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FROM THE **VICE PRESIDENT**

by **Robert Berretta** | rberretta@dc-fop.org

The weather has finally broken and it looks like the warm days are here to stay. With that, National Police Week (www.policeweek.org) will be upon us before you know it, so if you're interested in volunteering in any capacity please email dc1policeweek@gmail.com. Since so much important information regarding Police Week is discussed at our May General Membership meeting, it typically is very well attended. I implore everyone that plans to attend to bring a fellow FOP member to the meeting to get involved! Reach out to your friends in other agencies! Let's pack the banquet room on Wednesday 5/8.

Last month I had the privilege of attending the National FOP Spring Board Meetings in New Orleans which is made up of 3 days of meetings; the first is the State Lodge Presidents, followed by 2 days of National Trustee meetings. There, the business of the National FOP was conducted but the dominant topic of discussion was Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). In recent years the mental and emotional health of police officers has come to the forefront. Just this past January the "Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act", which the FOP helped develop and push in Congress, was signed into law by President Trump. Sherri Rowan of the National Officer Wellness Committee made an extraordinary presentation showing the results of a confidential survey that was developed in collaboration with the local news affiliate NBC New York to get a better understanding of the emotional challenges our members face, the services available to them, and which treatments actually work. The confidential survey contains no questions that could identify individuals either by name or department. The survey also masks any online identifiers, including ISP/IP address. Please do not forward or share this link.



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FROM THE **VICE PRESIDENT** *(cont.)*

The link to the survey is: www.surveymonkey.com/r/PoliceMentalHealthSurvey

The data gathered by the original survey will be maintained jointly by the FOP and NBC New York. Some results from the survey were reported on in the story on police officers and post-traumatic stress by NBC New York which was shared with NBC stations around the country. You may view this compelling report that Sherri shared with us at www.nbcnewsnewyork.com as reported by Stefan Holt.

I hope that this sheds some light on some very difficult subject matter and gets the dialogue going so that we may better understand what is effecting so many of our members. It's been reported that 1 in 5 police officers has diagnosable PTSD which is roughly equivalent to our military veterans. No longer shall this subject be in the shadows.

On another note, we have some major trips coming up: Ireland, Aruba and a Caribbean Cruise. Marianne Griffin is organizing a trip around Ireland in October. We have our 4th Annual Trip to Aruba in December and I just got dates finalized for a Royal Caribbean cruise from March 22 through 29, 2020. I hope you can make it to at least one if not all three!!

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FROM THE TREASURER

by **Pablo Figueroa** | pfigueroa@dc-fop.org

I truly hope that everyone is doing well as this article is distributed.

As public servants, we all have a very demanding job. This should not be news to any one of us. While time goes on it seems that the life of a first responder gets looked down upon. We owe it to ourselves to work together, support each other, and most of all, respect each other. Just a thought: if we can't do this, we then contribute to the way we are looked upon. We are professionals. We do the job because we believe we are making a contribution to society that many have no idea why we do it. We do it because we believe. We have hope. We look at each other as family and not as coworkers. Sure, we may have some issues but, when it comes down to it, we stick together just like any other family.

The National F.O.P. elections will be held this year and it will be a competitive race. I have noticed that tensions have been a little high regarding support of individual candidates on our National Board. The following is just my opinion and I would like everyone to remember that every candidate, regardless of who you support, has the best interests of our F.O.P. in mind. They may think differently than each of us and that's OK. Most important, we need to remember that only one candidate can be elected for a position and we should support whomever is elected by the majority of the votes. Please realize the kind of harm we would do to our fraternal organization if we were to work against our newly elected officers. I, for one, like all of the candidates and realize it will be a much-contested election. This August at the National Conference we'll know who our elected officials will be for the next two years. Regardless of who they are, we should make an effort to work together, as we always do, to carry out our agenda.



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FROM THE **TREASURER** *(cont.)*

We are upon another Police Week. This will be the 30th anniversary of our Tent City activities. The entire Police Week committee has been hard at work to ensure this event is better than the last. Tent City will be open May 13, 14 and 15, 2019, from 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. all three days. We will have transportation from the Lodge to the site for everyone's convenience. We will be also raffling a 30th anniversary Police Week Tent City custom-made Fender guitar. For more information, to view the guitar, and purchase your tickets, please visit our website at dc-fop.org/custom-police-week-guitar and admire how great this one-of-a-kind guitar is.

I would like to encourage everyone to stop by Tent City at least once during Police Week. We have come a long way from the first time that we put together this event. It has gotten larger and better organized, and we have learned more from each previous event. As always, we need volunteers and would greatly appreciate it if you would take some time to help us host this event. Though we work really hard we do have a great time. For more information, email Tori Beauchemin at dc1policeweek@gmail.com.

We continue to improve the accountability and financial responsibility of our Lodge and I am very pleased to inform you that we should be done with our annual audit before commencing Police Week. It's not an easy task but we are committed to make every effort to improve our finances and procedures every year.

We continue to work very hard to improve our services and representation for our entire membership. Please remember that regardless of how many years you've worked for your organization, or what agency you represent, your help is always welcome. We at the Lodge also need your help to get the word out to all our members

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FROM THE **TREASURER** *(cont.)*

regarding our web site. Many hours have been invested in this and I would like to see the members increase its use so that they may stay informed. Please take a look at the benefits available to our members, which include estate planning, F.O.P. Travel (thanks to Griffin World Wide Travel), V.S.P. eye plan, Empire Flooring and the Delta Dental Plans. Please, check the webpage dc-fop.org/member-benefits as we continue our efforts to provide even more benefits for our members.

On a special note, a survey recently went out to all our members regarding the Lodge. This survey is meant to be constructive in nature and utilize our members' input to determine the future and operation of our Lodge. Information will be forthcoming.

I look forward to seeing you at our next general membership meeting, which is the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 711 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC. Best wishes to all and please be aware of your surroundings and remain safe as you provide your service to the public. Please stop by the Lodge—you are always welcome. ★



FOP DC Lodge #1

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From Our Benefits Provider:

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It's true. Eye exams can help detect serious health conditions, even in their early stages.

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High blood pressure can also be detected through an eye exam. According to Blood Pressure UK, the small blood vessels in the back of your eye, known as capillaries, can thicken, narrow or burst due to high blood pressure. Since the eye is the only place doctors can view the capillaries, some patients will be referred to an eye doctor by their primary care physician to confirm a potential high blood pressure diagnosis.

High cholesterol can be noticeable if fatty, yellow lumps form around the eyelids. Medical News Today reports these deposits could signal cholesterol build up on the arteries as well. An eye exam can help diagnose the symptoms.

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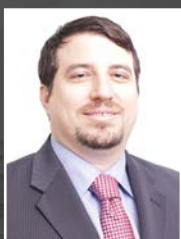
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UPDATE: **LODGE #1 AUXILIARY**

by **Bonnie Cannon** | bcannon@dc-fop.org

Hello from the DC FOP Auxiliary!!

