



THE EPITAPH



Serving the law enforcement community of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina & Northern Summit Counties

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Joe Mannion

Welcome to our second edition of the GCPOMS bi-monthly newsletter *The Epitaph*. We hope that you enjoyed our first issue and will enjoy each issue to come.

Thanks to all who have recently purchased pavers as memorials of loved ones or in support of all peace officers and the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society. For those who would like to purchase a paver, please go to our website www.honorourfallen.us or to www.EachPaverRemembers.com. Pavers are placed around the Memorial site as a permanent tribute and opportunity to remember a loved one, recognize someone special or on behalf of your business or organization as a supporter of police officers for their public service. The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society honors fallen officers from Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina and Northern Summit Counties.

Holly Miktarian, Survivor and spouse of fallen Twinsburg K9 Officer Josh Miktarian (EOW 7-13-08) received a message from a Summit County Deputy who told Holly he was on a call years ago and backup was needed. Josh and his trusty K9 Bagio assisted the Deputy. The Deputy feels that if Josh and Bagio had not showed up, he would have been seriously injured. The Deputy told Holly that he would never forget the backup response from Josh and wanted to do something in his memory on the 10th anniversary of his death in the line of duty. Holly talked it over with her daughter Thea and both felt that the GCPOMS Grave Marker Project is an amazing way to remember those police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. It is amazing to see fallen police officers from so long ago and recently are remembered and honored as

they should be especially during National Police Week.

GCPOMS appreciates the donation of \$450.00 in memory of fallen Twinsburg K9 Officer Josh Miktarian's 10th End of Watch anniversary. These donated funds will go toward our Grave Marker Project to purchase new/replacement grave markers and flags that are placed each year at graves of the fallen officers who are on our Memorial Wall at the beginning of police week. These grave markers and flags are placed at the graves by Survivors and volunteers. Hudson Patrolman John Dean, a Survivor whose brother Boston Heights Patrolman Jared Dean (EOW 1/9/09) oversees the Grave Marker Project. If you would like to volunteer email: Info@policememorialsociety.org.

I would like to recognize Michael Cudnik, son of Cleveland Police Patrolman Hilary S. Cudnik, Sr. (EOW 12/30/96) for his donation of \$1000.00 for the recent Memorial updates. It was great having Michael, who lives out of state, attending this past year's Memorial Service.

We want to hear from our Survivors and encourage you to contact me with your family news. Please send your news so that it can be included in our issues of *The Epitaph*. My email is: jmannion@policememorialsociety.org.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer for the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society, please email me at jmannion@policememorialsociety.org or info@policememorialsociety.org.

Thank you for your support and for remembering to Keep the Promise to Never Forget our Fallen Heroes.

Stay safe,
Joe Mannion, President



A memorial wreath was placed at the GCPOMS Memorial to Honor Our Fallen



The Cleveland Police Honor Guard and Pipes and Drums with Cleveland Police Officer Timothy Riley as the Drum Major remembering fallen peace officers whose names are etched on the GCPOMS Memorial Walls.



The American flag is proudly carried in the GCPOMS Memorial Parade by peace officers from Northern Ohio and Canada.

Photos courtesy of Riley Orians.

SURVIVORS' CORNER Tracy Johnson, Survivor/Trustee/Liaison

Hello Fellow Survivors,

Hope all of you had a safe and fun summer and are enjoying the beautiful Fall weather. Wishes to all the pre-kindergarten to college students for a successful and happy school year.

Our deepest condolences to the Salvino Family on the passing of James M. "Sal" Salvino on June 30, 2018. Mr. Salvino was the father of Deputy James M. Salvino, Jr., Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office (EOW 2/17/01). Mr. Salvino always supported GCPOMS. He will be missed.

Thanks to all who sent responses after reading the first edition of *The Epitaph*. Remember this is our corner, and we look forward to share your news in future editions.

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BADGES OF COURAGE Mary A. Lentz, Survivor/Editor/Secretary

When we honor and never forget those brave Officers who have given their lives for the protection and safety of the communities they served, we not only express our gratitude for those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice. We also thank the law enforcement Officers who protect us daily and who, like those whose names are etched on the Walls of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial, also walk toward danger and never away from it.



