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# THEY STAND TALL AND

**T**hey stand tall. At about nine feet, they cast a long shadow. They have to. For the three bronze figures represent the 1,638 peace officers who have died in the line of duty since California became a state.

Vic Riesau, who retired in 1977 as a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Division Chief after a 25 year career, started a new career as an artist and sculptor.

His bronze figures depict a county sheriff of the 1880s, a state traffic officer of the 1930s, and a city patrol officer of the 1980s.

The three look down on a life-size bronze figure of a mother comforting her child sitting on a bench, representing the grief-torn families left behind.

"We pledge our best efforts to stand behind the men and women who stand behind the badge," said Governor George Deukmejian in dedicating the memorial. "The job of a peace officer is perhaps the most difficult and challenging one of all in our society. We are very thankful to those willing to risk injury even death in order to provide greater protection and safety for all of us."

"While it can surely be said that these men and women who have placed their lives on the line for the safety of their fellow man are heroes, we must recognize that simply donning the uniform of a peace officer has in itself become an act of courage," said dedication speaker David Snowden, Chief of the Costa Mesa Police Department.

"Too many of our men and women paid the ultimate price. Each time an officer gives his or her life in the daily performance of their job, a piece of foundation upon which this nation was formed is chipped away."

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in



*This publication was developed to memorialize our fallen officers who must never be forgotten and to recognize the efforts of those who helped to create these memorials.*



*Honoring Our  
Fallen Heroes*

# CAST A LONG SHADOW

the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. Surviving spouses grieving a lost partner; or children a missing parent; parents who have survived their son or daughter; brothers; sisters; fellow peace officers—so many of us will commemorate National Police Week as participants at local, regional, state and national Peace Officers Memorial services.

Since 1977, California has memorialized our state's fallen heroes by conducting the California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremonies at our State Capitol. These ceremonies honor our state's peace officers who died in the line of duty the preceding year. Equally important, we recognize the sacrifice made by the

officers' loved ones left behind.

We understand that the grief of the loss still lingers on, and such proceedings renew sad memories and can be the occasion of additional pain. However, it is important that those of us left behind, particularly the children, recognize that their mothers and fathers did not die in vain.

The people of California owe a great debt to those peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. That is why we memorialize our fallen heroes every year...not only to reflect on their courage and sacrifice, but to also assure their survivors know they are forever part of the law enforcement family.

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE

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*Deputy*

# STEVEN EDWARD BELANGER

*Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department*

*EOW: February 6, 2018*



In March 1988, Steven Belanger took a solemn oath of office to faithfully discharge his duties as a freshly-graduated peace officer. Deputy Belanger had followed in his father's footsteps to become a second-generation Los Angeles County deputy sheriff, and by all accounts, he was a highly motivated young deputy with limitless potential.

With just seven years on the department, while in the course of his duties, Deputy Belanger was critically injured by a suspect. He sustained a gunshot wound on December 10, 1994, at just 29 years old, when he was ambushed while conducting a traffic stop in the Rowland Heights area. Deputy Belanger had recognized the driver of the vehicle as being wanted for a previous assault. As he searched the two occupants of the car, one of the man's friends rode up behind him on a skateboard and shot him in the back of the head. The man fled the scene and committed suicide an hour later.

Deputy Belanger was rushed to the hospital where doctors waited overnight for the swelling in his brain to recede before they attempted to operate. While doctors were eventually successful in removing bone fragments from Deputy Belanger's brain, they were never able to remove the bullet. As a result, he remained under constant medical care and was confined to a wheelchair up until the time of his passing.

At the time of the shooting, Deputy Belanger, an athletic man who reportedly loved baseball, was a married father of a 15-month-old daughter.

After the incident, Deputy Belanger returned to work at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in 2000 in a light duty capacity. He retired in 2001. He ultimately succumbed to his injuries on February 6, 2018 at the age of 52 after a long fight with complications resulting from the bullet that was permanently lodged in his brain.