The Washington Area Law Enforcement Memorial will be held on May 6, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. in front of MPD Headquarters, located at 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. This year we will be honoring Prince George's County Sgt. Mujahid Ramzziddin, Baltimore County Police Officer Amy Caprio, Secret Service Agent Nole Remagen, FBI Special Agent Brian Crews, FBI Special Agent Melissa Morrow, FBI Special Agent Mark Mikulski, and FBI Special Agent James LeValley. The Federal Agents being honored this year passed away from illnesses related to 9/11. Mission Barbecue generously will be donating lunch at our DC FOP Lodge after the service, and Anheuser Busch generously has offered to supply sparkling water for our luncheon. We really appreciate the continual support of both Mission Barbecue and Anheuser Busch for law enforcement.

While you are in town for the events, or volunteering, or have family and friends coming into town, you can join your fellow law enforcement families and friends to learn about this beautiful city and its history with select tours being organized by Griffin World Wide Travel—a company owned by one of our Auxiliary members. There will be a 3-hour tour of Arlington Cemetery, the cost of which is \$45 per person and will take place on Sunday, May 12, 2019, starting at 10 a.m. The second tour is to see the monuments by moonlight with a duration of 4 hours. The cost is \$39 per person and will take place on Sunday May 12, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. The third tour is of Mount Vernon, which was the plantation of George Washington, the first President of the United States. The cost of this 6-hour tour is \$74 per person and will take place Monday 13, 2019, at 10 a.m. To learn more, get

ABOUT THE AUXILIARY

The FOP Auxiliary is an ancillary organization of law enforcement officers.

The Auxiliary is the only national support organization of its kind.

It was organized to unite families of members of the Fraternal Order of Police; to promote their welfare socially, morally and intellectually; and to encourage them in all things pertaining to their good.

Auxiliary membership is extended to family members, 18 years of age or older, of an Active member of the Fraternal Order of Police DC Lodge #1 in good standing. Active status will be verified before accepting any membership applications.

Application:

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UPDATE: **LODGE #1 AUXILIARY** (cont.)

contact info, or buy tickets, you can go to <https://dc-fop.org/blog/police-week-tours>

If you are in the area during Police Week and visiting DC Lodge #1's "Tent City" events, please stop by our booth to say "hi!" to our Auxiliary and see if we have anything you might be interested in purchasing. We would love to see you there. We plan on having some nice merchandise to pick from this year as well as a raffle for a beautiful piece of law enforcement themed handmade artwork.

We are very excited to announce we are doing our very first challenge coin at Police Week. The price of our coin is \$10 (both sides pictured below). We will be selling this coin at our tent and would love to have one for everybody; however, we are only selling a limited number. If you are interested you have two options: One is to contact me at bcannon@dc-fop.org; I will send you a form to place your order, then you can pay in advance and pick up at Police Week or make other arrangements. The second option is to come by our booth at Tent City during Police Week and purchase one. ⭐





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DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONSE TEAM FUND

The Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) fund allows the Lodge to provide logistical and financial support to law enforcement members in areas that are affected by severe weather or other emergencies. DART swiftly responds to assist officers in recovery efforts and those who have suffered damage themselves as a result of the disaster.

BUILDING FUND

The Building Fund is used for the required repairs and up keep of the DC Lodge #1 building. It is a beautiful building in a prime location with many years of wear and tear. It needs continual short-term maintenance and long-term plans to keep it functioning and in good shape; for example: roofing, HVAC, elevator, etc.

MEMBER SUPPORT FUND

The Member Support Foundation funds will be used to render assistance to members upon written request to the lodge. Examples are for injury with an inability to work; a need for food and other basic necessities during a crisis; to help with uncovered medical bills, etc. This is a special opportunity to help our brothers and sisters when they need a hand.

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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2019



In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

The National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, which is sponsored by the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, is one in a series of events which includes the Candlelight Vigil, which is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and seminars sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)

National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. This provides a unique opportunity to meet others that share a common brotherhood. In that spirit, the Fraternal Order of Police DC Lodge #1 sponsors receptions each afternoon and evening during Police Week. These events are open to all law enforcement personnel and are an experience unlike any other.



POLICE WEEK 2019

An up-to-date schedule can also be found at policeweek.org.

Monday, May 6, 2019

Washington Area Law Enforcement Memorial Service

The DC FOP Lodge #1, FOP Auxiliary, DC MPD and DC-COPS are co-hosting its annual Washington Area Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service, which starts at 11:30 a.m. at DC MPD Headquarters, 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The Auxiliary will be hosting a luncheon at the nearby DC FOP Lodge after the service.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Annual Blue Mass

The Annual Blue Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 10th & G Streets, NW in Washington, DC. For additional information please call 202-347-2713 or visit www.saintpatrickdc.org.

Saturday, May 11, 2018

Annual Police K-9 Memorial Service

The Police K-9 Memorial Service will include a wreath laying ceremony to honor the memory of fallen police K-9s who have given their lives in the line of duty. The ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. and will be held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, 450 F St. NW, Washington, DC.

Saturday, May 11, 2019 (cont.)

National Police Week 5K

The National Police Week 5K, hosted by the Officer Down Memorial Page, is held each year in Washington D.C. Join us as we Run to Remember the Fallen. Race begins at 9 a.m. Visit www.nationalpoliceweek5k.com for more information and registration.

NLEOMF Cadet Ceremony

The event begins at 11 a.m. at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, 400 E. Street NW, Washington DC.

Annual Police K-9 Memorial Service

The annual Police K-9 Memorial Service. The memorial service will include a wreath laying ceremony to honor the memory of fallen police K-9s who have given their lives in the line of duty. Please join us as we remember the contributions and sacrifices of our fallen K-9s Heroes. The ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. and will be held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, 450 F St. NW, Washington, DC 20001.

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony

Arrival Ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Visit www.policeunitytour.com, call 973-443-0030, or e-mail info@unitytour.com.

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Sunday, May 12, 2019 *(cont.)*

Law Enforcement United Bike Ride

At 1 p.m., the LEU riders will arrive at Ft. Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Rd. Alexandria, VA.

Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony

Arrival Ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Visit www.policeunitytour.com, call 973-443-0030, or e-mail info@unitytour.com.

Monday, May 13, 2019

Annual Candlelight Vigil

The Candlelight Vigil will be held at 8 p.m. at the National Mall between 4th and 7th Streets. No tickets are required and everyone is welcome. For additional information please call 202-737-3400.

FOP DC Lodge #1 Events

The FOP DC Lodge will be hosting the local daily events in Lot 8 at RFK Stadium, 2400 East Capital Street SE. This site provides easy Metro access (Stadium Armory stop), and plenty of secure paid parking. The event starts at 11 a.m. for three days and goes until 2 a.m. Our bar and food service will also be open along with music and entertainment.

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

National Police Survivors Conference and C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens

Sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel. Family and co-worker survivors have opportunities to receive support to understanding grief, prepare for trial, learn new coping skills, and build connections with others. Visit www.nationalcops.org.

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 *(cont.)*

Annual Steve Young National Honor Guard Competition and Pipe Band Competition

This event is hosted by the Fraternal Order of Police and takes place at the Grant Statue (west front of the United States Capitol.) Time: 8 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m. *Contact:* Ken Roske at policeweekhg@aol.com.

FOP DC Lodge #1 Events

See May 13 for information.

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service

Sponsored by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police and the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary. The Memorial Service will be held on the West Front of the United States Capitol in Washington, DC. The Service begins at 11 a.m. *Contact:* Lou Cannon (lcannon@dc-fop.org) or Linda Hennie (lhennie@aol.com). The Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held immediately after.

