



THE EPITAPH



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Joe Mannion | President/Member of the GCPOMS Executive Board/Board of Directors

Welcome to the GCPOMS *The Epitaph*. I want to remind everyone to remember these dates: Friday, May 15, 2020 for our 35th Annual Memorial Service, Honoring Our Fallen, and Saturday, May 16, 2020 for the Cleveland International Tattoo. Police week will begin with our Grave Marker Ceremony on Saturday, May 9, 2020. Updates will be coming in future issues and on our website.

Congratulations to Jacob “Jake” Franczak our 2019 Pete Lawer GCPOMS Memorial Scholarship recipient. Jacob received a check for \$1,000.00 to assist him with education expenses. Jacob is honored to have been chosen for the scholarship. Jacob comes from a family who are public servants. His mother a Nurse and his father a Police Officer. Jacob returned to Tiffin University in August to start football camp, and continue with his studies. He is pursuing a career in law enforcement and is anticipating to graduate in 2022.

Thanks to GCPOMS Board Members and volunteers for taking time out of their busy schedules to assist with promoting GCPOMS at events like the Hooley in Westpark. They also volunteered at this year’s COPS Ride, a motorcycle run to Honor Our Fallen Officers. The Ride started at the GCPOMS Memorial with a short service and continued on a preset course, ending this year at South East Harley Davidson. This year’s ride was sponsored by South East Harley Davidson. Organizer/President of COPS Ride, John “Kiks” Kikol and Jane Hook from Southeast Harley Davidson presented a check of \$3,500.00, half of the proceeds from the event to GCPOMS for the care, improvement, and maintenance of the Memorial Site. GCPOMS is responsible for the up-keep and maintenance in the area in and around the Memorial site. Thanks to John, COPS Ride and Chris Meyers General Manager from South East Harley Davidson for their continued support of GCPOMS and for remembering Our Fallen Heroes.

We are most appreciative for the all the planning, hard work and continued support of GCPOMS by Tony Rizzo, Aaron Goldhammer, Good Karma Brands and staff and for their sponsorship of the Really Big Show (RBS) Golf Outing at Shale Creek Golf Club and for donating proceeds to GCPOMS. This was the 12th year that Tony Rizzo has donated the proceeds from this event to GCPOMS. We are also grateful for Scott Schreck and his staff from Shale Creek Golf Club who had the course in great shape and were great hosts of the RBS.

We were honored this year to have Tony Rizzo Emcee our Memorial Service for our Fallen Heroes this past May. Tony was asked, and he accepted the invitation to Emcee the Memorial Service next May at our 35th Anniversary Remembrance.

We are grateful for the following people who became Lifetime members of GCPOMS these past few months. Their support by becoming Lifetime members lets GCPOMS continue with our mission “To Never Forget Our Fallen Heroes.” They are: Chris Garnett, Mike Molinsky, Lynne Simone, Mathew Hartnett, Ken Kulczycki, Bonnie Kulczycki, Ryan Ginley, Dr. James Long III, Ryan Butler, Douglas Brown, Michael Mazany, Sr., Benjamin Bissell and Martin Olen.

Purchasing a Memorial Paver is another way to show support and /or remembrance of a loved one. GCPOMS wants to recognize the following people and organizations that have purchased pavers this past year. They are: The Cercek Family, The Alexander Family, Rhea Jones Ashmore, Chief Kelly Stillman of the Rocky River PD, the Eastlake PD, Warthogs MC Brookpark Chapter #33, Dr. Mary A. Lentz, The Gannon Family, Chief Matt Vanyo of the Olmsted Twp. PD, Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association, State Representative Thomas Patton, Jason Gresko Memorial Fund, Jim Langmead Free Masons, Kristine Bernhardt of Metro Hospital, the Sallay Family, Hilton Hotel - Cleveland Downtown, Brunswick Citizens Police Academy, Marie Clark, Tom & Kathy Lekan and Linda Herron. Johns Carabelli Company inscribes the pavers prior to placing them at the Memorial Site.

