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Holiday Fun for All Survivors



Survivors of all ages are warmly invited to our Annual Christmas Party. This year's festivities will be held immediately after our Chap-

ter Meeting on Saturday, December 8 at the California Highway Patrol Academy in West Sacramento. The meeting begins at 9am, and the party at 11am. Ugly Christmas sweaters or fun Christmas PJs are encouraged!

This FREE family event offers crafts, appetizers, lunch, and a special visit from Santa himself! Most importantly, we can relax for a few hours, catching up with old friends and making new ones...friends who understand just how difficult the holiday season can be when you are missing your beloved hero.

RSVPs by November 21st are required to ensure accurate counts for food (and Santa's bag!). Reserve your spot by sending in the RSVP form (available on the website or our Facebook page) and a check payable to "NorCal C.O.P.S." for \$20/person to PO Box 2342, Vacaville, CA 95696. We will return the uncashed check at the party; if you don't show, we will cash it since the caterer will charge us for the entire guest count we must provide in advance.) Please contact Stephanie Miller at 209-747-4492 if you have any questions.

Black & Blue Ball

We are pleased to announce that our 4th Annual Black & Blue Ball set for January 12, 2019 was another quick sell-out, reflecting the tremendous dedication of our extended "blue family" to helping the families of our fallen heroes. We are also very grateful to our event sponsors: our Platinum Sponsor, the **Peace Officer Memorial Group**, and our Gold Sponsors **California Association of Highway Patrolmen**, **Contra Costa County DSA**, **Fairfield POA**, **Placer 10-35 Foundation**, **PORAC**, and **Sacramento POA**. Their generous commitment to helping ensure our Ball's success is deeply appreciated.

We now shift our focus to gathering items for the Silent Auction, which is a major contributor to both the fun and the financial success of the Ball. Silent Auction Chair Stephanie Miller and the Board need everyone's help in collecting donations of all kinds, both items that can be auctioned on their own and items that can be bundled with other donations to create a basket or package: vacation accommodations/timeshares, amusement park tickets, restaurant gift certificates, sporting event tickets, theater/concert tickets, wine or wine tasting items, police tactical items, family outings, craft/decor items, jewelry/watches, themed gift baskets, gift cards, etc. We welcome (and acknowledge) everything!

A donation letter with our tax-exempt 501(c)(3) Tax ID number on it can be obtained on our website (www.norcalcops.org) or Facebook page, or by contacting Stephanie Miller at (209)747-4492 or johnny31803@sbcglobal.net.

All items must be submitted by December 31 so the Committee has adequate time to sort and wrap items to place on the auction tables. We encourage survivors attending the Christmas party to bring donations that day.

4TH ANNUAL BLACK & BLUE BALL SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

If you have items to donate, need a donation letter, or have any questions, please contact:

Silent Auction Chair
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DONATIONS DUE by 12/31/18

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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We want to hear from you! If you have something to share with your C.O.P.S. family (a photo, an event or memorial marker honoring your fallen hero, a special way of remembering your officer, thoughts about how C.O.P.S. has helped your family, etc.) please submit it to be published in a future newsletter. We welcome contributions for the Kids/Teens Page, too!

Please e-mail your item to the Newsletter Editor, Michelle Walker at mnmjava@aol.com.

MAILING LISTS/ADDRESS CORRECTION

If you have an e-mail address and do not already receive e-mails from NorCal C.O.P.S., please join our e-mail list by sending a request to michael.stolzman@norcalcops.org.

If you have a change or correction to your mailing address or would like to have your name, department, or POA added to our mailing list to receive future issues of this newsletter, please contact our Chapter Secretary at michael.stolzman@norcalcops.org.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. is dedicated to rebuilding the shattered lives of survivors and co-workers affected by line of duty deaths through partnerships with law enforcement and the community.

From The Board

President's Message

It's hard to believe that the year is coming to an end in a few months. Everywhere you look and everywhere you go you see signs that say "holiday cheer". But, the holiday season is especially hard when you have to celebrate without your spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, sibling, in-law, co-worker, or significant other for the first time!

