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24th Annual Police Memorial Commemoration is a Great Success

Once again the law enforcement community of Greater Cleveland rose to the occasion and pulled together to make our 24th Annual Police Memorial Commemoration a great success! By all reports all of our guests from throughout the eastern United States, Canada, Europe and the Middle East had a wonderful time.

The Welcome Reception, held this year at the Corner Alley, E. 4th & Euclid Ave., was attended by over 400 who had a great time. DJ Gus of Kidd Productions, Cleveland, Ohio who donated his services, kept everyone thoroughly entertained, singing and dancing well into the night. The door prizes and raffles made for a lot of winners, including six who won the handgun raffle that benefited the renovation fund for the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial and the uniform & equipment fund of the Pipes & Drums of the Cleveland Police (See "Congratulations Handgun Raffle Winners, page 2). The staff at the Corner Alley provided excellent service and great food. We extend our sincere appreciation for their efforts and willingness to support our cause. We also want to thank the many individuals, organizations and businesses who donated items for the door prizes and raffles.

Mother Nature truly was looking out for us on Friday, May 15th for the Parade, Memorial Service, Luncheon, and Steak Roast. The sunshine and temperature were perfect for the parade that marched down Lakeside Ave. from E. 12 St., and under the US flag suspended over the roadway by the Cleveland Fire Division on its way to the service at Huntington Park, W. 3 & Lakeside. The parade, comprised of hundreds of units from law enforcement agencies and organizations from the U.S.A. and Canada, as well as officers from Europe and Turkey, was warmly received by the numerous spectators that lined the street.

The Memorial Service was a most dignified and solemn event in



which two more officers were added to the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial, P.O. Joshua Miktarian, Twinsburg PD and P.O. Jarod Dean, Boston Heights PD. They became the 173rd and 174th law enforcement officers from Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, and northern Summit counties who have died in the line of duty.

The FOP Cleveland Lodge #8 again provided a fine lunch & refreshments for over 600 parade participants who each year are so impressed with how well they are treated in our city. Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson and Safety Director Martin Flask visited and welcomed the officers, who were equally impressed that our mayor attends our memorial service each year and also, came this time for lunch with them! Our sincere thanks to FOP #8 President Wally May, and all of the members of the Lodge who put in so much effort to make this one of the highlights of the weekend.

Capping off the day was the Fellowship Steak Roast hosted by the Chicago Police Emerald Society and the Cleveland Police Patrolman's Association. For the past several years the CPPA and our friends from

Chicago have joined together to host this popular event. The great continued on page 4

Our 25th Anniversary Next Year

The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society was formed in 1985 by a handful of police officers that got together after the funeral of a fellow officer who was killed in the line of duty. The first Greater Cleveland Police Memorial commemoration was held the following year. From that humble beginning, our event has become one of the best commemorations in the country.

Next May 20-23, 2010, we'll celebrate our Silver Anniversary by hosting the biggest and best commemorations ever held! Planning and preparations began two years ago, and now after the successful conclusion of our 24th Annual event, work has begun in earnest.

Soon will be unveiled complete information on the events, but we can already announce an inaugural golf outing on Thursday, May 20, 2010; a larger Welcome Reception at a prestigious downtown venue; and we'll be hosting a 25th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Banquet on Friday evening. The Tattoo returns to Public Auditorium with a three times the bands (already 12 have committed), drill team, massed choruses, dancers, and more.

We are extremely excited about next year and are looking forward to the entire law enforcement community to join us as we come together and celebrate 25 years of Honoring Our Fallen!



Mark Your Calendar: Please Note Date Changes

We're asking your assistance in helping us correct some incorrect information and get the word out to our friends. Initially, we planned to hold our 25th Anniversary Police Memorial Commemoration, May 13-17, 2010 and we distributed information to that effect. That was our original plan, but due to our effort to avoid conflicts with the National LE Memorial events in Washington, D.C, the availability of our first choice for the best tattoo venue, and hotel deals, we've moved our dates to May 20-23, 2010. Kindly disregard any previously published info. Our dates are May 20-23, 2010! Our apology for any confusion.