The Merchandise Committee has added several new items to show support of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society. They are polo-style golf shirts with the GCPOMS logo embroidered on the front in men’s and women’s sizes. Callaway golf balls with the GCPOMS logo, sweatshirts and long sleeve tee shirts with the GCPOMS logo embroidered on them. All items are available and can be viewed and purchased at our Tent Sales throughout the year at special events or on our website: HonorOurFallen.Us

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

Thank you for your support and for remembering “*Keeping the Promise to Never Forget our Fallen Heroes.*”™

Stay safe,

Joe Mannion, President

“*Keeping the Promise to Never Forget our Fallen Heroes.*”™

SURVIVORS' CORNER

Thomas Kaiser | Retired Captain, Garfield Heights Police Department

25 years ago, the Garfield Hts. Police Department had three of its officers killed in the line of duty within the span of only four months. Sgt. Dennis Glivar, age 40, was shot and killed in the line duty on August 14, 1994. Sgt. Glivar and I were ambushed by the male shooter after we responded to a shots fired call at a Garfield Heights apartment complex. Prior to our arrival, the shooter had shot and killed a male civilian at the apartment complex. Unaware that the shooter lived in an apartment on the bottom floor, Sgt. Glivar and I went to a second floor apartment to assist the shooting victim. While going back down the stairs to guide the EMS personnel into the building, the suspect flung open his door and fired on us with a .44 magnum revolver in one hand and a 9mm pistol in his other hand. Sgt. Glivar was shot multiple times in the torso area and succumbed to his wounds at the scene. I was shot in the chest and hand, but was fortunate enough to recover from my wounds and eventually return to duty. Ptl. Mackey from the Maple Hts. P.D., who responded to render mutual aid, was shot in the leg by the suspect, but also recovered from his injury and eventually returned to duty. The shooter was tried for Aggravated Murder and numerous other charges, sentenced to death, and executed by lethal injection on September 25, 2013.

Sgt. Glivar was well known in the Garfield Heights community. It was his home town. He grew up in Garfield Heights, graduated from its public high school, and he and his wife Debbie resided in the City. Debbie will always remember Dennis as a loving husband who was always at her side. Sgt. Glivar was dedicated to keeping the community safe. He and I worked the same shift together for three years and alternated as the Officer-in-Charge. He was a great supervisor and could always be counted on for back-up of his fellow Officers. Dennis was strong, quiet and respected by all members of the Garfield Heights Police Department. His nickname was The Shadow. Sgt. Glivar was also athletic, but he never boasted about his mastery of the martial arts or the Gold Medal he won in the weight lifting contest during the Ohio Police Olympics.

On December 8, 1994, Ptl. Robert Stefanov, age 30, and his partner Ptl. Michael Brown, age 26, were checking a suspicious vehicle at McCracken and Broadway when the vehicle sped off. The vehicle was pursued to Lee & Harvard when another vehicle entered their path and caused the patrol car to strike it and lose control and subsequently strike a utility pole. Both Officers died from their injuries. The suspect they were pursuing was later arrested, charged and convicted of Involuntary Manslaughter. He served ten years in the penitentiary and was released in 2004. Since then he has been arrested and convicted of Aggravated Drug Trafficking twice and served an additional 18 months on one of the convictions. Patrolmen Robert Stefanov and Michael W. Brown were two excellent and well-respected Officers who were dedicated to their law enforcement duties. Ptl. Stefanov was eager to become a Police Officer and to fulfill his dreams to follow in his father's footsteps in law enforcement.

The pain and grief caused by these two callous events cannot be expressed in words. The lives of the families, friends and co-workers of these deceased officers have been altered forever. Time will never heal these wounds.

