

# Concerns of Police Survivors Louisiana Chapter Newsletter Summer/2009



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## Summer Camp/Retreat – June 26 - 28

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The number of rooms is limited, so please don't wait!! We will arrive Friday afternoon, June 26 and depart by noon, Sunday, June 28. 7 RV slots are available but you must reserve them yourself with Tall Timbers (318) 445-6797. Chapter merchandise (t-shirts, etc) will be available at the retreat.

**Annual Meeting – Election of Officers- Saturday, June 27, 10 AM – NOON. If you are attending only the meeting and events on Saturday, call 337.842.8680 NOW with the number of adults and children and ages of children. RSVP is required!**

We need this information to plan for lunch and events for the children.

### Mission Statement

Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty as determined by Federal criteria. Furthermore, C.O.P.S. provides training to law enforcement agencies on survivor victimization issues and educates the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors.

### Executive Board Members

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C.O.P.S. - Rebuilding Shattered Lives - Keeping The Promise

## President's Message:

Each year during the week of May 15, thousands of police survivors, co-workers and police officers gather to memorialize and honor law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the previous year. The ceremonies are both emotional and healing at the same time. If you have never attended National Police Week activities in Washington, D.C., it is an experience that I highly recommend to you. Make plans now to attend next year. I encourage the survivors who attended this year to take some time and relax and wind down.

A good way to relax and wind down is to attend the LA-COPS summer camp/retreat at Tall Timbers Conference Center, June 26 - 28. There will be plenty of free time to fish, swim, visit or just relax. Our good friends, Bob and Olga Bauer from New York, will be available for personal counseling. Bob and Olga are counselors for National Police Week and for many of the C.O.P.S. Hands-On-Programs. We invite you to take advantage of this resource provided for you at no cost by LA-COPS. Register early, rooms are limited.

A special thanks to the Louisiana LEO Memorial executive board and all who helped to present a very moving and honoring ceremony in Metairie. Thanks to the staff at Lake Lawn for their gracious offer for LA-COPS to use the general purpose room for the reception for our survivors after the ceremony and to Dottie Tardy who serves as LA-COPS representative on the LLEOM board. It is a wonderful event for the family survivors and officers to talk and even laugh together after such an emotional and honoring ceremony. That's what Concerns of Police Survivors is all about; survivors supporting survivors."

We hope to see you at summer camp. Make plans now to attend.  
May God bless you. Remember, we are only a phone call, or email away.

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### A Very Special "Thank You" For Donations Given:

Eldridge & Mary Hidalgo in memory of Mark Beck  
Special thanks to the

Lafourche Parish Sheriffs Office employees for contributing \$605 / mo, Calcasieu Parish Sheriffs Office employees for contributing \$208 / mo, and to the Alexandria Police Department employees for contributing \$152 / mo to LA-COPS through payroll deduction. And all other donations that help us to Rebuild Shattered Lives.

#### As Long As I Can

As long as I can, I will look at the world  
for both of us.  
As long as I can, I will laugh with the bird,  
I will sing with flowers, I will play to the  
stars, for both of us.  
As long as I can, I will remember how many  
things on this earth were your joy.  
And I will live as well as  
you would want me to live,  
as long as I can.

.. by Sascha.



#### HOPE

My heart has been broken.  
My soul has been crushed.  
My mind has gone to depths I never knew existed.  
Places where only God,  
In his most infinite Love, could understand.  
And even He could not console me at times.  
But I am here on earth,  
For whatever reason I still do not know;  
And I have hope that, in time,  
God will show me the way  
And give rhyme to my reason.  
So I wait in hope for a future  
And a new beginning.

By Kathleen Leeper ~ TCF, Valley Forge PA

# Louisiana Law Enforcement Heroes who gave their lives in the line of duty . . .

## Gone . . . Not Forgotten

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial  
Washington, D.C. [www.nleomf.com](http://www.nleomf.com)

### June

DENNIS R HEAP	6/1/1972	41W4
GLEN BRIGNAC	6/1/2005	49E24
JAMES DUANE RUBY Jr	6/1/1992	10W19
BOBBY GLENN THOMPSON	6/1/1995	29W20
O'NEAL MOORE	6/2/1965	26E11
LOUIS HENRY WAGNER II	6/3/1978	46W5
JOHN I KAHL	6/4/1980	35E4
TROY A RATCLIFF	6/5/1999	46E21
RONALD M MEDEIROS Sr	6/5/1999	29E21
JOSEPH SANCHEZ	6/6/1966	44W4
ROBBY JAMES ACOSTA	6/6/2001	41W23
HILERY A MAYO Jr	6/9/2007	42W26
RICHARD FITZGERALD	6/10/1898	55W9
GEORGE MILLER EDWARDS	6/12/1964	46E12
ALYMER GRAY TAYLOR	6/12/1964	33W11
JAMES RONALD COURVILLE	6/13/2000	61W22
LINDEN ALBERT RAIMER	6/13/2007	3W26
JOHN L WALLER	6/14/1953	46E13
CHARLES DAVID STEGALL	6/14/1988	47W17
CHARLES A GIBLIN	6/15/1919	28W7
HERMAN O RASCHKE	6/15/1941	41W16
EUGENE VICTOR FULLER	6/16/1940	19E7
OCTAVIO RAFAEL GONZALEZ	6/16/2006	38E25
JEFFERY MARK GATHINGS	6/19/1988	44E18
LEROY ODOM Jr	6/20/1972	49E5
DENNIS EGAN	6/21/1914	29W4
WARREN J BROUSSARD	6/21/1988	45W11
HARLAND M BONNER	6/22/1984	33W17
JOHNNIE MAE CLANTON	6/23/1999	28E24
BOBBY L FROREICH	6/25/1998	48W21
DELMAR E STONE	6/26/1968	33W1
HUNG LE	6/30/1998	21E19