His family and colleagues described Steven as a proactive young deputy with a kind heart, perennial smile, and a penchant

for the occasional prank. Fellow deputies remarked on how fondly he would speak of his wife, his daughter, and their two pugs while they were on shift together.

Despite the devastating impact of his injury, Steve lived a happy life after he retired, displaying the tenacity and endurance of a true warrior. He is survived by his wife, Chris, and daughter, Nicole, and his sacrifice is revered by the community he so selflessly served.

"Steve's death is a tragic loss that reminds us of the risks that law enforcement officers take every day to keep us safe," Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs president Ron Hernandez said at Belanger's funeral service. "His service and sacrifice will never be forgotten."

A new portrait of Deputy Belanger was unveiled February 6, 2019 in the memorial hallway at the Los Angeles County Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station. Belanger was the first deputy at that station to lose his life in the line of duty and the memorial wall was dedicated to him.

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**A Hero's Welcome**  
*By Robert Longley*

**Time to come home dear brother  
Your tour of duty through  
You've given as much as anyone  
Could be expected to do**

**Just a few steps further  
The smoke will start to clear  
Others here will guide you  
You have no need of fear**

**You have not failed your brothers  
You clearly gave it all  
And through your selfless actions  
Others will hear the call**

**So take your place of honor  
Among those who have gone before  
And know you will be remembered  
For now and evermore**

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SHERIFF





*Officer*

# GREGGORY CASILLAS V

*Pomona Police Department*

*EOW: March 9, 2018*



**O**fficer Gregory Casillas was never one to take opportunities for granted. He grew up in Los Angeles County, where his parents moved the family around

frequently, always in search of better opportunities for Gregory and his two younger brothers. Casillas later adopted the same mindset in his own life. He was known to work hard and jump at any chance to further himself.

The road to becoming an officer wasn't easy, but it was Officer Casillas's long-term goal. And, according to his colleagues, he earned it. In 2014, Casillas got his foot in the door at the Pomona Police Department as a records specialist. He spent his days there poring over officer reports to learn how they should be written. Later, he worked in the jail, where rowdy inmates would reportedly settle down in his presence.

Casillas graduated from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy in September of 2017 and was sworn into the Pomona Police Department that same month. He had made his family proud.

On March 9, 2018, Officer Casillas was working the last shift of his six-month field-training period when he got into a pursuit with a reckless driver who refused to pull over.

When the pursuit ended, the driver fled into a nearby apartment complex and barricaded himself inside. When Casillas and another officer chased after him, the suspect shot through the door and struck Casillas. Shortly after, Casillas' field training officer, Alex Nguyen, was struck when he attempted to pull Casillas to safety.

About 75 officers from several agencies converged on the apartment but initially were unable to pull the wounded officers to safety due to the gunfire. Once rescued, the officers were rushed to the hospital, where Casillas later passed away. His field training officer, Nguyen, survived.

Casillas's colleagues remember the 6-foot-4 officer as a "gentle giant" and hard worker. He loved to joke and motivate

his teammates, and he was the first to offer support when it was needed. Many of his co-workers said they had never met a more eager officer.

After the incident, Pomona Police Chief Michael Olivieri praised Casillas for his sacrifice. "Greg is a hero, a man to be looked up to," Olivieri said. "He left his family at home to protect yours. And his ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten."

Casillas was just 30 years old at the time of his death. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Claudia, and a doting father to their two small children. He is also survived by his mother, father, and two younger brothers. Officer Casillas's legacy of bravery and sacrifice lives on through his family and with the Pomona Police Department.