At that time the Garfield Hts. Police Department consisted of fifty officers. Imagine the horror of losing three of your officers in a span of four months. Picture in your mind's eye losing one of your fellow officers, and then within the same shift or day, responding to other calls for service and trying to maintain your professionalism and a calm demeanor. I frankly don't know how our Police Department accomplished that. For them I have the utmost respect and gratitude.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks for all that the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society has done for my family and the Garfield Heights Police Department. Please know that your efforts and hard work are greatly appreciated by the survivors you unselfishly continue to serve. May God Bless You.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Police Survivor Thomas Kaiser was a Lieutenant at the time Sgt. Dennis Glivar and Patrolman Robert Stefanov and Patrolman Michael W. Brown were killed in the line of duty. He retired with the rank of Captain in 2011 after 32 years with the Garfield Heights Police Department. He was assigned to the Detective Bureau for his last eight years on the GHPD. Tom's father was a Police Officer with the Maple Heights Police Department, and his brother was a Police Officer with the Oceanside, CA Police Department.

Captain Kaiser was seriously wounded on August 14, 1994 when he and Sgt. Glivar responded to the call of a male firing a weapon in the parking lot of an apartment complex in the City of Garfield Heights. Tom was transported to Metro General Hospital where medical care saved his life, and a bone graft from his hip to his injured right hand enabled him to return to active police duty.

As an OIC and shift supervisor, Tom lead by example and was a mentor to Officers and Police Dispatches under his supervision.



GCPOMS Sponsored a Hole at the Tony Rizzo Golf Outing.



Canada Memorial Ceremony to Honor the Fallen, at Ottawa September 2019.



Honor Our Fallen Holiday Ornament (stand available separately)



New Challenge Coins have arrived (Front and Back of Coin).

BADGES OF COURAGE

Mary A. Lentz | Survivor/Secretary/Member of the GCPOMS Executive Board/Board of Directors/ The Epitaph Editor

The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society is grateful to the Chief Randy E. Ice of the Wickliffe Police Department and all of its Officers who selected payroll deduction to become Life Members of GCPOMS to honor the fallen heroes whose names are engraved on the granite walls of the Memorial Site. Patrolman Daniel Sabruno began the annual GCPOMS membership program 8 years ago which morphed into the Life Membership Program. The Department wanted to continue a permanent support for the GCPOMS Memorial to Honor Our Fallen, as well as to support the goals of GCPOMS to support all Police Officers. Chief Ice, in his 31st year with the WPD, knew Sgt. Dennis Glivar of the Garfield Heights Police Department and Patrolman Matthew Mazany of the Mentor Police Department. Both Officer are Fallen Heroes whose names are engraved on the GCPOMS Memorial Walls.

The Wickliffe Police Department has 28 full-time Police Officers, 8 full-time dispatchers, and 2 administrative assistants. The Department relies on the partnerships it has built with the community of approximately 12,758 residents to provide a high level of professional law enforcement services. This western Lake County police agency had its beginnings in 1916 when Wickliffe was a village and then a city in 1952. The City of Wickliffe includes 2 colleges, the Wickliffe City School District, private and religious schools, shopping centers, a Town Square and motels/hotels. The Wickliffe PD patrols portions of I-90 and Ohio Route 2. The Willoughby Court has jurisdiction over misdemeanors and felony bind-over hearings.

The Wickliffe PD is very community-oriented and sponsors and/or participates in numerous community events. Its Police Officers and many of their families participate in the Blue Light Project, the National Night Out, and the Holiday Food Drive/Fill the Cruiser for the local food bank, the Torch Run for Special Olympics, and the Cookout in the Park to name a few.

The Department also has a Vacation Home Watch program and also responds to business and home alarm alerts, with no response fees regardless of the number to each individual home or business.

Wickliffe PD community outreach is an integral part of the internal structure of the Department with its Patrol Division and Detective Bureau, Bike Patrol, Motorcycle Unit, School Resource Officer, and SWAT. Wickliffe PD Officers are Members of the U. S. Marshal's Western Lake County SWAT along with Police Officers from Eastlake, Willoughby, Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, and Waite Hill



Police Departments. The Wickliffe PD is also a part of the Western Lake County Emergency Response Team joins the Police Departments from Eastlake, Willoughby, Willoughby Hills, Willowick, Waite Hill and Kirtland. Wickliffe PD has acquired a MRAP vehicle from the U. S. Military under the Federal Government reutilization program for equipment no longer needed. Chief Ice had the Caiman MRAP mine resistant ambush protected vehicle repainted in black by the students in the auto collision class at Willoughby-Eastlake Career Academy.