Our region has lost three officers to date this year: Deputy Ryan Zirkle - Marin County Sheriff's Office - EOW March 15, 2018; Officer Kirk Griess - California Highway Patrol - EOW August 10, 2018 and Deputy Mark Stasyuk - Sacramento County Sheriff's Department - EOW September 17, 2018. Our hearts are with their families, friends and agencies. Please know that we are here for you in whatever you may need.

We are looking forward to spending time with y'all at our yearly NorCal C.O.P.S. Christmas Party, Saturday December 8 at the CHP Academy. Please see Page 1 of this newsletter for details. It will be such a nice day being surrounded by all of our families from across Northern California, getting a visit from Santa, and releasing balloons and messages to our Heroes in Heaven. Thank you to the California Highway Patrol for letting us use the academy year after year for this event!

Our 4th Annual Black & Blue Ball was sold out in minutes again this year. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and will be attending to support this amazing event. The Black & Blue Ball is a night where we can give back to our Law Enforcement Officers, love on them, and let them know how much they are truly appreciated everyday. The night is also our chapter's biggest annual fundraiser so that we can help our survivors throughout the year. Thank you so much for the continued support. It means more than you will ever know! This year, our keynote speaker is Mr. Paul Butler, coming to us all the way from South Carolina. He has been in Law Enforcement for 27 years. He is one of the most amazing, inspirational speakers you will ever meet. I am so excited and humbled to have him at our event.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our Law Enforcement Officers for all that you do on a daily basis. Each day you put your lives on the line to protect us so we can sleep in peace at night. It takes a very special person to do what you all do, and I just want you all to know how much you're appreciated. Please stay safe during the holiday season. To all of our C.O.P.S. families, no matter how long it's been since you lost your loved one, we know that this time of year can be extra hard. We are always here for you as well...forever and always. Stay strong and hold your loved ones close. Happy Holidays!



Sincerely,

Susan Moody

President, NorCal C.O.P.S.

Thank You For Supporting NorCal C.O.P.S.!

As a non-profit, NorCal C.O.P.S. relies on donations of cash, goods, and services from individuals, POAs, and other organizations. In addition to fundraisers/sponsors acknowledged elsewhere in this issue, we gratefully acknowledge the generous cash and/or in-kind contributions made by the following donors:

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- *San Jose POA*
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CPOMF Appoints NorCal Board Member to Advisory Committee

Congratulations to NorCal C.O.P.S. Vice President Stephanie Miller for her appointment to the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation Advisory Committee. "I am extremely honored and humbled to have been chosen", she said following the announcement.

Stephanie has served with the NorCal C.O.P.S. Chapter Board since 2009. She joins Tammy Monego (NorCal C.O.P.S. Board Member 2000-2011 and current CPOMF Secretary), law enforcement personnel, and other individuals dedicated to CPOMF's mission "to honor California's fallen peace officers who gave their lives In The Line of Duty and provide support to the family members left behind."

Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

CHAPTER CALENDAR



**November 9-11: C.O.P.S. National Conference on
Law Enforcement Wellness & Trauma^B**
Oakbrook, IL

November 15-18: PORAC Conference^B
Reno, NV

December 8: Christmas Party & Chapter Meeting
CHP Academy, 3500 Reed Ave. West Sacramento, CA 95605
Day-of-Event Contact: Stephanie Miller (209)747-4492
(Details on Page 1)

January 9, 2019: Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
(Details on Page 6)

January 12, 2019: 4th Annual Black & Blue Ball
Hyatt Regency - Sacramento, CA

February 2, 2019: First-Year Survivor Session* & Chapter Meeting
Time & Place TBD

February 15-17, 2019: COPS WALK Southwest
Buckeye, AZ
(Details on Page 6)

March 4-6, 2019: Traumas of Law Enforcement^B
Riverside, CA

March 6-10, 2019: CA Police Chiefs Assn. Training Symposium^B
Santa Clara, CA

March 30, 2019: Chapter Meeting
Time & Place TBD

May 5-6, 2019: California Peace Officers Memorial Events
Sacramento, CA

**May 11, 2019: CPOA Run To Remember
Memorial Run/Walk & BBQ**
Pleasanton, CA

May 12-18, 2019: National Police Week Events
Washington, D.C.