The death of a police officer impacts the community served by the fallen officer, as well as Survivor families and fellow officers locally and nationally. The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial serves as a perpetual memory to the 188 names on the granite Walls who are always with us in thought, love and pride. To these Officers, Men of Honor, law enforcement was not a job, but a profession. When we Honor our Fallen, we look beyond each Officer's End of Watch to the life each Officer lived in preparation for that moment should it come.

It is with sorrow, but also with gratitude, that GCPOMS and each family of the Fallen Officers remember retired Cleveland Police Chief Edward Kovacic, who passed away on September 30, 2018. Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Barbara Kovacic and to the entire Kovacic family.

Chief Kovacic was instrumental in establishing The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial as a permanent edifice consisting of polished granite Walls to honor police officers from six northern Ohio counties who were killed in the Line of Duty. He and Mrs. Kovacic maintained a strong commitment to Honor the Fallen for making the ultimate sacrifice for the protection of others. Through Chief Kovacic's dedication to Fallen Officers and his energy and efforts to bring the Memorial from an idea to a reality, he has ensured that each Officer will be honored and never forgotten.

IN MEMORIAM February 11, 1921 – January 21, 1964

Albert Block, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW February 11, 1921

August Dyke, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 24, 1921

Elmer Sprosty, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 21, 1921

Frank J. Koran, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW November 26, 1921

Carl Metta, Agent
Federal Prohibition Enforcement Officer
EOW February 19 1923

Samuel Kilbane, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 19, 1923

Dennis Griffin, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 14, 1923

Fred J. Webber, Patrolman
Lorain Police Department
EOW December 22, 1923

Roy Nightwine, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 11, 1924

Frank A. Sugan, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW June 28, 1924

Michael J. Hahnel, Patrolman
Shaker Heights Police Department
EOW October 20, 1924

Peter Fromm, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW February 13, 1925

Henry Richter, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW February 27, 1925

Charles J. Frantz, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 14, 1925

Harvey A. Yoder, Marshal
Bay Village Police Department
EOW July 20, 1925

Charles C. Deal, Patrolman
Lorain Police Department
EOW November 6, 1925

John F. Saxton, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW February 15, 1926

Edwin A. Janes, Patrolman
Shaker Heights Police Department
EOW April 17, 1926

William G. Borgman, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 20, 1926

Michael B. Beuerlein, Patrolman
Parma Police Department
EOW May 20, 1926

George J. Buttermore, Patrolman
Shaker Heights Police Department
EOW May 24, 1926

Clinton Wolf, Deputy Marshal
Parma Police Department
EOW June 28, 1926

Lawrence R. Yaxley, Deputy Marshal
Mentor Village Marshal's Office
EOW January 30, 1927

Richard White, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 4, 1927

Albert Flemke, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 22, 1928

Anthony Wieczorek, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 13, 1928

Ernest L. Ford, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 19, 1928

Carl Sherman, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 6, 1929

Edward Butler, Patrolman
Cleveland Plain Dealer
EOW November 3, 1928

Franklin J. Strohl, Deputy
Lorain County Sheriff's Office
EOW June 30, 1930

James Ryan, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW January 8, 1931

John Buettner, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 9, 1932

Harry Rose, Marshal
Seven Hills Police Department
September 25, 1932

Herman Pahler, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 8, 1933

George Effinger, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 20, 1933

Harold Beingesser, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 29, 1935

Harry McCue, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 29, 1935

Martin J. Carlin, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 3, 1935

William J. Burmeister, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW October 20, 1935

Joseph Ternansky, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 1, 1936

Otto Mosholder, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 10, 1936

Virgil T. Bayne, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 18, 1937

Gerald Bode, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 18, 1937

John J. Cleary, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
January 4, 1938

Raymond Griffin, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 30, 1938

Robert Wehagen, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
July 8, 1938

Louis Mlakar, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 20, 1938

John Luses, Deputy
U.S. Marshals Service
EOW September 8, 1938

James Goggin, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW January 13, 1939

Otto Jirecek, Marshal
Solon Police Department
EOW March 31, 1939

Clarence Smith, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW June 6, 1939

Otto J. Ziska, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 31, 1940

James Goodwin, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 4, 1942

Howard B. Taft, Patrolman
Elyria Police Department
EOW August 8, 1942

Patrick Ryan, Sergeant
Cleveland Police Department
EOW January 14, 1944

George Kirk, Patrolman
Lorain Police Department
EOW March 30, 1944

Lewis Hauschild, Detective
East Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 22, 1945

