

Concerns of Police Survivors Louisiana Chapter Newsletter Summer/2010



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Summer Camp/Retreat – June 11 - 13

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Registration is required to attend; to reserve your room call 337.842.8680 NOW or email cops@la-cops.org NOW. You must register even if you are only attending for part of the retreat.

The number of rooms is limited, so please don't wait!! We will arrive Friday afternoon, June 11 and depart by noon, Sunday, June 13. 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 –Saturday, June 12, 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.

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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 11 - 13. 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.

James Cook –
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A Very Special "Thank You" For Donations Given: Kubrickie Williams in memory of Leroy Williams

Special thanks to the Blue-Line-Team:

Lafourche Parish SO employees for contributing \$617/mo, Calcasieu Parish SO employees for contributing \$374/mo, Jefferson Parish SO employees for contributing \$215/mo and to the Alexandria Police Department employees for contributing \$148/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.

Thought of you with love today,
but that is nothing new,
I thought of you yesterday,
and days before that too.
I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name.
All I have are memories
and a picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake,
with which I'll never part.
God has you in his keeping,
I have you in my heart.

~Author unknown

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

June

DENNIS R HEAP	6/1/1972	41W4	ROGELIO "ROY" GONZALEZ	7/15/2005	14W25
GLEN BRIGNAC	6/1/2005	49E24	FRANCIS A BURKE	7/16/1915	63W6
JAMES DUANE RUBY Jr	6/1/1992	10W19	MARION LOUIS SWORDS	7/17/1916	3W3
BOBBY GLENN THOMPSON	6/1/1995	29W20	WILLIAM C WARRINGTON	7/17/1973	53W1
O'NEAL MOORE	6/2/1965	26E11	WILLIAM HENRY BISHOP	7/18/1943	58E18
LOUIS HENRY WAGNER II	6/3/1978	46W5	CHRIS D McCORMICK SR	7/18/1996	24E20
JOHN I KAHL	6/4/1980	35E4	JOSEPH C THOMAS	7/18/1996	7E20
TROY A RATCLIFF	6/5/1999	46E21	ROSELIUS FOLSE	7/20/1920	29W6
RONALD M MEDEIROS Sr	6/5/1999	29E21	CLARENCE MARIGNY	7/20/1967	7W13
JOSEPH SANCHEZ	6/6/1966	44W4	RONALD EUELL DEAN	7/21/1979	4W15
ROBBY JAMES ACOSTA	6/6/2001	41W23	DAMON L ROBICHAUX	7/21/1982	52W14
HILERY A MAYO Jr	6/9/2007	42W26	JOHN LANGLINAI	7/22/1960	29W17
RICHARD FITZGERALD	6/10/1898	55W9	JOHN DAY	7/24/1900	28W13
GEORGE MILLER EDWARDS	6/12/1964	46E12	PETER J LAMB	7/24/1900	55W11
ALYMER GRAY TAYLOR	6/12/1964	33W11	JOHN F LALLY	7/28/1900	41W6
JAMES RONALD COURVILLE	6/13/2000	61W22	GABRIEL J PORTEOUS	7/28/1900	37W11
LINDEN ALBERT RAIMER	6/13/2007	3W26	LESLIE J OSTER Sr	7/31/1947	47W12
JOHN L WALLER	6/14/1953	46E13	NORRIS C BLACKMON	7/31/1969	30E8
CHARLES DAVID STEGALL	6/14/1988	47W17	CHANEY CHAMPAGNE	7/31/2003	53E23
CHARLES A GIBLIN	6/15/1919	28W7	KURT E HARRELSON	7/31/2003	23W24
HERMAN O RASCHKE	6/15/1941	41W16	<u>August</u>		
EUGENE VICTOR FULLER	6/16/1940	19E7	HARRY A TROXLAIR Sr	8/1/1969	33W6
OCTAVIO RAFAEL GONZALEZ	6/16/2006	38E25	LINDA A LAWRENCE	8/1/1977	39W15
JEFFERY MARK GATHINGS	6/19/1988	44E18	G M LANIUS	8/2/1909	22E17
LEROY ODOM Jr	6/20/1972	49E5	GARRY O MULLEN	8/2/1917	47W15
DENNIS EGAN	6/21/1914	29W4	JAMES W REYNOLDS	8/2/1917	46E17
WARREN J BROUSSARD	6/21/1988	45W11	WALTER H WHITE	8/4/1939	15W19
HARLAND M BONNER	6/22/1984	33W17	CHRISTOPHER W RUSSELL	8/4/2002	29W23
JOHNNIE MAE CLANTON	6/23/1999	28E24	DAVID GERALD RICHARD	8/5/2007	52W26
BOBBY L FROREICH	6/25/1998	48W21	LaTOYA NICOLE JOHNSON	8/9/2004	46W24
DELMAR E STONE	6/26/1968	33W1	THOMAS FITZGERALD	8/10/1892	38W12
HUNG LE	6/30/1998	21E19	TERRY LEE MELANCON Jr	8/10/2005	21W25