FOP DC Lodge #1 Events

See May 13 for information.

Thursday, May 16, 2019

National Police Survivors Conference and C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens

Day two of conference. Kids and Teens of fallen officers spend the day with activities. In the evening, family and co-worker survivors can relax and enjoy the "Picnic on the Patio" at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel. Visit www.nationalcops.org or call 573-346-4911.



FALLEN HEROES 2018

NAME	EOW	STATE
Justin Billa	2/20/18	Alabama
Keith Earle	4/9/18	Alabama
Jesus Cordova	4/27/18	Arizona
Tyler Edenhofer	7/25/18	Arizona
Steven Belanger	2/6/18	California
Greggory Casillas V	3/9/18	California
Kirk Griess	8/10/18	California
Ron Helus	11/8/18	California
Tony Hinostroza III	11/25/18	California
Toshio Hirai	11/15/18	California
Oscar Reyes	9/12/18	California
Gerardo Silva*	1/20/17	California
Ronil Singh	12/26/18	California
Mark Stasyuk	9/17/18	California
Ryan Zirkle	3/15/18	California
Micah Flick	2/5/18	Colorado
Heath Gumm	1/24/18	Colorado
Matthew Moreno	12/12/18	Colorado
Walter Greene Jr.	5/31/18	Connecticut
Kevin Miller	3/29/18	Connecticut
Jermaine Brown	12/12/18	Florida
Thomas Coulter	5/21/18	Florida
William Gentry Jr.	5/7/18	Florida
Jorge Gil Jr.*	2/29/16	Florida
Adam Jobbers-Miller	7/28/18	Florida
Taylor Lindsey	4/19/18	Florida
Tawanna Marin	6/18/18	Florida
Larry Marrero	11/28/18	Florida
Noel Ramirez Beltran	4/19/18	Florida
Michael Ryan*	12/31/17	Florida
Charles Scavuzzo*	9/15/17	Florida
Kevin Stanton	2/17/18	Florida
Lance Whitaker	5/15/18	Florida
Benjamin Zirbel	8/21/18	Florida
Anthony Christie	5/25/18	Georgia
Edgar Flores	12/13/18	Georgia
Chase Maddox	2/9/18	Georgia
Francis McClelland Jr.	9/15/18	Georgia

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FALLEN HEROES 2018 (cont.)

NAME	EOW	STATE
Michael Smith	12/28/18	Georgia
Antwan Toney	10/20/18	Georgia
Bronson Kaliloa	7/18/18	Hawaii
Kent Swanson	5/21/18	Idaho
Paul Bauer	2/13/18	Illinois
Conrad Gary	12/17/18	Illinois
Samuel Jimenez	11/19/18	Illinois
Eduardo Marmolejo	12/17/18	Illinois
Owen Masterton*	12/6/14	Illinois
Benton Bertram	12/12/18	Indiana
Edward Bollman	2/13/18	Indiana
Joseph Cox Jr.*	2/12/17	Indiana
Jacob Pickett	3/5/18	Indiana
Robert Pitts	5/4/18	Indiana
David Tinsley	9/11/18	Indiana
Theresa King	6/16/18	Kansas
Robert Kunze III	9/16/18	Kansas
Patrick Rohrer	6/15/18	Kansas
Scotty Hamilton	3/13/18	Kentucky
Phillip Meacham	3/29/18	Kentucky
Deidre Mengedoht	12/24/18	Kentucky
Rodney Smith	3/3/18	Kentucky
Christopher Lawton	3/12/18	Louisiana
Kirt Ricks III	9/7/18	Louisiana
Jason Seals	11/17/18	Louisiana
Ayrian Williams	5/21/18	Louisiana
Eugene Cole	4/25/18	Maine
Amy Caprio	5/21/18	Maryland
Mujahid Ramzziddin	2/21/18	Maryland
Michael Chesna	7/15/18	Massachusetts
Sean Gannon	4/12/18	Massachusetts
Glenn Doss	1/28/18	Michigan
Fadi Shukur	8/15/18	Michigan
Darren Weathers	2/13/18	Michigan
Joseph Gomm	7/18/18	Minnesota
Joseph Parise	9/24/18	Minnesota
W. Zachery Moak	9/29/18	Mississippi
Emmett Morris	5/17/18	Mississippi

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FALLEN HEROES 2018 (cont.)

NAME	EOW	STATE
Leann Simpson	11/24/18	Mississippi
James White	9/29/18	Mississippi
Christopher Morton	3/6/18	Missouri
Aaron Roberts	9/8/18	Missouri
Casey Shoemate	4/20/18	Missouri
Kyle Eng	7/19/18	Nevada
Lawrence Craig*	8/15/16	New Jersey
Robert Nagle	11/26/18	New Jersey
Christopher Robateau	1/5/18	New Jersey
Steven Tursellino*	9/13/13	New Jersey
Tamby Yagan	4/22/18	New Jersey
Gerard Ahearn*	10/24/16	New York
William Allee	5/24/18	New York
Sixto Almonte*	11/20/17	New York
Michael Anson	1/2/18	New York
Curtis Bako*	1/27/16	New York
Thomas Barnitt	6/11/18	New York
Patrick Boyle*	9/15/16	New York
Carmine Cantalino*	9/29/17	New York
Megan Carr-Wilks*	9/19/17	New York
Christopher Christodoulou*	9/16/17	New York
Steven Cioffi*	3/5/13	New York
Nicholas Clark	7/2/18	New York
Patrick Coyne*	3/12/17	New York
Kevin Crossley	4/11/18	New York
Anthony D'Erasmo*	8/31/17	New York
Pedro Esponda Jr.	3/25/18	New York
William Farley	5/29/18	New York
James Farrell*	12/1/17	New York
Nicholas Finelli*	6/8/13	New York
Jeffrey Francis	1/13/18	New York
Mark Gado	9/16/18	New York
Scott Gaines*	9/27/17	New York
Judy Ghany-Barounis*	9/13/16	New York
Anthony Giambra*	5/9/17	New York
James Giery II*	9/20/16	New York
Robert Grossman*	10/9/09	New York
Dave Guevara*	4/7/17	New York

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NAME	EOW	STATE
Diane Halbran*	9/6/17	New York
Michael Hance*	3/12/17	New York
Michael Incontrera*	12/10/17	New York
William Kinane*	6/13/17	New York
William King*	10/25/16	New York
Gary Koch	6/26/18	New York
Kelly Korchak*	6/10/17	New York
Fred Krines*	7/15/17	New York
Robert Larke*	6/7/17	New York
Michael Ledek	2/9/18	New York
Andrew Lewis*	3/5/17	New York
Christian Lindsay*	2/12/17	New York
Richard Lopez	6/24/18	New York
Colleen McGowan*	11/25/17	New York
Edward McGreal*	10/13/17	New York
Mark Mkwanazi*	2/16/17	New York
James Molloy*	1/30/17	New York
Stephen Mullen	12/7/18	New York
John Muller*	12/23/17	New York
Paul Murphy	1/4/18	New York
Anthony Napolitano*	4/3/16	New York
Mark Natale	5/3/18	New York
Kathleen O'Connor-Funigiello	8/16/18	New York
Joseph Pagnani*	7/11/15	New York
Marie Patterson-Bohanan*	8/23/17	New York
Ronald Peifer Sr.*	3/5/14	New York
Frank Pizzo*	7/14/17	New York
Dennis Reichardt	10/4/18	New York
Christine Reilly*	1/3/17	New York
George Remouns Jr.*	4/21/17	New York
John Rowland*	1/26/17	New York
James Russell*	10/16/17	New York
Charles Salaway	6/9/18	New York
James Schiavone Jr.*	12/12/17	New York
Peter Sheridan*	7/31/16	New York
Basilio Simons	1/10/18	New York
Robert Summers*	7/18/17	New York
Richard Taylor*	3/6/16	New York