Norman Carl Reker, Patrolman
Cleveland Heights Police Department
EOW February 21, 1948

Henry L. Walton, Chief
Fairview Park Police Department
EOW March 12, 1950

Forney L. Haas, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 8, 1951

Earl D. Thomas, Lieutenant
Gates Mills Police Department
EOW December 26, 1951

Eugene Stinchcomb, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 12, 1952

Joyce Robbin Moore, Lieutenant
Willoughby Police Department
EOW March 22, 1955

William Hudec, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 30, 1955

Warren Stainbook, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 30, 1955

Joseph Haydu, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 19, 1956

Garner M. Robertson, Patrolman
Valley View Police Department
EOW July 8, 1956

Howard Scott, Deputy
Geauga County Sheriff's Department
EOW August 14, 1956

Nicholas R. Catalano, Patrolman
Mayfield Heights Police Department
EOW December 26, 1956

Edmund G. Smith, Patrolman
Wellington Police Department
EOW May 4, 1957

Edward G. Lentz, Lieutenant
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 9, 1957

Edgar Nagie, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 26, 1958

Edward H. Perdian, Captain
Newburgh Heights Police Department
EOW September 15, 1960

Martin E. Mrugacz, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 29, 1960

Michael J. George, Deputy
Lorain County Sheriff's Office
EOW January 9, 1961

Arthur W. Guenther, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 19, 1961

John P. Palermo, Deputy
Lorain County Sheriff's Office
EOW January 21, 1964

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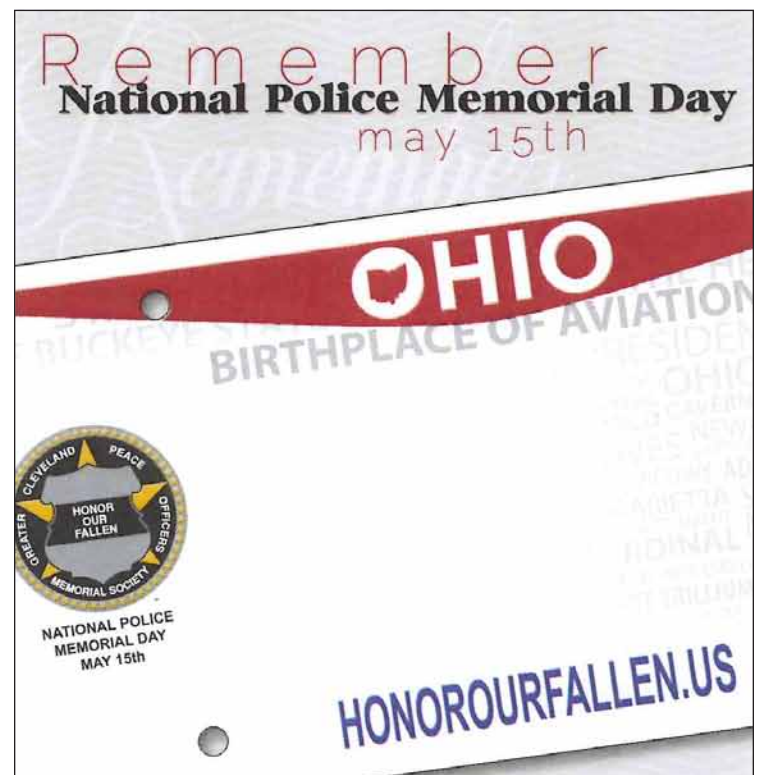


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APB (ALL POINTS BULLETIN)

- **Night At The Races** – GCPOMS's 2nd annual Night at the Races will take place on **November 30, 2018**. Doors open at **6:00 pm** at the **Eastside Irish American Club**, 22770 Lakeshore Blvd., Euclid, Ohio 44123. Refreshments are part of the **\$35 per person** cost and **\$65 per couple**. See the GCPOMS website for further information. www.honourourfallen.us
- **Ohio Auto License Plates** – As you renew your Ohio auto license plates or purchase new plates, please remember the special Ohio plates available. The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society plate honors our fallen peace officers and keeps the promise never to forget. A small portion of the license plate fee supports the GCPOMS Memorial at West 3rd and Lakeside Avenue. The Memorial remembers and honors police officers from Cuyahoga, Lorain, Lake, Geauga, Medina and Northern Summit Counties.



Please remember that The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society (GCPOMS) is a 501(c)(3) organization and your donation is tax exempt.