June 9, 2019: Summer Picnic
SunSpash - Roseville, CA

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR!**

^B-Board Member(s) in attendance

*-First-Year (2018) Survivors only

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Christmas Party & Chapter Meeting Saturday, December 8

Meeting: 9:00am
Party: 11:00am - 1:00pm

CHP Academy
3500 Reed Ave.
West Sacramento, CA 95605

RSVP & Deposit* by November 21st
(*see page 1 for details)

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Project Blue Light: Let Your Blue Lights Shine for Law Enforcement During the Holidays

The idea began in 1989 when Mrs. Dolly Craig wrote to C.O.P.S. that she would be putting two blue candles in her window that holiday season. One for her son-in-law, Daniel Gleason, Philadelphia (PA) Police Dept.-EOW 6/5/86, and one for her daughter, Danny's wife Pam, who had been killed in an automobile accident in August 1989, leaving their 6 children. Dolly Craig is now deceased, but her idea is her legacy. Project Blue Light now burns bright in the hearts of the nearly 32,000 survivors of America's fallen law enforcement officers during the holiday season.



C.O.P.S. adopted her idea as a simple way to honor the officers who serve and protect us and also remember those who died in the line of duty. The concept is simple: place a single blue light in your window in memory of fallen officers. The color blue is also a symbol of peace, so you'll send a dual message that you support America's peacekeepers, and that you hope the coming year will be a time of peace. At this time of year, ornamental light fixtures such as candlestick replicas, are easy to come by and serve this purpose well. Blue light bulbs are also available at www.copsshop.com.

Join us as part of "Project Blue Light" and let your blue lights shine for law enforcement during the holidays.


First-Year Survivor Session & Chapter Meeting

Each May, numerous memorial events are held to honor fallen law enforcement officers. These events include the California state events (held in Sacramento), National Police Week events (held in Washington, DC), and various local agency and county events. All of 2018's fallen officers will be honored, and their families will be invited to participate in many events. For first-year survivors, these occasions can feel emotional, confusing and, at times, overwhelming.

To most adequately prepare our 2018 fallen officers' families for these events, we will hold a Memorial Planning Session for them on Saturday February 2 from 9:30am-11:15am. ***This special session is open ONLY to the survivors of 2018 fallen officers.***

This First-Year Survivor session will be followed by a general meeting, open to all survivors, from 11:30am-1:30pm. Lunch will be served, and current Chapter business will be discussed.

At this time, the location has not been determined, but a site will be selected that is most central to all of the families of the newly-fallen heroes. Please watch your email for more details.



**** IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION ****

California's Professional Peace Officers

WE TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN

Always Have. Always Will.

The beautiful bronze and granite California Peace Officers' Memorial located on State Capitol grounds in Sacramento contains the names of more than 1,500 courageous peace officers who have laid down their lives in the line of duty protecting and serving their fellow Californians. Tragically, every year more names are added.

You can help the CPOMF in our mission to underwrite the annual California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony, maintain the memorial monument, subsidize survivor support groups, and support the families of our fallen heroes through our educational grant and financial assistance programs.

California law allows taxpayers to make voluntary tax-free contributions on their personal state income tax returns to the "California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation Fund". Simply indicate the amount to be donated where instructed on the tax return form. Importantly, the law requires that all contributions be used to maintain the California Peace Officers' Memorial and for activities in support of the surviving families of our brave men and women peace officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We urge the more than 100,000 peace officers serving California to help us **Take Care of Our Own**.

FORM 540

California Resident Income Tax Return 2018

California Peace Officer Memorial Foundation Fund.....	408	00	
110 Add code 400 through code 419. This is your total contribution.....	110	00	

☒ **California Peace Officer Memorial Foundation Fund.....\$10.00**

California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremonies – May 5 & 6, 2019

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For more information please visit our website at www.camemorial.org

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Take the L.E.A.D. - Law Enforcement Appreciation Day 1/9/19



On January 9, 2019, partnering organizations in support of law enforcement officers nationwide will promote National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.). In light of recent negativity directed toward law enforcement nationally, there is a need to show law enforcement officers that our citizens recognize and appreciate the difficult and sometimes impossible career they have chosen in public service to us all.