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NAME	EOW	STATE
Sally Thompson	5/2/18	New York
Reginald Umpthery*	9/19/15	New York
Harry Valentin	5/18/18	New York
John Vierling Jr.*	2/22/16	New York
Michael Wagner*	4/27/07	New York
William Wanser	3/25/18	New York
Thomas Ward*	7/8/16	New York
Richard Wentz*	5/14/13	New York
Jennifer Williams*	2/16/17	New York
Kenneth Wolf*	4/18/16	New York
Samuel Bullard	5/21/18	North Carolina
Kevin Conner	10/17/18	North Carolina
Christopher Driver	6/23/18	North Carolina
Jared Franks	11/10/18	North Carolina
Alexis Locklear	3/1/18	North Carolina
David Manning	3/11/18	North Carolina
Brandon Peterson*	4/7/17	North Carolina
Jason Quick	12/15/18	North Carolina
Benjamin Wallace	11/2/18	North Carolina
Eric Joering	2/10/18	Ohio
Mathew Mazany	6/24/18	Ohio
Anthony Morelli	2/10/18	Ohio
Vu Nguyen	7/6/18	Ohio
William Briggs	1/17/18	Oklahoma
Timothy Cole Sr.	8/4/18	Oklahoma
Jarate Condit	2/6/18	Oklahoma
Malcus Williams II	3/2/18	Oregon
Mark Baserman	2/26/18	Pennsylvania
Brian Cuscino	4/19/18	Pennsylvania
Anthony Gorman*	10/1/14	Pennsylvania
Alex Sable	5/9/18	Pennsylvania
Terrence Carraway	10/3/18	South Carolina
Micheal Doty	1/17/18	South Carolina
Dale Hallman	4/6/18	South Carolina
James Kirk Jr.	4/24/18	South Carolina
Farrah Turner	10/22/18	South Carolina
Daniel Baker	5/30/18	Tennessee
Lonnie Burton	6/25/18	Texas

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NAME	EOW	STATE
Mark Cox	9/25/18	Texas
Jarrold Friddle	7/9/18	Texas
Earl Givens III	7/21/18	Texas
Richard Hale	5/9/18	Texas
Garrett Hull	9/14/18	Texas
Raymond Jimmerson	10/5/18	Texas
Rogelio Santander Jr.	4/25/18	Texas
David Sherrard	2/7/18	Texas
Loren Vasquez	10/31/18	Texas
Charles Whites Jr.	4/27/18	Texas
David Romrell	11/24/18	Utah
Dennis Vincent	10/26/18	Utah
Hunter Edwards	11/24/18	Virginia
Derrick Focht*	4/7/17	Washington
Daniel McCartney	1/8/18	Washington
Diego Moreno	7/22/18	Washington
Charles Irvine Jr.	6/7/18	Wisconsin
Michael Michalski	7/25/18	Wisconsin
Christopher Bacon	6/7/18	Federal
Dennis Bonelli*	11/28/17	Federal
John Brant	7/19/18	Federal
Brian Crews	6/10/18	Federal
Timothy Ensley	6/24/18	Federal
Christopher Hill	1/18/18	Federal
Mark Johnston*	9/12/17	Federal
David Levalley	5/26/18	Federal
Dennis McCarthy	10/27/18	Federal
Mark Mikulski*	5/25/14	Federal
Melissa Morrow	3/22/18	Federal
P. Scott Ragsdale	5/24/18	Federal
Nole Remagen	7/17/18	Federal
Edward Smith*	10/15/12	Federal
Chase White	11/29/18	Federal
Robert Williams*	7/28/13	Federal
Thomas Wischerth*	3/26/17	Federal
Kristopher Youngberg	10/5/18	Federal
Andres Laza-Caraballo	3/21/18	Puerto Rico
Joel Pantojas Fuentes	5/6/18	Puerto Rico

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FROM THE **CHAPLAIN**

by **Joseph (Jody) Stimmell** | jstimmell@dc-fop.org

Over three years have passed since I took over as chaplain for our Lodge, and what a year this has been. This was the third year in a row where we have had many assaults and ambush-style attacks on police officers with deadly outcomes.

Unfortunately, the common story line that didn't change much last year was the average age and time on the job. You would think it would be the young officers or, as us old timers would say, the Rookies; however, the average age was 41 years old and the average time on the job was 13 years and 3 months.

Another year where the public has vilified law enforcement and police officers. A year where news and social media kept stirring the pot, keeping emotions high in our society, where a single incident could spark a riotous event between the public and police. A year where police departments throughout the country are struggling to keep their manpower levels up when the numbers of applicants and the desire to become a police officer has dwindled.

Police Week is a time for Law Enforcement and their families, as well as the rest of the world, to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their jobs and to remember that their sacrifice is painful to us. The survivors will not be forgotten or minimized and will be acknowledged every year. The names of the fallen officers will be added to the National Police Memorial this year as always. There is a saying that all police officers gave some, but for some brother and sister officers they gave their all.

As we have done since 1982, we will honor and pay tribute to our fallen heroes and mourn their passing. We also need to celebrate their lives, what these heroes accomplished, and who they touched during their time



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FROM THE **CHAPLAIN** *(cont.)*

with us. So with heavy hearts let us come together and pray for our fallen heroes. Tell the families of our fallen that we are thankful for their service and remind them that even though our brothers or sisters are no longer here, that the survivors are still family and can call on each and anyone of us when in need.

The one constant I could count on as a police officer was this: when I needed backup, whether on or off duty, it came with lights and sirens on. So if we have members or families in need, let us not give any less than we would have for our fellow officers. Another constant is knowing that if you need help, who is the best resource to call? The police. We as officers know this to be true, but our country and society might be having memory loss forgetting this fact. We are called to make miracles happen, to fix what can't be fixed, and to bring order to chaos. We as police and law enforcement should be very, very proud of what we are and what we stand for.

WE ARE A BREED APART!! We raised our right hands and swore to protect those who couldn't defend themselves and serve those who needed our guidance, care and compassion. To be the guardians of our communities, the sheep dog protecting the flock. This reminds me of a saying I use on a police motivational video: "The sheep do not want the dog around, he looks too much like the wolf. He reminds them that danger lurks out there, just beyond the relative safety of the fence. The wolf also hates the dog, he knows that it is the dog that stands between him and his prey. It is because of the dog that he is lean. The dog is the reason the wolf is forced to stalk the darkness. The dog knows these facts—undeterred, he stands watch, ever ready to do battle despite that he is an unwelcome guest in their midst. The dog is ready, at a moment's notice, to give his or her life in defense of the flock. It is simply who they are (POLICE).

