wall. Duct tape, electrical tape, and bumper stickers should never be put on the Walls, nor should burning candles be left on the Memorial. Laminate items to protect them from rain damage whenever possible.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund takes no responsibility for any object you leave at the wall. Items may disappear or be damaged by inclement weather.

At the close of National Police Week, all items left at the Memorial are deemed to be the property of the NLEOMF. We may choose to save items and accession them into the National Law Enforcement Museum collection, or may respectfully dispose of



Visitors from all over the country come to pay tribute to fallen officers at the Memorial. This memento celebrates the memory of an officer from Hawaii.

the items at our discretion. If you leave an item at the Memorial but wish to keep it, please remove it by May 16th.

If you wish to have your item considered for accession into the Museum's collection, contact Chief Curator Lauren Kaminsky at 202-737-3400 (ext. 19), or by E-mail at lauren@nleomf.com.

Important Contact Information

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF)

202/737-3400

Email: info@nleomf.com

Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS)

573/346-4911

First year Survivors should call:

1/800/784-2677

Email: cops@nationalcops.org

Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)

202/547-1651 or 505/293-1284

Honor Guard Information

703/360-5421

Voice Mail: 202/737-3213, #14

Email: npwhonorguard@hotmail.com

Steve Young Honor Guard Competition

Ken Roske

Email: honorguard@policeweek.org

Lodging

Washington, DC Accommodations

800/554-2220

www.dcaccommodations.com

Police Week Visitors Center Hours

Make sure to stop by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Visitors Center located at 605 E Street, N.W., during your visit to Washington. Extended hours during Police Week will give you plenty of time to see the updated and new exhibits, browse through gift shop selections, and take home 2005 Police Week souvenirs for your family and friends.

Wed, May 11th

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 12th

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 13th

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Closed from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

9:00 p.m. to Midnight

Saturday, May 14th

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 15th

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Monday, May 16

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17th

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18th

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 19th

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, May 20th

NLEOMF Offices & Visitors Center Closed.





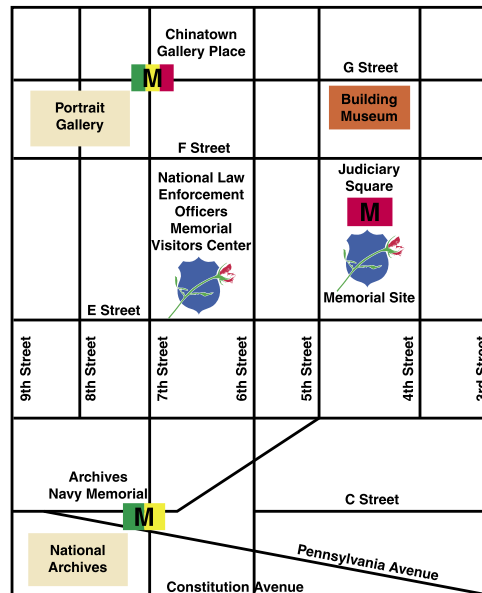
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Directions to the Memorial and Visitors Center

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is located on E Street, between 4th and 5th Streets, N.W. in Washington, D.C. The Memorial is open year-round, 24 hours a day. Parking will not be available to private or police vehicles at the Memorial during National Police Week, but visitors can easily reach the Memorial by Metro subway. Take the Red Line to the Judiciary Square Metro stop; F Street exit. The Memorial sits directly above the Metro.

The Memorial Visitors Center is found at 605 E Street, less than two blocks away from the Memorial. Take advantage of extended Visitor Center hours during National Police Week to come pay us a visit! (See pages 4 & 5 for details)



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