On January 9 of each year we call our nation's citizens to action in support of law enforcement. Those citizens who appreciate law enforcement and are discouraged about the negative attention being given to law enforcement are encouraged to make an effort each January 9 to show their support of our law enforcement officers and agencies.

There are many different, creative ways to show appreciation, but the most important of all is also the simplest:

If you see a police officer, thank that police officer!

IDEAS FOR SHOWING YOUR APPRECIATION

- ***Change your profile picture on social media to the image provided at www.facebook.com/nationalcops.***
- ***Wear blue clothing.***
- ***Send a card of support to your local police department, sheriff's office, or state agency.***
- ***Share a story about a positive law enforcement experience on social media.***
- ***Ask children in your community to write letters in support of law enforcement.***
- ***Participate in Project Blue Light - proudly display your blue light in support of law enforcement.***
- ***Organize an event or rally in support of your local law enforcement officers.***
- ***Advertise your support through local media outlets and/or billboards.***
- ***Post the public service announcement supplied by C.O.P.S. to your organization's webpage or social media pages.***

Drive To Remember

Honor Fallen Officers with A Specialty California License Plate

The California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation (CPOMF) recently announced the launch of "Drive to Remember", a campaign to develop specialty license plates honoring our fallen heroes.

This program, created in conjunction with the California Department of Motor Vehicles, has been designed so that a portion of the proceeds will come back to the CPOMF to support its ongoing programs to honor fallen heroes and support their surviving families.

At this point, the campaign is focused on gathering contact information for those interested in purchasing a plate when they become available. Once enough interest is shown, production of the plates will become possible and an email will be sent with purchase details.

Please support this important campaign by visiting DriveToRemember.org to join the interest list and get more information about the benefits of this new program.



2-Day 25-Mile Journey Honoring the Fallen

February 15-17, 2019 // Buckeye, AZ // Verrado Trail

TO ATTEND

Raise a minimum of \$1,000 for C.O.P.S. to be a participant.
This covers lodging for 2-nights (Friday & Saturday), 6 meals, and a t-shirt.
Any additional lodging/meals will need to be reserved and covered at the walker's expense.

WHAT & WHY

COPS WALK Southwest brings together survivors, friends and members of the law enforcement community to walk 25-miles in 2-days in honor of their fallen officer.
Proceeds from this event help fund C.O.P.S. Hands-On Programs for family members and co-workers of fallen officers.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Holiday Inn Express Phoenix West - Buckeye
445 South Watson RD
Buckeye, AZ 85326

TRAVEL INFORMATION

If you are flying, please fly into Phoenix Sky Harbor.
Email your itinerary to lori_matthes@nationalcops.org if you need help finding transportation to and from the airport.

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY:
WWW.CONCERNSOFPOLICESURVIVORS.ORG
To volunteer or for more information contact Lori Matthes:
(573) 346-4911 or lori_matthes@nationalcops.org

Registration Deadline: January 18, 2019

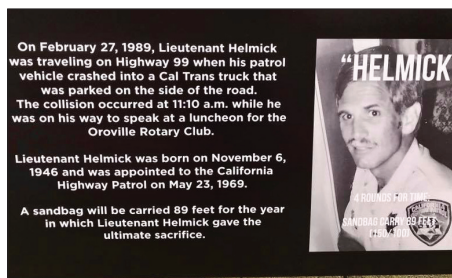
Fundraiser Recaps

Fairfield Police Motor Training Competition



◀ On June 2, Fairfield Police Dept. hosted its 5th Annual Motorcycle Training Competition and donated proceeds of \$13,123 to our chapter. Thank you to all participants and event organizers Jimmy Williams and Cade Beckwith (pictured left with Susan Moody) for generously supporting NorCal C.O.P.S. and survivors with this fun event!

Redding Never Forgotten Games



◀ Redding Peace Officers Association hosted the Never Forgotten Games on May 5. Teams competed in five events of strength and endurance, including the 89-foot "Helmick" sandbag carry in memory of CHP Lt. John Helmick-EOW 2/27/89. NorCal C.O.P.S. is grateful for the \$4,200 donation from this event.