The Wickliffe PD Communications Center is staffed 24-7 to handle calls for Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The Communications Center consists of digital radios which are not only compatible with the Lake County radio system, but also with the statewide MARCS System. Closed circuit TV monitoring equipment enhances safety in specified areas of the City of Wickliffe.

The Wickliffe PD is a member of the Western Lake County Emergency Response Team (ERT). Assigned Police Officers perform the duties of ERT in addition to their regular assignments. Community policing also includes the Crime Prevention Office which focuses on disseminating Prevention information so community residents can protect themselves from becoming victims of scams and Internet crime. The Department's McGruff the Crime Dog also makes appearances at community events to promote crime awareness and personal safety.

Community policing emphasizes all ages of community residents. The WPD Officers participate in the Bike Rodeo which includes two and three wheeled



Wickliffe PD supports the Special Olympics.



Wickliffe MRAP vehicle.

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bicycles with a cookout at the end of the Rodeo. From the middle of November to the middle of December, Wickliffe PD Officers participate in the No Shave Project. All monies raised are donated to charitable organizations. Christmas shopping for First Grade students has been a special project sponsored by the Police Department for the past five years. On a designated day, a donated limo-bus picks up the youngsters at school, and they are taken shopping for gifts for their families. The youngsters are then taken by the limo-bus to the Wickliffe PD where the children wrap their presents followed by a pizza party.

Other community-centered activities sponsored by the Police Department include Coffee with a Cop and a fishing trip for youngsters on a charter boat on Lake Erie. A large portion of the time spent on community events by the Police Officers is “off the clock” and not part of their shift duties.

The implementation of the Department’s Mission Statement is evident from the internal organization of the Department and through Department involvement in the community outreach programs to all residents within

the City of Wickliffe. The WPD Mission is to “provide the public with effective and professional law enforcement while treating all people with dignity and respect”.



Wickliffe PD sponsors the Bike Rodeo for all ages.

IN MEMORIAM December 18, 1937 – August 29, 1967

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

Clarence Cerell Chance, Patrolman
Cuyahoga Falls Police Department
EOW May 30, 1947

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

Lester G. Peterman, Chief
Bentleyville Police Department
EOW February 10, 1964

William Greller, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 18, 1964

Chester Burmeister, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
December 23, 1964

Lummie Sanders, Deputy
Geauga County Sheriff’s Office
EOW July 28, 1965

Frank Humr, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW October 29, 1965

John R. Bohl, Chief Chardon
Police Department
EOW October 25, 1966

Steve J. Huber, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
May 11, 1967

Brian Kloka, Patrolman
Broadview Heights Police Department
EOW August 29, 1967

Leroy Jones, Lieutenant
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 23, 1968

Willard J. Wolff, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 23, 1968

Louis Golonka, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 23, 1968

Roy Buckner, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW November 11, 1968

IN MEMORIAM July 23, 1968 – December 8, 1994

Kenneth Houser, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 2, 1969

John Apanites, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 7, 1969

Joseph Tracz, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 28, 1970

Robert Woodall, Patrolman
Oberlin Police Department
EOW March 10, 1971

Tom Hakaim, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 3, 1971

William A. Nagy, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 14, 1971

Michael Chihil, Chief
Newbury Police Department
EOW January 1, 1972

Robert W. Bennett, Sergeant
Parma Heights Police Department
EOW October 25, 1972

Richard Miller, Patrolman
East Cleveland Police Department
EOW January 11, 1973

Frederick D. Vacha, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW June 20, 1973

William N. Shapiro, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW April 26, 1974

Philip P. Maher, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW May 29, 1975

Edward Murray, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 3, 1975

William Prochazka, Detective Sergeant
Bedford Heights Police Department
November 10, 1975

Jerome C. Poelking, Captain
Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 8, 1975