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*In Loving memory of my dear husband.*

**It's hard to believe, you're no longer here.**

**Words can't describe how this makes me feel.**

**You've passed on to the other side, though I wish you could still be here.**

**You were a remarkable man. Loving and caring.**

**You were the centre of my world, our boys world.**

**You were one in a million.**

**You made us laugh and put smiles on our face.**

**You were not just my companion but also my best friend.**

**You were a wonderful husband and best father from beginning to end.**

**Forever will you live on in our hearts and mind.**

**Forever will you live in our thoughts and never die.**

**With love always, we remember you.**

**With fond memories, we think of you.**

**I am forever grateful for our greatest blessing, our beautiful boys.**

**I am grateful for the times we had together.**

**I'll cherish the memories forever.**

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*Deputy*

# RYAN DOUGLAS ZIRKLE

*Marin County Sheriff's Office*

*EOW: March 15, 2018*



To say Deputy Ryan Douglas Zirkle possessed a zest for life would be a tremendous understatement. Known by many of his friends as “Zirk,” Zirkle was the life of the party wherever he went. His lighthearted approach to life influenced everyone around him for the better. Whether he was busting out a spontaneous and truly unique dance move, or inserting some perfectly-timed commentary, Zirkle radiated joy, and it was impossible not to crack a smile in his presence. His friends and family knew just how lucky they were to have him in their lives.

Zirkle grew up in the bay area town of Novato and was an outstanding athlete from an early age. He became a star baseball, basketball, and football player at San Marin High School, and even went on to play baseball at the college level. Zirkle’s athleticism impacted the town where he grew up, too. In the summers, he frequently volunteered his time to coach basketball and baseball at San Marin and worked for the Novato Parks and Recreation Department. He loved working with local youth and sharing his enthusiasm for athletics with them.

Zirkle graduated California State University, Chico in 2015 with a degree in communication studies and, shortly thereafter, answered the call to serve by joining the Marin County Sheriff’s Office. Ryan relished the idea of serving the community in

which he grew up. His academy classmates bestowed him the nickname “Captain America” in recognition of his physical prowess and charm.

With just two-and-a-half years in the department and at just 24 years of age, on March 15, 2018, Zirkle was killed in a single-vehicle crash on Highway 1, just north of the Point Reyes Sheriff’s Station, while responding to a 911 hang-up call.

Zirkle’s vehicle left the wet roadway as it entered a curve in the road and struck a tree on the driver’s side door. His beat partner was the first to arrive at the scene after a report came in of a crash. Once emergency personnel arrived, he was flown to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries shortly after arriving.

Everyone who had the opportunity to work with Zirkle during his short time with the Marin County Sheriff’s Office says he was a natural leader who showed great promise. “We know Ryan was supposed to be a part of our future, not our past,” said Marin County Sheriff Robert Doyle at Zirkle’s funeral.

Shortly before he passed, Zirkle had purchased a home in Petaluma with the love of his life, his fiancé, Stephanie. He also leaves behind his parents, Mary Kay and Brad Zirkle, his two brothers and their respective families, and his beloved dog, Dexter. His passing leaves a huge void in his family and community, but Zirkle leaves a legacy of love, laughter, and joy for all who knew him.

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*If Tears  
Could Build A Stairway  
And Memories Were A Lane  
We Would Walk Right Up To  
Heaven And Bring You  
Back Again*

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2010 San Marin Mustangs Varsity Football



Ryan Zirkle #2  
Quarterback





*Officer*

# KIRK A. GRIESS

*California Highway Patrol, Solano Area  
EOW: August 10, 2018*



**C**HP Officer Kirk Griess had a heart for service. In 1990, fresh out of high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After four years of service and a deployment with the USMC, Griess answered yet another call to serve and joined the California Highway Patrol.

Griess entered the CHP Academy in 1999 and began his career with CHP in Oakland. It didn't take long for him to earn the nickname "Hollywood" because of his "perfect" teeth and hair. There was no denying he had that California movie-star quality about him, even though he was born and raised in small town in Minnesota.

Griess settled in the CHP Solano area in 2002 where he spent the last 16 years of his career. His team took a liking to him immediately, many recalling his heart of gold, easygoing nature, and tendency to see the good in others. He was known for being a proactive and efficient officer who crushed every goal he set out to accomplish. His colleagues looked forward to going to work when they knew he'd be on shift.