Back The Blue Golf Classic



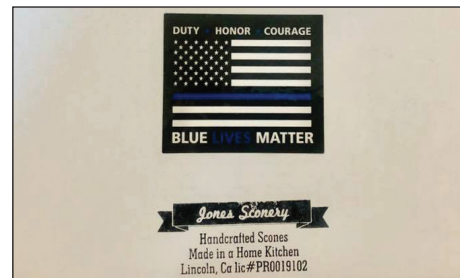
▲ Chico Police Officers Association hosted the "Back the Blue Golf Classic" at Canyon Oaks Country Club on June 18. In the words of our Law Enforcement Liaison Peter Durfee, it was "a great day of golf for a great cause", with proceeds of \$6,000 donated to NorCal C.O.P.S. Thank you, golfers and Chico POA!

Back The Badge 5K Run/Walk

▼ NorCal C.O.P.S. is grateful to Seth Crosswhite, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and everyone involved in the Back the Badge 5K Run/Walk on July 28 for supporting our mission with this fun family event. The donation to C.O.P.S. of \$2,375 will help Northern California's surviving LODD families and co-workers.



Blue Line Scone Boxes



▲ A chance meeting with Susan Moody inspired Jones Sconery owner Tami Jones to create a special scone box and donate 100% of proceeds (\$420) because "...when my brother walks out the door to go to the department he is giving 100%. [All officers] walk out the door risking everything." We thank Ms. Jones for supporting C.O.P.S. and law enforcement.

National Law Enforcement Museum Grand Opening



On October 13, the National Law Enforcement Museum officially opened its doors to the public in a day-long Grand Opening and Community Day celebration.

◀ Michael Stolzman, Susan Moody and surviving parents Gina & Bob McGrory beside one of the vehicle exhibits.
▶ Teddy bears left at the memorial walls by the surviving children of fallen NorCal heroes (l.) Pittsburg PD Officer Larry Lasater-EOW 4/24/05 and (r.) CHP Officer John Miller-EOW 11/16/07 are displayed with the Hall of Remembrance mementos.



Kids/Teens Page

C.O.P.S. Kids Camp - 2018

In late July, a large group of NorCal C.O.P.S. surviving kids (6-14) and their parents headed to the Salvation Army Wonderland Camp in Camp Lake, WI for a full week of fun and healing. Kids Camp provides family interaction, camp activities, grief counseling, relaxation, and lots of old-fashioned fun: swimming, fishing, arts & crafts, canoeing, ropes courses, archery, shooting sports, and campfire skits.

The goal of Kids Camp is for campers to gain a sense of personal growth with hope for the future, and also for them to leave Kids Camp with a continuing support system of peers who truly understand what it's like to have suffered the loss of a beloved parent.

▼ This group from NorCal C.O.P.S. attended the 2018 C.O.P.S. Kids Camp. The Camilleri, Chellew, Garner, Hudnall, Lasater, Miller, Moody, Sanders, Smith, Taylor, and Youngstrom families spent a week at the Salvation Army Wonderland Camp in WI relaxing, enriching friendships, and having old-fashioned camp fun with other survivors from across the country.



Outward Bound® Wilderness Adventure for Teens - 2018



▲ This group of surviving teens, including Trevor & Ethan Lee (far right & far left, photo just above), braved the elements and enjoyed the beauty of Canyonlands Nat'l Park.

Surviving teens (ages 15-20) can participate in a just-for-C.O.P.S. Outward Bound® adventure held each July. Outward Bound® is an outdoor activity program structured to inspire character development, self-discovery, compassion for others and active engagement in creating a better world. The 2018 program was a rafting trip on the Colorado River through the Cataract Canyon in the Canyonlands National Park in Utah.

The goal of this unique C.O.P.S. program is to challenge surviving children to overcome obstacles they face in their lives after losing their parent to a line-of-duty death and to allow them to be surrounded by and develop a network of peers who genuinely understand what they are going through.

NorCal survivors Ethan & Trevor Lee attended the C.O.P.S. Outward Bound® program for the first time this year. Said Ethan (15), "The best part was being with other kids my age who have been through the same thing. They got it and it was nice to know I wasn't alone in my journey." His brother Trevor (17) added, "I loved that Outward Bound was adventurous and not as much counseling sessions. It was nice to get to know other kids who have lost a father/step-father like I have."

