Sacramento Police Sheriff's Memorial

23rd Annual Remembrance Ceremony · May 1, 2025
12:00 Noon · Woodlake Park, 500 Arden Way

dedicated to remembering our fallen

Sacramento Police Officers

George C. Chapman
EOW: April 27, 1858

Joseph Scott
EOW: December 7, 1878

Charles H. Wetzel
EOW: August 29, 1893

Chief Erskin Fish
EOW: August 11, 1935

Frank Lungershausen
EOW: December 27, 1935

Frank Mello
EOW: June 30, 1951

Francis Rea
EOW: January 3, 1954

Arnold Gamble
EOW: February 15, 1963

Eugene McKnight
EOW: July 23, 1963

Bernard Bennett
EOW: May 13, 1970

Andrew Collins
EOW: April 19, 1972

Doyle Popovich
EOW: August 3, 1974

Rodney Butts
EOW: October 15, 1975

William Warner
EOW: June 1, 1981

Michael Gartrell
EOW: April 25, 1991

Emily Morgenroth
EOW: October 17, 1997

William "Bill" Bean, Jr.
EOW: February 9, 1999

Tara C. O'Sullivan
EOW: June 19, 2019

Sacramento Sheriff's Deputies

Joseph McKinney
EOW: August 15, 1850

Charles J. Ogle
EOW: March 12, 1951

William J. Littlejohn
EOW: June 3, 1955

Roger L. Bauman
EOW: December 12, 1961

Kenneth B. Royal
EOW: June 7, 1968

Bruce R. Verhoeven
EOW: December 4, 1973

Stewart P. Baird
EOW: June 13, 1976

Christopher Boone
EOW: October 25, 1979

Gene Luther
EOW: April 25, 1980

David E. Miller
EOW: January 2, 1983

Richard E. Deffner
EOW: January 21, 1988

Sandra L. Larson
EOW: December 8, 1998

Kevin P. Blount
EOW: July 13, 2005

Joseph Kievernagel
EOW: July 13, 2005

Jeffrey V. Mitchell
EOW: October 27, 2006

Vu D. Nguyen
EOW: December 19, 2007

Paul W. DeRouen
EOW: March 29, 2008

Lawrence Canfield
EOW: November 12, 2008

Danny P. Oliver
EOW: October 24, 2014

Robert A. French
EOW: August 30, 2017

Mark Stasyuk
EOW: September 17, 2018

Adam Gibson
EOW: January 18, 2021

Elk Grove Police Officer

Tyler Lenahan
EOW: January 21, 2022

Galt Police Officers

Kevin Tonn
EOW: January 15, 2013

Harminder Grewal
EOW: August 26, 2021

DA Investigator

Grant Wilson
EOW: August 1, 1981

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LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCESSION
Led by the Sacramento Firefighters Pipes and Drums

WELCOME
Paul Brown, President

PRESENTATION OF COLORS
Sacramento Area Law Enforcement Honor Guards

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Deputy Ashley Wanasamba

INVOCATION
Pastor Anthony Sadler, Shiloh Baptist Church

GUEST SPEAKERS
Chief Kathy Lester
Sheriff Jim Cooper
District Attorney Thien Ho
Chief Brian Kalinowski
Chief Bobby Davis

Fallen Officer roll call

Law Enforcement Salutes
Moment of Silence
Riderless Horse
21-Gun Salute
Military "Taps"
Amazing Grace
Aircraft Missing Flyer Formation

BENEDICTION
Detective Scott Stone, Sacramento Police Department

CLOSING
Sacramento Area Law Enforcement Honor Guards
Sacramento Firefighters Pipes and Drums

LAW ENFORCEMENT SALUTES

"Black Band" Over Police Badge
In early cultures, grieving families would display a piece of clothing from the deceased on themselves until the day of burial. Police and Fire adopted a similar ritual when one has fallen.

Military "Taps"
Dating back to the Civil War, the 24-notes played signaled to the troops the day's end, or "lights-out". In 1891, it became officially recognized as a part of all military funerals.

"Riderless Horse"
An early army cavalry practice, a horse without a rider was escorted during a memorial ceremony to represent the loss of a fellow soldier.

"21-Gun Salute"
In navy combat, a captured warship would have to fire its cannons until all ammunition was spent to show the lack of further hostile intent.

"Aircraft Missing Flyer Formation"
A military aviation practice much like the Riderless Horse practice, the grieving squadron of aircraft fly in delta formation less one to show their loss.

Founded in 1992 to Remember our Fallen

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