I have stated this before: we are fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, as well as neighbors and friends. We don't suit up every day for the public's approval and God knows we don't do it for the money; we do it because it is our calling. We do it because we believe in words like Honor, Integrity, Bravery, Community and Service. We do it

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FROM THE **CHAPLAIN** *(cont.)*

because someone has to protect and serve our communities and be the stabilizing force against evil and, at times, the last line of defense. We as police officers and law enforcement have chosen to be warriors, and warriors don't hang up their hats because of the opinion(s) of others no matter how many, how loud, or how angry they become.

I like to share a story that has been written and told many times before. The author is unknown, but the message is clear.

When the Lord was creating police officers, he was into his sixth day of working overtime when an angel appeared and said, "You sure are doing a lot of fiddling around with this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order? A police officer has to be able to run five miles through alleys in the dark, scale walls, enter homes the health inspector wouldn't touch, and not wrinkle his uniform. He or she has to be able to sit in an undercover car all day on a stakeout, cover a homicide scene, canvass the neighborhood at night for witnesses, and testify in court the next day. He or she has to be in top physical condition at all times, running on black coffee and half-eaten meals. And he or she has to have six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands... no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord, "it's the three pairs of eyes an officer has to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair to see through the bulge in a pocket before he or she asks, 'May I see what's in there, sir?' (When he or she already knows and wishes he'd or she'd taken that accounting job.) Another pair here in the side of his or her head for their partners' safety. And another pair of eyes here in front that can look reassuringly at a bleeding victim and say, 'You'll be all right ma'am,' when he or she knows it's not so."

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FROM THE **CHAPLAIN** *(cont.)*

"Lord," said the angel, touching his sleeve, "why don't you rest and work on this tomorrow."

"I can't," said the Lord, "I already have a model that can talk a 250 pound drunk into a patrol car without incident and feed a family of five on a civil service paycheck."

The angel circled the model of the police officer very slowly, "Can it think?" she asked.

"You bet," said the Lord. "It can tell you the elements of a hundred crimes; recite Miranda warnings in its sleep; detain, investigate, search, and arrest a gang member on the street in less time than it takes five learned judges to debate the legality of the stop... and still it keeps its sense of humor. This officer also has phenomenal personal control. He or she can deal with crime scenes painted in hell, coax a confession from a child abuser, comfort a murder victim's family, and then read in the daily paper how law enforcement isn't sensitive to the rites of criminal suspects."

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek of the police officer. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you that you were trying to put too much into this model."

"That's not a leak," said the Lord, "it's a tear."

"What's the tear for?" asked the angel.

"It's for bottled-up emotions, for fallen comrades, for commitment to that funny piece of cloth called the American flag, for justice."

"You're a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somberly at the angel and said. "I'm no genius, I didn't put the tear in his or her eye!!"

Brothers and Sisters remember as always, be safe out there, watch your six and always remember Rule Number #1.

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FROM THE **CHAPLAIN** *(cont.)*

I leave you with a Police Officer's Prayer:

Lord, I ask for courage –

Courage to face and conquer my own fears, Courage to
take me where others will not go.

I ask for strength –

Strength of body to protect others, and strength of spirit to
lead others.

I ask for dedication –

Dedication to my job, to do it well, Dedication to my
community, to keep it safe.

Give me, Lord, concern for those who trust me, and
compassion for those who need me.

And please, Lord through it all, be at my side. ★

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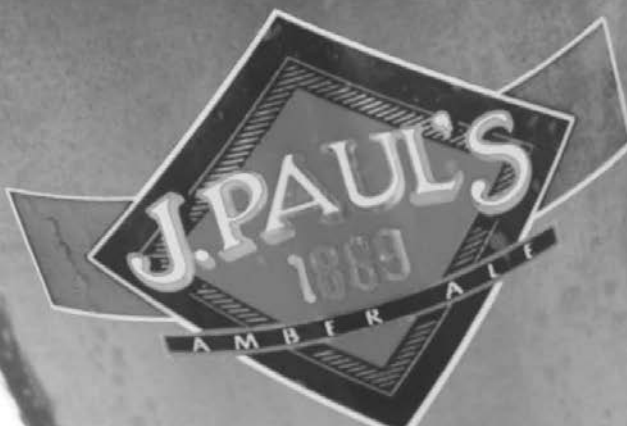
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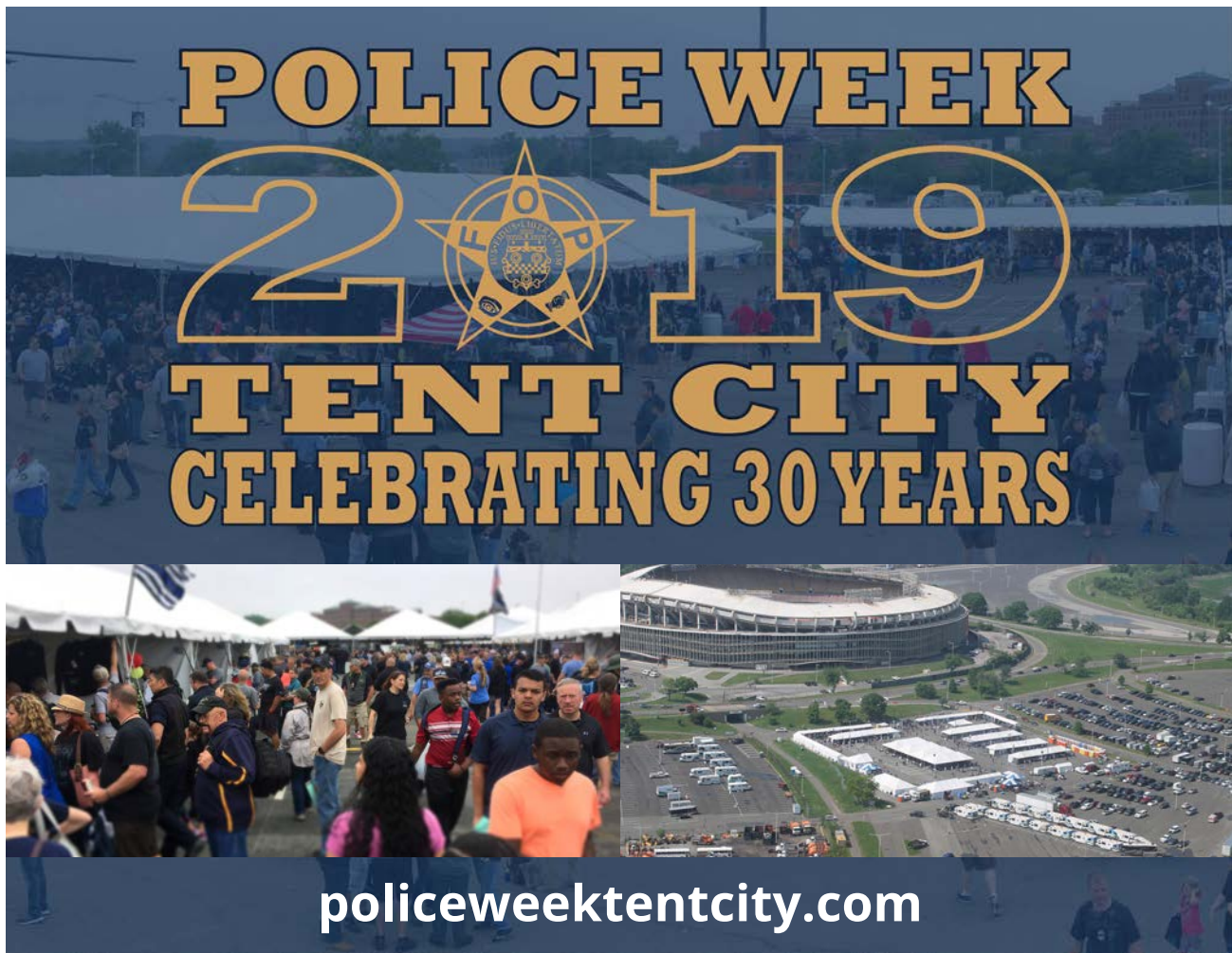
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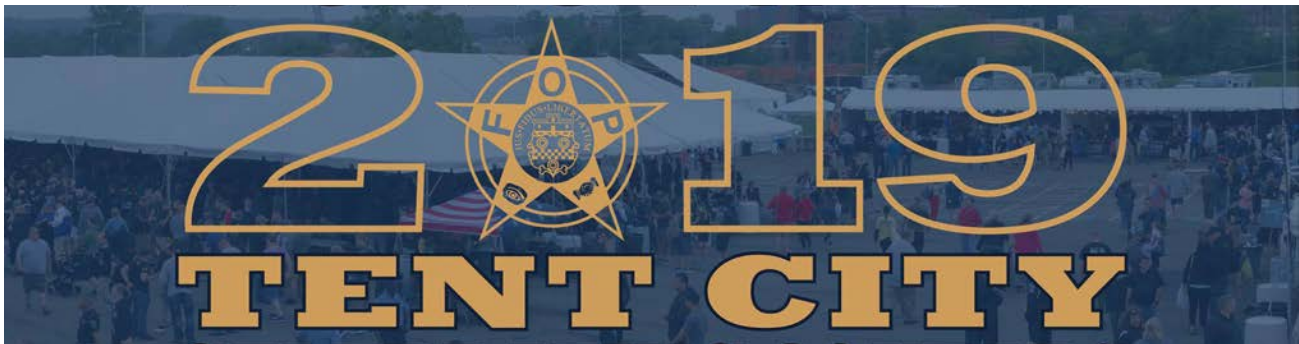
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Police Week Tent City, hosted by the Fraternal Order of Police, DC Lodge 1, is one of the largest events during National Police Week. From its humble beginnings 30 years ago with a few small tents and a small bar, Tent City 2019 is shaping up to be the largest yet. This three-day event draws representatives from agencies throughout the United States and around the world, providing a unique opportunity to network within the law enforcement community. Join us at RFK Stadium on May 13-15, 2019. The venue is located at 2400 East Capitol Street S.E., Washington, DC. The event opens at 11 a.m. and continues until 2 a.m. each day. Our venue provides plenty of parking and access to the Stadium-Armory Metro station (Silver, Orange and Blue Lines), which is a 9-minute walk from the site.