Joseph Baca, Deputy
Medina County Sheriff's Office
EOW August 28, 1976

John S. Reese, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 2, 1976

Hubert S. Smykowski, Patrolman
Garfield Heights Police Department
EOW October 5, 1976

George Maxin, Auxiliary Captain
Willowick Police Department
EOW December 31, 1976

Carl E. Summers, Captain
Lodi Police Department
EOW December 10, 1977

Francis Smolka, Patrolman
Vermilion Police Department
EOW October 29, 1978

Robert A. White, Parole Officer
Ohio Adult Parole Authority
EOW April 27, 1979

John Hubbell, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW June 4, 1979

Kenneth M. Tomaszewski, Deputy
Lorain County Sheriff's Office
EOW July 3, 1979

Johnnie L. Oliver, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
EOW August 9, 1979

Dominck J. Boscarelli, Patrolman
Olmsted Township Police Department
EOW August 23, 1979

David R. Wiley, Patrolman
Mayfield Village Police Department
EOW September 5, 1979

George Zicarelli, Detective
Cleveland Police Department
September 17, 1979

Desmond Sherry, Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW July 3, 1980

Anthony J. Johnson, Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW October 21, 1981

Benjamin F. Grair, Jr., Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW August 5, 1983

Stephen M. Kovach, Patrol Officer
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 11, 1984

Mark S. Decker, Police Officer
Veterans Administration Police
EOW January 31, 1986

Leonard Wilcox, Police Officer
Veterans Administration Police
EOW January 31, 1986

Gary Paster, Patrolman
Macedonia Police Department
EOW May 29, 1986

Ernest C. Holbert, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW October 27, 1987

Jeffrey B. Olson, Patrolman
Solon Police Department
EOW March 15, 1989

Alcee S. McCray, Security Officer
CMHA Police Department
EOW October 14, 1989

Aubrey R. Williams, Auxiliary Police Officer
North Olmsted Police Department
EOW November 7, 1989

Thomas Smith, Patrolman
Cleveland Police Department
EOW March 9, 1993

Dennis N. Glivar, Sergeant
Garfield Heights Police Department
EOW August 14, 1994

Michael W. Brown, Police Officer
Garfield Heights Police Department
EOW December 8, 1994

Robert A. Stefanov, Police Officer
Garfield Heights Police Department
EOW December 8, 1994

To be continued in the next edition of The Epitaph

We will never forget!

The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society was Formed to Achieve the Following Goals

- Honor all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.
- Provide emotional support to the families of police officers who die in the line of duty.
- Provide emotional support to police officers seriously injured in the line of duty.
- Establish and maintain the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial, dedicated on May 14, 1993, to Honor the Fallen Law Enforcement Officers of Greater Cleveland . . . Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina and northern Summit counties. The Memorial is located in Huntington Park, West 3rd and Lakeside Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio.
- Assist law enforcement agencies with the planning and Implementation of Line of Duty Death funerals.
- Create a public awareness of the hazards of the law enforcement profession.
- Sponsor the Annual Greater Cleveland Police Memorial Commemoration.
- Improve police-community relations.
- Further the law enforcement professions by sponsoring educational, development, training and humanitarian programs.
- Promote fellowship in the law enforcement community.



GCPOMS Tent Sale at Veterans' Memorial Ride, September 9, 2019.

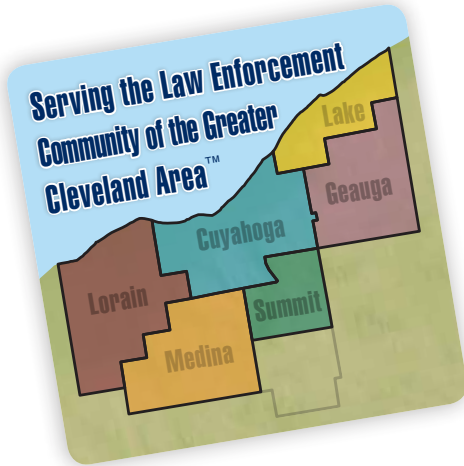


The Memorial Mini-Market is open for business at
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