### July

DONALD C CLEVELAND	7/2/1977	47W4
JAMES ALLEN ARTERBURY	7/4/1973	4E7
JOSHUA E NORRIS	7/5/2007	6W26
ANDREW HICKERSON	7/6/1967	51W15
DAVID WAYNE LUPTON Sr	7/6/1989	53E12
KENNETH DALE AYCOCK	7/6/1991	53W18
ANTHONY LYNCH	7/7/1925	45W2
EDMOND J SONGY JR	7/9/2002	30W23
JOHN W BONNELL III	7/10/1979	28W14
ALVA RAY SIMMONS	7/10/2004	51W24
SIMON CHIASSON	7/11/1926	2W22
JAKE GALLOWAY	7/12/1958	41W5
GUS GILL	7/12/1958	33W17
KENNETH F ROY	7/12/1970	29W16
MERLIN E BRUNE Jr	7/12/1977	46W14
KARL F BOURGOYNE	7/14/1977	5E1

ROGELIO "ROY" GONZALEZ	7/15/2005	14W25
FRANCIS A BURKE	7/16/1915	63W6
MARION LOUIS SWORDS	7/17/1916	3W3
WILLIAM C WARRINGTON	7/17/1973	53W1
WILLIAM HENRY BISHOP	7/18/1943	58E18
CHRIS D McCORMICK SR	7/18/1996	24E20
JOSEPH C THOMAS	7/18/1996	7E20
ROSELIUS FOLSE	7/20/1920	29W6
CLARENCE MARIGNY	7/20/1967	7W13
RONALD EUELL DEAN	7/21/1979	4W15
DAMON L ROBICHAUX	7/21/1982	52W14
JOHN LANGLINAI	7/22/1960	29W17
JOHN DAY	7/24/1900	28W13
PETER J LAMB	7/24/1900	55W11
JOHN F LALLY	7/28/1900	41W6
GABRIEL J PORTEOUS	7/28/1900	37W11
LESLIE J OSTER Sr	7/31/1947	47W12
NORRIS C BLACKMON	7/31/1969	30E8
CHANEY CHAMPAGNE	7/31/2003	53E23
KURT E HARRELSON	7/31/2003	23W24

### August

HARRY A TROXLAIR Sr	8/1/1969	33W6
LINDA A LAWRENCE	8/1/1977	39W15
G M LANIUS	8/2/1909	22E17
GARRY O MULLEN	8/2/1917	47W15
JAMES W REYNOLDS	8/2/1917	46E17
WALTER H WHITE	8/4/1939	15W19
CHRISTOPHER W RUSSELL	8/4/2002	29W23
DAVID GERALD RICHARD	8/5/2007	52W26
LaTOYA NICOLE JOHNSON	8/9/2004	46W24
THOMAS FITZGERALD	8/10/1892	38W12
TERRY LEE MELANCON Jr	8/10/2005	21W25
CHARLES D WILSON Jr	8/10/2007	38W26
JOHN RUSSELL SMITH	8/10/2007	30W26
BENSON J WALKER	8/11/1952	5E9
TREY MICHAEL HUTCHISON	8/11/2004	19E24
GILBERT D BENITEZ	8/13/1963	38W1
EARL LUCIEN ALFRED	8/13/1975	48E4
JOHN CARROLL	8/14/1908	47W7
CHRISTOPHER M METTERNICH	8/14/2006	61W25
GEORGE E HENO	8/15/1922	33W13
<b>MARTHA WOODS-SHAREEF</b>	8/20/2008	4E26*
DAVID MADISON WHITE Sr	8/21/1944	26W18
MERRILL HENDERSON OGLE	8/24/1947	23W4
VICTOR E BORDEAUX	8/26/1970	45W9
JULIUS GENE COURVILLE	8/26/1978	2W18
DAVID GLEN SEYMOUR	8/27/1996	60W20
THOMAS MICHAEL PHILLIPS	8/28/1987	43W10
JOSEPH J ENRIGHT III	8/30/1961	51E3
WILLIAM L SMITH	8/30/1966	29W17
JAMES BOYD COOK Jr	8/30/1990	54W14

*'Tis said memories are golden - and maybe that is true - But we never wanted memories - we only wanted you.*

Please note that officers listed are those whose EOW is June, July & August only. If your officer's name is missing and their death occurred in these months or if any of the listed information is incorrect, please contact LA-COPS with the correct information or email [cops@la-cops.org](mailto:cops@la-cops.org).