Our location provides for many new features and new sponsor relationships. This year we continue our established sponsorship with UBER and our new addition of Samsung. In addition to

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many repeat sponsors, such as Tidewater Tactical and Nine Line Apparel, we welcome Monster Energy, and 4204 Main Street Brewing Co. Please stop by their tents and thank them for their support.

While visiting Tent City, you will be pleasantly surprised with the assortment of vendors in attendance. In addition to a great selection of new vendors, returning vendors—such as Maryland Small Arms Range—will provide Under Armor, Butler Creek Accessories and additional gifts. You will find plenty of t-shirts with some form of blue line design, watches, rings, coins, patches, trinkets and much, much more. In fact, Tent City will host over eighty vendors, an EXPO tent, and Tidewater Tactical. You can find a full list of vendors in this issue of the *Simulcast*.

Kids Zone is returning, providing daily fun from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. for families who bring their children. Activities include a giant Connect Four game, fingerprint imprint activity, scavenger hunt, face painting and much more. The activities are provided by Snap Entertainment and sponsored by our partner, UPS. A host of special events include an Honor Guard presentation, interactive exhibits, K-9 demonstration, pipe bands, police cruisers and the Fallen Heroes Truck to climb in and around. Bring the family!

This year we are also pleased to announce the addition of 10 food trucks. With their unique menus, the food served will be fresh and made to order. One of the featured food trucks is the Olde Time Lollipops Candy & Fudge Factory Truck run by Cheri McGaffic. Cheri's truck will offer ribbon fries, ice cold lemonade, sno-cones, cotton candy, funnel cakes and so much more. Whether you are looking for a quick snack or a full meal

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you will find something to suit your appetite at the Police Week Food Truck Zone.

We welcome you to Tent City to enjoy music, food and drinks at the bar with your friends. Our volunteers are here to serve you, ensure that you have a great time while visiting DC, and most importantly, provide a safe, fun environment to reflect and catch up with old friends.

Stay updated on all things Tent City via our website, www.policeweektentcity.com, and across social media look for @policeweekdc. See you there! ★



2019 POLICE WEEK TENT CITY

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kids zone

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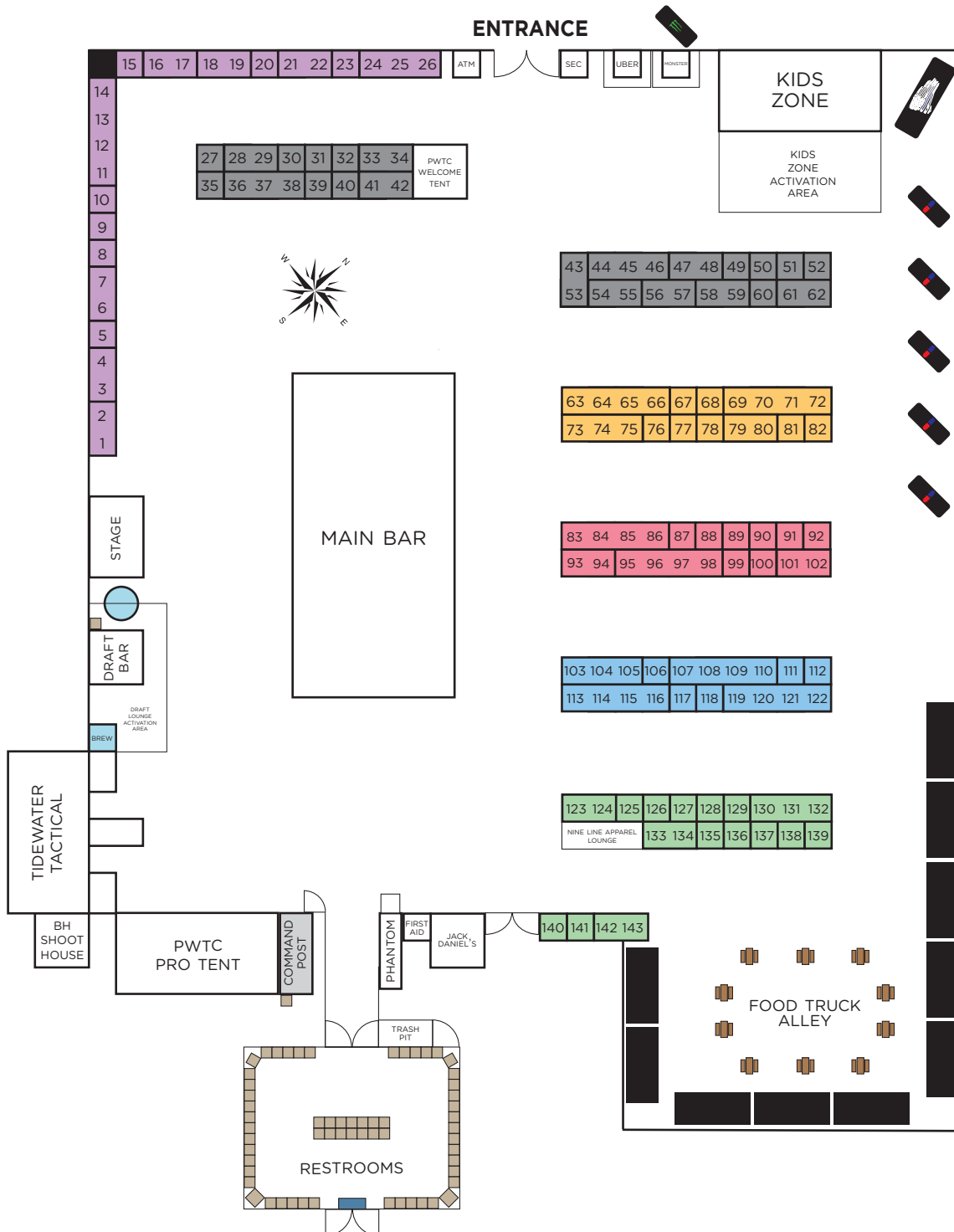
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Capital Chapter