July

DONALD C CLEVELAND	7/2/1977	47W4	CHARLES D WILSON Jr	8/10/2007	38W26
JAMES ALLEN ARTERBURY	7/4/1973	4E7	JOHN RUSSELL SMITH	8/10/2007	30W26
JOSHUA E NORRIS	7/5/2007	6W26	BENSON J WALKER	8/11/1952	5E9
ANDREW HICKERSON	7/6/1967	51W15	TREY MICHAEL HUTCHISON	8/11/2004	19E24
DAVID WAYNE LUPTON Sr	7/6/1989	53E12	GILBERT D BENITEZ	8/13/1963	38W1
KENNETH DALE AYCOCK	7/6/1991	53W18	EARL LUCIEN ALFRED	8/13/1975	48E4
ANTHONY LYNCH	7/7/1925	45W2	JOHN CARROLL	8/14/1908	47W7
EDMOND J SONGY JR	7/9/2002	30W23	CHRISTOPHER M METTERNICH	8/14/2006	61W25
JOHN W BONNELL III	7/10/1979	28W14	GEORGE E HENO	8/15/1922	33W13
ALVA RAY SIMMONS	7/10/2004	51W24	MARTHA WOODS-SHAREEF	8/20/2008	4E26
SIMON CHIASSON	7/11/1926	2W22	DAVID MADISON WHITE Sr	8/21/1944	26W18
JAKE GALLOWAY	7/12/1958	41W5	MERRILL HENDERSON OGLE	8/24/1947	23W4
GUS GILL	7/12/1958	33W17	VICTOR E BORDEAUX	8/26/1970	45W9
KENNETH F ROY	7/12/1970	29W16	JULIUS GENE COURVILLE	8/26/1978	2W18
MERLIN E BRUNE Jr	7/12/1977	46W14	DAVID GLEN SEYMOUR	8/27/1996	60W20
KARL F BOURGOYNE	7/14/1977	5E1	THOMAS MICHAEL PHILLIPS	8/28/1987	43W10
GEORGE A TESSIER III	7/14/2004	41W24	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.

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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 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.

LA-COPS will assist with travel to C.O.P.S. Retreats

LA-COPS will reimburse \$100 to assist with travel costs for each Louisiana survivor to attend National C.O.P.S. Hands-On-Programs (Retreats). Apply for reimbursement after your attendance to the retreat. Application forms will be available on-line at www.la-cops.org. Applications must be submitted within 30 days after the retreat.

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

Reservations for Summer Camp 2010 at Tall Timbers: June 11 - 13

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 2 full size beds. # Rooms needed _____

Enter on lines below the names of persons in each room and ages of children (under 18). (No unmarried couples may share a room, please!)

Room #1:

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.' 2010 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.

Adult Children's Retreat June 25-28,
Kids Camp July 26-August 1, Outward Bound for teens July 26-August 1,
Siblings Retreat September 10-13,
Spouses Retreat September 17-20,
Affected Co-Workers Retreat October 1-4,
In-Laws Retreat October 15-18,
Parents Retreat October 29-November 1

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. LA-COPS will reimburse \$100 to assist with travel costs for each Louisiana survivor 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. More info and registration will be available online at <http://www.nationalcops.org>. Deadline for registration is one month before the retreat.

“Take my hand – I’ll pull you up!”

Log on to www.la-cops.org for the latest chapter news and information!

Departments Please Post!

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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