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Tentative schedule:

Friday - 3:00 pm, room assignments - 5:30, Dinner in the cafeteria - Get acquainted time / jam session.

Saturday - 7:30, breakfast - 10:00, Annual meeting & balloon launch - 12:00, lunch in the cafeteria - sharing groups and activities - 5:30, dinner in the cafeteria - "campfire" with skits and entertainment/jam session (if you play music or have some other talent, bring necessary instruments and props)

Sunday - 7:30, breakfast - closing - Executive Board meeting - depart by noon.

Some of the rules: Please keep in mind that Tall Timbers is a Christian facility and adheres to the highest standards of morality and decency. No unmarried couples may share a room. No profanity, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, radios, tape players, pets, skates, bicycles, roller blades, skateboards, fireworks or firearms. Use of tobacco products are not allowed in any building. Children must be supervised at all times. Modest dress standards are required.

Directions to Tall Timbers:

From Baton Rouge:

Travel west on I-10 to I-49. Travel north on I-49. Take exit 66. At top of ramp, turn left across overpass onto Highway 112. Stay on Highway 112 for 6 ½ miles. Turn right (north) on to Highway 165. Tall Timbers is 4 miles on left.

From Alexandria:

Travel south on Highway 165. Approximately 3 miles south of Woodworth, Tall Timbers will be on your right.

From Lake Charles:

Travel east on I-10 to Highway 165. Travel north on Highway 165. Tall Timbers is 4 miles north of Forest Hill on the left side of Highway 165.

Note: The speed limit in Woodworth is 50 mph. Do not speed, or your chances of getting ticketed are high.

## ***COPS Walk 2009, Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11 -- 2 DAYS - 25 MILES***

*The 5th annual COPS WALK will bring together survivors, friends and members of the law enforcement community who are willing to take on the challenge of walking 25 miles in two days to support Concerns of Police Survivors. Our goal is to ensure that C.O.P.S. continues helping those who have lost a loved one in the line of duty and provides many opportunities for those families to rebuild their shattered lives. The walk is designed to provide participants with a physical challenge as well as the opportunity to spend time with other survivors and friends walking in memory of loved ones. For more information on COPS Walk call the National Office.*

**Call 337.842.8680 NOW to confirm your reservation and then send this form!!**

**Reservations for Summer Camp 2009 at Tall Timbers: June 26 - 28**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Fallen Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of this survivor to Fallen Officer:

(Spouse), (Parent), (Adult Child), (Sibling), (In-Law) ,(Other) \_\_\_\_\_

Rooms have 1 Queen bed, 1 Twin bed & 1 Twin size trundle. # Rooms needed \_\_\_\_\_

Enter on lines below the names of persons in each room and ages of children. (No unmarried couples may share a room, please!)

Room #1:

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I will be arriving at Tall Timbers Conf Center on (date): \_\_\_\_\_ at (time): \_\_\_\_\_

I will be departing Tall Timbers Conf Center on (date): \_\_\_\_\_ at (time): \_\_\_\_\_

List any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

***Your only cost is your travel to and from Tall Timbers!!!***

Please mail this form to LA-COPS - 2215 Pitre St - Westlake, LA 70669

**I want to help with the summer camp/retreat!**

I want to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ family/families for \$100 each.

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your donation along with this form to LA-COPS - 2215 Pitre St - Westlake, LA 70669

### Dates for C.O.P.S.' 2009 Hands-On Programs

Law enforcement survivors will find great support and resources at C.O.P.S.' Hands-On Programs. Agencies & law enforcement organizations are encouraged to assist survivors in attending these programs.

Dates for 2009 are:

Adult Children's Retreat: June 26-29, Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO  
"C.O.P.S. Kids" Camp: July 27-August 2, Salvation Army Lake Camp, East Troy, WI  
Outward Bound®: July 26-August 2, white-water rafting, Grand Junction, CO  
Fiancées/Significant Others Retreat: August 28-31, Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO  
Siblings Retreat: September 11-14, Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO  
Spouses Retreat: September 18-21, Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO  
In-Laws Retreat: October 16-19, Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO  
Parents Retreat: October 30-November 2, Vines Arkansas 4-H Center, Little Rock, AR

Registration forms for these programs will be mailed to survivors in May and June. Your only expense for any COPS Hands-On Program is your travel to and from the location. A refundable \$100 deposit per participant is required. Anyone who registers and does not show will have to place a full deposit on the next program they want to attend. LA-COPS encourages you to attend your appropriate retreat. You will benefit from C.O.P.S. only if you participate in the events and resources provided for you.

***"Take my hand – I'll pull you up!"***

**Log on to [www.la-cops.org](http://www.la-cops.org) for the latest chapter news and information!**

#### **UPDATES**

Please help us keep our contact information up to date. Let us know of any changes in your address, phone # or email.

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