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the Nam Knights of America Motorcycle Club has grown to 69 chapters in 16 states, Washington D.C. and two Canadian provinces, with hundreds of members made up of veteran's of all eras as well as law enforcement personnel plus a few special and dedicated "patriots." The Capital Chapter received their charter 5 years ago recognizing the need for a Nam Knight Chapter in our nation's capital.

"A hero is someone who has given his life to something bigger than himself or something other than himself."
- Joseph Campbell



In the view of the Nam Knights brotherhood, the Fraternal Order of Police represents many brothers and sisters in blue who fit this description. In fact, this is what the Nam Knights of America and the FOP Lodge's share in common; our ranks are filled with those who have given of themselves similarly. This

truth explains why the Nam Knights Capital Chapter enjoys supporting FOP Lodge #1 in the manner we do. Each member of both organizations has sworn an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America," and has honored that oath at risk to self.

The mission of the Nam Knights of America animates all club activities and is as follows:

"Our mission is to honor the memory of American Veterans and Police Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, to assist Veterans and Police Officers in their time of need and to promote community awareness through sponsorship and participation in various fundraising events."

The Nam Knights of America Capital Chapter fulfills the Nam Knight mission in a myriad ways:



We participate, (along with many other Nam Knight Chapters), in Rolling Thunder weekend events and rides to include paying respect at the National Police Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, and Rolling Thunder.



We support the FOP DC Lodge #1 with the set-up and operations of Police Week "Tent City". It's a lot of fun and an honor to support and meet the dedicated Law-Enforcement Officers, and their loved ones, while they enjoy the event and pay their respects during the Police Week ceremonies.



We support the Military Retirees, who live at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington DC by co-hosting a monthly happy hour, and assist with their July 4th "Friends of the Soldiers Home" event, Spring Fling, and Oktoberfest.



The Capital Chapter supports many like-minded organizations in the DC/Metro area by attending charitable events and offering donations. You can locate a Nam Knights chapter near you by visiting www.namknights.org



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Message from the New DC Retirement Board **Active Duty Trustee**

by **Greggory Pemberton** | greggory.pemberton@dc.gov

As the newly elected Active Police Officer Trustee of the District of Columbia Retirement Board (DCRB), I wanted to take a moment to thank the members for their involvement in the DCRB election that took place in November, 2018. Thanks to their support, I was able to win the elction and have now officially taken office for the four year term. I would also like to show my appreciation to former Trustee Darrick Ross, who served as the Active Police Officer Trustee to the Board since 1999, for assisting with making a smooth transition.

The DCRB is the board that oversees the pension funds and disbursement for all DC Police Officers, Firefighters, and Teachers. The DCRB Board of Trustees has twelve members. Those members are comprised of three (3) elected by the active Police Officers, Firefighters, and Teachers, three (3) elected by the retired Police Officers, Firefighters, and Teachers, three (3) appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, and three (3) appointed by the Council of the District of Columbia. Additionally, an Ex-Officio representative from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) attends regular Board meetings.

There are many pressing issues for our members as they pertain to DCRB. I look forward to getting involved with the Board and its various important committees. Please let me know if you have any questions about the retirement funds or any of the functions of DCRB. My email address for my Trustee position is greggory.pemberton@dc.gov. Thank you again for your participation in the election process. ★



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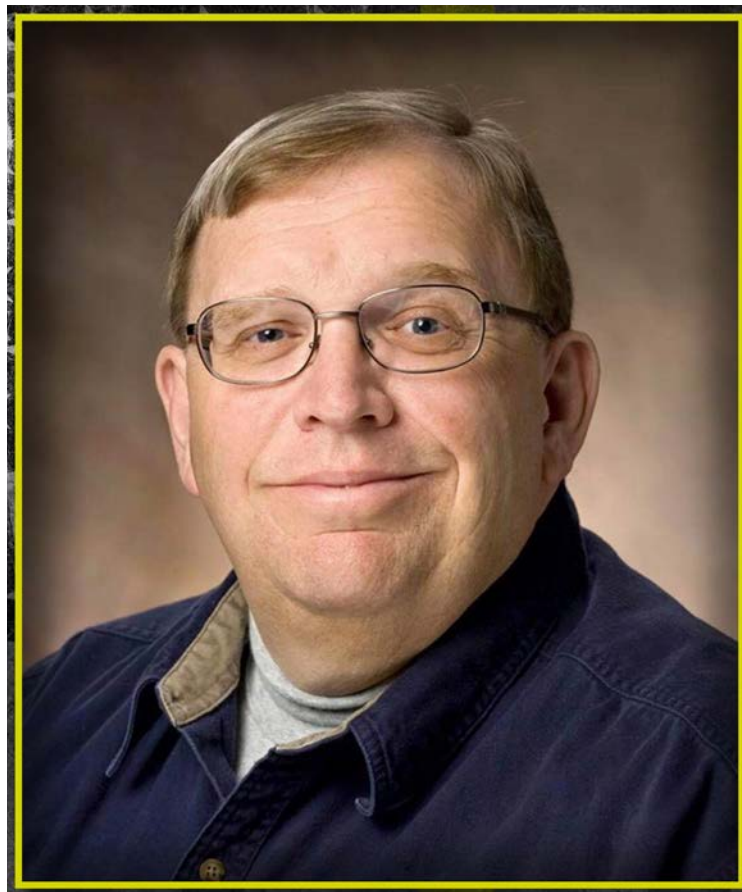
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Lieutenant Warren G. Bisdorf III
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Following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps Warren worked his way through school as a movie projectionist. After college, Warren joined the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department. He was promoted through the ranks to Lieutenant. He retired and, after a decades'-long hiatus, returned to Butler County. He patrolled with his local neighborhood watch, was a mentor for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and worked the polls for many elections. During June 1998, Lieutenant Warren joined the Miami Police Department as a Dispatcher. On March 20, 2003, he also joined the Oxford Police Department as a Dispatcher. He served both until his death.