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Transportation Marvel

Each year our guests marvel at how great they are treated in this town! They arrive by every mode of transportation, and after checking into the host hotel, they need not worry about how to get around town. All they have to do is walk out the front door and hop into one of the many vans provided by the various LE agencies, businesses, host hotel, and organizations. The drivers cheerfully welcome our guests and provide directions, information and rides to all of our events.



This service is sometimes overlooked, but it is vital to the success of our police memorial commemoration.

Our thanks to every LE agency and LE organization who lent their support. Also special thanks to the RSVP organization and the Cleveland Police Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association who provided numerous volunteers; to Bill Doraty KIA and Gillingham Ford for donating vans; and to Avalon Trailers who provided the unit that served as our command post.

Congratulations Handgun Raffle Winners

As reported on page 1, we co-sponsored a raffle of six (6) handguns to benefit the renovation fund of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial, and the uniform & equipment fund for the Pipes & Drums of the Cleveland Police. The drawing was held at our Welcome Reception on Thursday, 5/14/09, the kick-off event of the police memorial commemoration. Five of the six winners were active or retired LE personnel:

Glock 26

1. Patrick Moran, Chicago PD-retired
2. John Price, non law enforcement

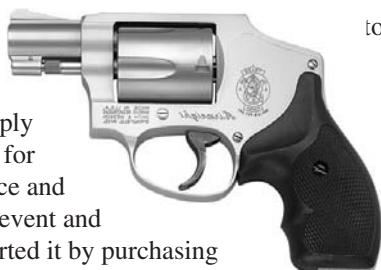
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1. Mike Salusky, Pennsylvania State Police
2. Mike Thrush, Ohio Parole Authority

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1. Richard McIntosh, Cleveland PD-retired
2. Dave Miller, Brooklyn PD

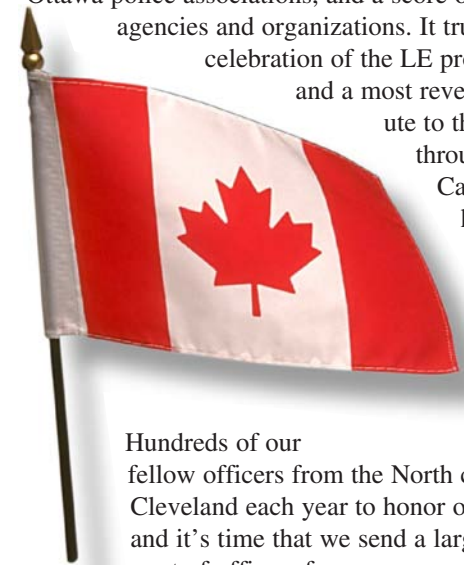
Congratulation our winners. We also want to thank Atwell's Police Supply in Painesville, Ohio for their excellent service and assistance with this event and all those who supported it by purchasing tickets.



National Canadian Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service

We are once again sponsoring a trip to the National Canadian LEO Memorial Service and events, September 25-27, 2010. The events are being held in the beautiful national capital, Ottawa, Ontario. If you have ever visited this wonderful cosmopolitan city with its impressive architecture and attractions, you know that its friendly citizens are most welcoming of law enforcement officers from throughout the world, especially the USA.

The events are sponsored by the Ontario and Ottawa police associations, and a score of other agencies and organizations. It truly is a celebration of the LE profession and a most reverent tribute to the officers throughout Canada who have died in the line of duty.



Hundreds of our fellow officers from the North come to Cleveland each year to honor our fallen and it's time that we send a large contingent of officers from our area and demonstrate our support!

Arrangements are being finalized, and once completed we'll post the information on our website (www.policememorialsociety.com) on June 21st. GCPOMS Trustee Bonnie DuBreuil is again organizing the trip and she can be reached at bonbonstamps@hotmail.com or C: 216-410-7583. Email Bonnie if you have any questions or to make your reservation.

We invite you to join us on this fun and exciting trip. Deadline for reservations is August 15, 2009.

Renovation of the GCPOM

The second phase of the capital improvement project for the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial was completed the day before our 24th Annual Police Memorial Commemoration began on May 13th. This included the hardscape work, installation of commemorative pavers, and planting the trees that encircle the memorial and in the large planter atop the parking garage. The crew from Schill Landscaping worked very hard to ensure that this phase of the renovation was concluded on time and that the grounds and memorial looked its best. Our thanks for their efforts and great work.