Especially for Agencies & Co-Workers

Northern California C.O.P.S. presents the 4th Annual

Black & Blue Ball

Thank You, Sponsors!

We are very grateful to the following for their generous commitment to the success of the upcoming 4th Annual Black & Blue Ball:

PLATINUM LEVEL

- Peace Officer Memorial Group

GOLD LEVEL

- California Association of Highway Patrolmen
- Contra Costa County DSA
- Fairfield POA
- Placer 10-35 Foundation
- PORAC
- Sacramento POA

Can You Help Us?

We are seeking Silent Auction donations of all kinds, both items that can be auctioned on their own and items to bundle with other donations to create a basket or package. Examples include:

- vacation accommodations
- amusement park tickets
- restaurant gift certificates
- sporting event tickets
- theater/concert tickets
- wine or wine tasting items
- police tactical items
- family outings
- craft/decor items
- jewelry/watches
- themed gift baskets
- gift cards

We welcome (and acknowledge) everything! **All items must be submitted by December 31** in order for the Auction Committee to have time to sort and wrap items for the auction tables.

A donation letter with our tax-exempt 501(c)(3) Tax ID number on it can be obtained on the Chapter's website (www.norcalcops.org) or Facebook page, or by contacting Stephanie Miller at (209)747-4492 or via email at johnny31803@sbcglobal.net.

Traumas of Law Enforcement Training

- March 4-6, 2019 - Riverside, CA

Each year, National C.O.P.S. provides FREE training to America's law enforcement agencies on how to appropriately respond to officers and their families affected by line-of-duty tragedies through the "Traumas of Law Enforcement" program. At these trainings, instructors will present information that is important to law enforcement agencies regarding appropriate response to line-of-duty death, disability, critical incidents, and police suicide.

The next California session will be held March 4-6, 2019 in Riverside, CA.

This program targets Law Enforcement Administrators, Officers and Deputies, Peer Support Team Members, Employee Assistance Personnel, Planning and Research, Chaplains, Survivors, and Law Enforcement Spouses. The training is presented over three days and includes 21 hours of class time. The "Traumas of Law Enforcement" has been said to be "the best training I have taken in my entire law enforcement career" by many who have attended.

All of the participants in this training will be provided information about the available federal public safety officer benefits and their individual state benefits.

Some of the same issues that affect survivors come into play for officers with disabilities and those coping with trauma. Recognizing the importance of helping agencies provide appropriate support for survivors and injured or traumatized officers, C.O.P.S. provides this training free of charge. **HOWEVER, PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY** and participants are responsible for their own travel costs.

For additional scheduled session dates, more information and registration instructions, please visit the National C.O.P.S. website (www.nationalcops.org) or call them at (573)346-4911.

Free LODD Support Programs

- Co-Workers Retreat
- Co-Workers for Couples Retreat

Each year, National C.O.P.S. offers two unique programs especially for co-workers devastated by a LODD: Co-Workers Retreat and Co-Workers for Couples Retreat. These programs offer participants the opportunity to bond with and find support from others who have lost a co-worker to a LODD. Attendance is confidential, and **there is no cost to attend either retreat**; participants are responsible only for their travel to and from the St. Louis, MO airport. Transfers to and from the airport, accommodations and meals during each retreat are included with the program.

Dates for the next retreats will be announced in early 2019. If you or someone you know has been affected by a LODD, please consider attending one of these unique programs. For more information and registration instructions, please visit the National C.O.P.S. website (www.nationalcops.org) or call them at (573)346-4911.

"After years of wearing the uniform, it often feels that we put our feelings aside, and at times we forget how to deal with the pain of losing a friend. Perhaps we choose to live our lives without ever addressing the grief that comes with such a traumatic event. After all, we are supposed to be brave and the 'calm in the storm'."

There are few places where one can come together with perfect strangers who share one common bond, where one can shed a tear, enjoy some laughter, share the darkest days, and begin the process of healing. Attending

"Co-Workers" gave me the opportunity to do just that."