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FROM THE **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

by **Steve Franchak** | psfm15@verizon.net

In May, we have Police Week and Memorial Day. In June we have graduations. In July we have Independence Day. In August we have the National Convention. Don't forget Labor Day in September. And sometime during these months, we have to fit in the family vacations.

Congress has the same busy schedule, and that also includes whatever newsworthy investigations and hearings that they need to complete, Congress has 1½ years remaining before they go into election and lame duck mode.

Between our busy schedule and Congress', we are trying to get our legislative agenda passed. Trying to meet with, write to, or call on Congressional members or their staff is another activity to fit into our busy schedules. Though all of us benefit from the efforts of those who succeed, there is a way we can all be involved: through our National Legislative PAC.

The National FOP has a paid legislative staff here in Washington, DC to track, lobby and meet with representatives of Congress. Though their knowledge of law enforcement/public safety issues is acknowledged, they need the PAC fund to further the cause. The funds are used to contribute to members of Congress who assist and support us.

National dues cannot be used for this, which is why we need the PAC. You can contribute to the PAC by check, Facebook, Twitter or directly on the National website. Remember that helping the PAC allows them to help us.



Editor's note: It is with heavy hearts that we announce the death of Paula S. Franchak, wife of article author Steve Franchak, shortly after this article was submitted. Our thoughts and prayers go to the Franchak family.

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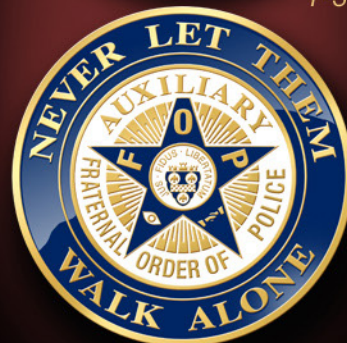
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- ♦ To promote police professionalism and to recognize the accomplishments of Gaelic/American law enforcement officers.
- ♦ To assist needy members and aid their families in the event of a line of duty death.

We have quarterly meetings and various social functions. Some of those include; St. Patrick's Day Parade & NLEOM Wreath laying Ceremony (March), Memorial March & Hospitality Night (May during Police Week), Picnic (June), Camden Yard Baseball Night (Sept), Family Fall Fling in Ocean City (Oct) and a Christmas Party (December).

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The majority of our membership comes from Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. There are five types of membership in the Society; Active, Associate, Honorary, Complimentary and Auxiliary. Gaelic/American law enforcement (or retired) officers may join as Active members of the Society. Civilians may join as Associate members. An Honorary member is a special recognition bestowed upon an individual by the Brehon Council. Complimentary membership is given to the President and Vice President of other Emerald Societies. Auxiliary membership (non-Gaelic) is open to the public.

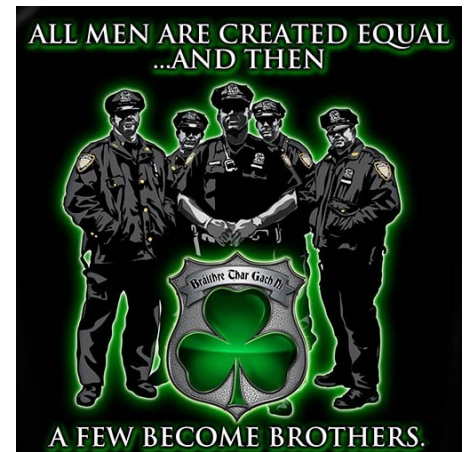
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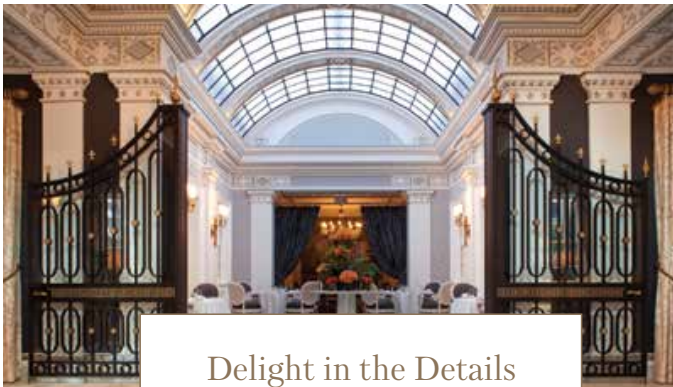
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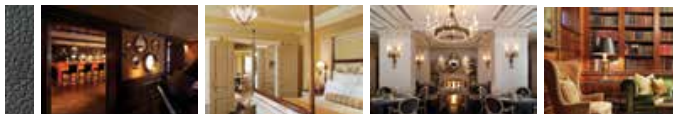
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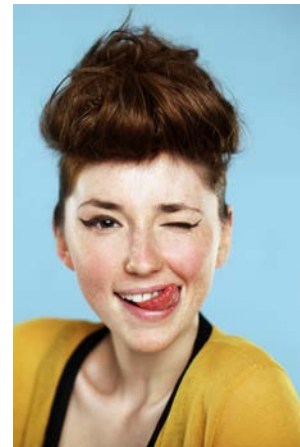
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The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge DC Lodge #1 was chartered in 1966. The Lodge was later named after the first member killed in the line of duty, Officer Jerrard F. Young.

In November of 1977, the FOP Auxiliary to DC Lodge #1 was formed, to promote fellowship between police families. Their objective is to increase understanding between individual officers and their families. The Lodge offers a place to voice ideas and concerns. The Lodge promotes fraternalism and the opportunity to interact with fellow police officers.

The Lodge is composed of members from over 100 different law enforcement agencies and civilian associate members from all walks of life. The Lodge is involved in many community projects, charities and social functions as well as their efforts to improve law enforcement. 🌟



Officer Jerrard F. Young
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ABOUT THE FOP STAR

The emblem adopted by the National Fraternal Order of Police is designed to remind the membership of the duties that are expected of them as a citizen, a police officer and a member of the Lodge. The five-cornered star tends to remind us of the allegiance we owe to our Flag and is a symbol of the authority with which we are entrusted. It is an honor the people we serve bestow upon us. They place their confidence and trust in us; serve them proudly.

Midway between the points and center of the star is a blue field representative of the thin blue line protecting those we serve.

The points are of gold, which indicates the position under which we are now serving. The background is white, the unstained color representing the purity with which we should serve. We shall not let anything corrupt be injected into our order. Therefore, our colors are blue, gold and white.

The open eye is the eye of vigilance ever looking for danger and protecting all those under its care while they sleep or while awake. The clasped hands denote friendship. The hand of friendship is always extended to those in need of our comfort.

The circle surrounding the star midway indicates our never-ending efforts to promote the welfare and advancement of this order. Within the half circle over the centerpiece is our motto, "Jus, Fidus, Libertatum" which translated means "Law Is a Safeguard of Freedom." ★





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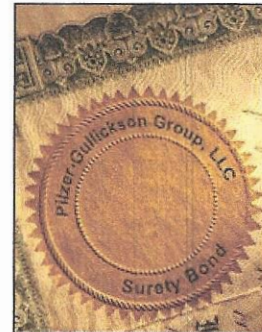
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