The third phase, installation of the sprinkler sys-

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tem, plants, shrubs, and low voltage lighting will begin hopefully this fall. Our fund raising campaign has begun in earnest this June and will continue through next year.

The fourth and final phase will take place hopefully next spring. This includes the installation of 3 flagpoles, 2 benches, signage, and the dedication plaque listing the sponsors of the project.

Barring any unforeseen complications, the GCPOM will be rededicated next May 21, 2010 during our 25th Annual Police Memorial Service.



US Marshals Bocce Ball Tournament to Benefit the GCPOM Renovation Fund

The U.S. Marshals Service is hosting their 8th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at the Sycamore Picnic Area, in the Metroparks Rocky River Reservation. The event begins at 9:30AM and the \$50.00 entry fee per person (\$100.00 per team) includes a T-shirt, beer, hotdogs, chips, soda, and a chance to win a cash prize for first and second place finishers. Also included is a \$15.00 donation to the renovation fund of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial.



There is a 40 team limit, so we strongly encourage all of our members, fellow officers, and friends to reserve your spot early, and come out and join in the fun!

We thank the U.S. Marshals Office of Northern Ohio for their support.

Contact Ken Coniglio at 216-276-1038 to make your reservation.

Fund Raising Campaign: We need Your Help!

GCPOMS Vice President Kathy Delaney has donned another hat by becoming the Director of Development for our organization. What this mean is that she is working on raising the necessary funds to cover the costs of the renovation of the GCPOM and our 25th Anniversary Celebration. She can be reached at C: 216-538-

6798 and via email at kdelaney700@aol.com.

Our annual police memorial commemoration costs over \$45,000.00 and the renovation of the memorial is going to cost over \$110,000.00 when it's all said and done.

Needless to say, it's incumbent upon us that we work diligently on raising funds to operate. Income from all Life Memberships are deposited into a restricted endowment for the perpetual maintenance of the memorial and the approximately \$4,000.00 that we derive from general memberships covers less than 10% of our budget. The remainder must come from donations obtained from the community and other LE organizations, and our special events and program ad sales.

We've come a long way in our 24 years, with a little good fortune and ALOT of hard work by our very dedicated members and volunteers. We encourage every law enforcement officer and friend of law enforcement to become a member, and to support our fund raising events as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary next May 20-23, 2010, and look forward to another 25 years of Honoring Our Fallen.

Volunteers Needed

We cordially invite anyone wishing to volunteer with assisting us with our 25th Anniversary Celebration to contact us at gcpoms1985@yahoo.com, Our next meeting is Wednesday, 6/24/09 at 5:30pm at the Double Tree Hotel, 1111 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland, OH. We have a great bunch of volunteers and we invite you to join in the fun.

In order to assist us with planning, please drop us an email, or call 216-906-9131.

Veteran of the Year Added to Annual Awards

The GCPOMS board unanimously added to its annual awards presentation the Lance Corporal Andrew "Ace" Nowacki Memorial Veteran of the Year Award. Named after this courageous U.S. Marine who was killed in action in the War For Iraqi Freedom, we are proud to establish this award for this dedicated public servant, who was also a police officer with Village of Grand River (OH) PD.



The inaugural award will be presented to an active or former member of the military service who goes above and beyond the call of duty in their service to the Armed Forces and/or in the community after (or during) their military service. It will be presented next May along with our other awards (P.O. Anthony J. Johnson, Sr.. Memorial Police Officer of the Year, Ptl. Norman A. Drew Memorial Citizen of the Year Award, and the GCPOMS Lifetime Achievement).

We welcome and encourage our members to submit nominees for these awards by September 1, 2010 via email to gcpoms1985@yahoo.com. Please include contact information and a concise explanation for your nomination.



Photo by Rose Costanzo

food and camaraderie is something to behold. The fellowship of our profession seems to reach fever pitch at this event, fueled by the great food, refreshments, location, and the collective good nature of the hundreds of fellow officers, family and friends present. We extend our appreciation to CPPA President Steve Loomis and the board, and all the CPPA members. A special "Tip o' the Hat" to the Chicago Police Emerald Society chefs; Tom Cody, Ricky Toolis, and John Sullivan who come to Cleveland to participate in the events of the commemoration, and go to work immediately after the memorial service making sure that everything is perfect for our guests; and to all of our great volunteers who work behind the scenes (and grill).