~ 2014 NorCal C.O.P.S. Co-Workers Retreat participant

Memorials are for Remembering



▲ The Marin County Sheriff's Office dedicated their Defensive Tactics Room to **Deputy Ryan Zirkle**-EOW 3/15/18, who had been accepted as a trainer to their defensive tactics team just before his end of watch.



◀ Fallen hero Pittsburg Police **Inspector Ray Giacomelli**-EOW 4/15/03 proudly protected his city for for 23 years. Citizens will remember his service and sacrifice when they visit the Ray Giacomelli Community Park, located on W. Leland Road in Pittsburg. The two-acre park was officially dedicated on April 7 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration.



◀ In conjunction with the 50th anniversary of his end of watch, fallen hero San Mateo Police **Sergeant Gordon Joinville**-EOW 5/23/68 was remembered with a memorial ceremony and sign dedication. His surviving spouse Margaret (center) proudly attended. NorCal Chaplain Jeff Dick was also present for this day of honor.



◀ Hayward Police **Sgt. Paul Lunger**-EOW 7/22/15 was honored with a highway dedication and sign on September 22. His surviving fiancée Jennifer Lee selected the 3-mile stretch of Highway 4 between Balfour and Laurel for its proximity to Sgt. Lunger's residence and to Freedom High School, where he coached softball for many years.



◀ On July 18, Bay Area Rapid Transit **Detective Sergeant Thomas A. Smith, Jr.**-EOW 1/21/14 was honored with a highway dedication, and a sign was placed on Interstate 680 near Bollinger Canyon Road. His surviving spouse Kellie explained the site location, saying, "[Our daughter] noticed that this exit was numbered 34 which is Tommy's badge number, and it's also the exit that leads us to our home, so it has a special meaning for us."



▲ On July 18, family, friends, co-workers, and members of local law enforcement gathered to honor fallen hero CHP **Officer Nathan Taylor**-EOW 3/13/16. A sign was placed on Interstate 80 at Baxter, near the overcrossing dedicated to his memory.



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◀ The 10th anniversary of Richmond Police **Officer Bradley Moody's** end of watch (10/4/08) was honored with a Police Unity Tour training ride to and ceremony at his Memorial Underpass in Richmond (left). Additionally, the 9th Annual Brad Moody Memorial softball tournament, including special memorial events, was held August 17-18 at Big League Dreams fields in Manteca.



▲ Forty-four teams competed in the 10th Annual Sacramento Sheriff Deputy **Jeff Mitchell-EOW** 10/27/06 Wiffleball Tournament. Recently-fallen fellow Sacramento Sheriff **Deputy Mark Stasyuk-EOW** 9/17/18 was honored with one of the event's memorial fields.

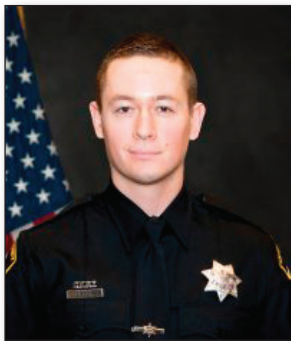


▲ Family, friends, and co-workers celebrated the "10th birthday in heaven" of Oakland Police **Sergeant Ervin Romans-EOW** 3/21/09 with a fun run/walk event on August 26 in Lafayette.



◀ Fallen Sacramento Sheriff **Deputy Danny Oliver-EOW** 10/24/14 was remembered at his 4th End of Watch Wreath Laying in Sacramento. Family, friends, and co-workers joined his surviving spouse, Susan, and daughters Melissa (left) and Jenny (right) to honor his life and 15 years of dedicated service to his community.

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Deputy Mark Stasyuk
Sacramento County Sheriff
EOW: September 17, 2018



Officer Kirk Griess
California Highway Patrol
EOW: August 10, 2018



Deputy Ryan Zirkle
Marin County Sheriff
EOW: March 15, 2018



Officer Gregory Casillas
Pomona Police Dept.
EOW: March 9, 2018



Deputy Steven E. Belanger
Los Angeles County Sheriff
EOW: February 6, 2018

"It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived."

~ Vivian Eney Cross, survivor



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