Saturday morning, while rehearsals for the tattoo were being conducted, the Police Memorabilia Swap Meet was in full swing. Held in the ballroom of the GCPOMS host hotel, over 500 collectors, guests, and police officers were amazed at the gathering of "All Things Police" (and some military too). It was great to see so many children there who all seemed to thoroughly enjoy all the "stuff" and beginning collections themselves.

Also taking place on Saturday was the Blue Knights Ohio Chapter VIII Poker Run. For over eight years they have sponsored this event to benefit the GCPOMS. Our thanks to President Bob Clancy, and the members of this fine organization for their continued support.

The Allen Theater at Playhouse Square was the scene for the Police Memorial Tattoo. The 1,500+ guests and performers were entertained by the pipes & drums of the Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, New York City and Ottawa police departments, the USMC Quantico Band, and vocalist Det. Randy Snider of the Whitehall, OH. PD. Members of the Independence PD Honor Guard and Toronto Police Chief's Ceremonial Unit presented the colors during the opening ceremony.

At the conclusion of the tattoo the performers led a parade comprised of a massed band followed by hundreds of guests. Back in the host hotel ballroom over 750 people enjoyed the camaraderie of the weekend and outstanding music provided by the Tony Quarles Band.

The weekend came to conclusion on Sunday morning with the Greater Cleveland Safety Forces Holy Name Society's Annual Police Memorial Mass and pancake breakfast at which their annual high school scholarships are awarded.

Then, the let-down occurs, when our guests and friends say good-bye and head for home. Seemingly, in the wink of an eye, it's over, and after a very brief rest, planning for our 25th Anniversary Police Memorial Commemoration commences.

Editor's Note: There are a vast number of individuals, agencies, and organizations which we want to thank, but available space restricts us from listing them all. All we can do is extend to everyone our heartfelt thanks for your help in making this one of the finest police memorial commemorations in the country. You've all made the LE community of NE Ohio stand a lot taller, **and did it proud!**

Special Sponsorship Opportunities: Flag Poles/Benches



The renovation and capital improvements being conducted on the GCPOM includes the installation of two benches and three flagpoles with illumination. We are making available sponsorship opportunities for each of these items.

Sponsors of the flagpoles will have their name engraved on the dedication plaque and on a special paver next to the flagpole. The flag poles will be located adjacent to the walkway immediately behind the memorial and illuminated USA, Ohio

and GCPOMS flags will be flown throughout most of the year. Sponsorship for each of the poles is \$2,500.00.

Two custom made benches will be installed in the walkway, one each on the east & west sides of the memorial. They will provide a comfortable place for visitors to sit and reflect. Sponsorship for each of the benches is also \$2,500.00. Sponsors of the benches will also have their name engraved on the dedication plaque and on a large commemorative paver in front of the bench.

Become A Member On-Line

We encourage all police officers, family members, and supporters of law enforcement to join the GCPOMS. Your dues help to further the goals of the Society and help us to continue our commitment to Honor Our Fallen.

Membership dues for the GCPOMS are tax deductible and applications are available on line at our website, www.policememorialsociety.com.

JOIN US AS WE HONOR OUR FALLEN



25th Annual POLICE MEMORIAL COMMEMORATION MAY 20-23, 2010

THE WEEKEND

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010

- Golf Outing
- Welcome Reception

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2010

- Parade
- Re-dedication of the renovated Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial
- Memorial Service
- Luncheon
- 25th Anniversary Celebration Banquet & Awards Night

SATURDAY, MAY 22 2010

- Police Memorabilia Swap Meet
- Memorial Concert/Tattoo
- After Concert Party

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010

- Survivors Breakfast

**Make Your Host Hotel
Reservations Early!**



We strongly recommend that you make your reservations now at the 25th Anniversary Celebration host hotel through our website, www.policememorialsociety.com. Go to the website and go to "click it and book it" on the hotel name/logo for direct access to make your reservation.

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