But there was so much more to Kirk Griess. His love for his job was second only to his deep love for and commitment to his family. He was a loving husband, a hands-on dad to his three kids, a generous neighbor, and a trusted friend to many.

He worked hard so that his family could have it all, including many family trips to Disneyland, where Griess was truly in his happy place.

On the morning of August 10, 2018, Griess was conducting a traffic stop on I-80 in Fairfield when a white Chevrolet pickup truck veered onto the shoulder, colliding with Griess's CHP motorcycle and the vehicle he had pulled over. Griess and the driver were both transported to the hospital, where both succumbed to their injuries. The driver of the truck, who had been driving at a high rate of speed and using his cell phone at the time of the crash, was hospitalized and later charged with two counts of gross vehicular manslaughter.

Kirk is survived by his beloved wife of 26 years, Keri, and their three children, Kadi, Kaci, and Kole. Kadi followed in her father's footsteps and graduated the police academy shortly after his death. Griess is also survived by his parents, Sheldon and Helen Griess, and his three sisters and their respective families. Kirk is dearly missed by his family, friends, and the entire CHP family.

The California Legislature designated the portion of Interstate 505 between the I-80 interchange and Vaca Valley Parkway in Solano County as the CHP Officer Kirk Griess Memorial Highway to honor and commemorate Griess's legacy of service to his community.

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*Deputy*

# MARK V. STASYUK

*Sacramento County Sheriff's Office  
Serving Rancho Cordova Police Department*

*EOW: September 17, 2018*



**D**eputy Mark Stasyuk had a lot to look forward to. He had married the girl of his dreams and was enjoying the beginning of a fulfilling career with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office. His friends

and family were immensely proud of the outstanding young man he had become.

Having emigrated from Russia with his family at just five years old, Stasyuk came to know well the value of opportunity. He was described as a "cheerful" child. Growing up, he maintained focus on his studies, and upon graduating from San Juan High School in Citrus Heights, he attended Sacramento State University, majoring in criminal justice. When the opportunity to serve his community and his country presented itself, he jumped on it, even though it meant having to balance his studies with the demands of attending the academy.

In 2014, Stasyuk was sworn in with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and began his career at the County Main Jail. Later, he transferred to a contracted patrol position with the Rancho Cordova Police Department. By all accounts, he was an extremely active patrol deputy and was always the first to offer to help. He loved what he was doing.

On September 17, 2018, while on patrol in Rancho Cordova, Stasyuk responded to a 911 call reporting a customer threatening employees inside an auto parts store. Shortly after Deputy Stasyuk and his partner arrived, the suspect opened fire

on a store employee, Stasyuk, and his partner, striking all three. Stasyuk's partner returned fire, injuring the suspect before he fled on foot. Tragically, Deputy Stasyuk's injuries were not survivable and he passed away shortly after arriving at UC Davis Medical Center. The assailant was taken into custody not long after the initial encounter and was charged with felony murder and attempted murder.

Although Stasyuk was just 27 years old when he made the ultimate sacrifice, friends and colleagues had always marveled at the caring and wisdom he possessed that were well beyond his years. A supervisor who had the opportunity to work with him both at the jail and on patrol remarked on Stasyuk's innate ability to befriend his colleagues and his constant concern for the team's well-being. He was a deputy's deputy, a man full of integrity. A man who never shied away from difficult situations.

Stasyuk was deeply in love with his wife, Amy. At his funeral service, Amy spoke about how he would often talk about just how much he loved their life together. They both knew how lucky they were. Stasyuk also loved fishing, hunting, scuba diving and just being outdoors – activities he frequently enjoyed with friends.

Deputy Stasyuk is survived by his loving wife, Amy; as well as his mother, Rita; father, Slava; and younger sister Aiyana. Although here our ways divide, Deputy Mark Stasyuk's service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

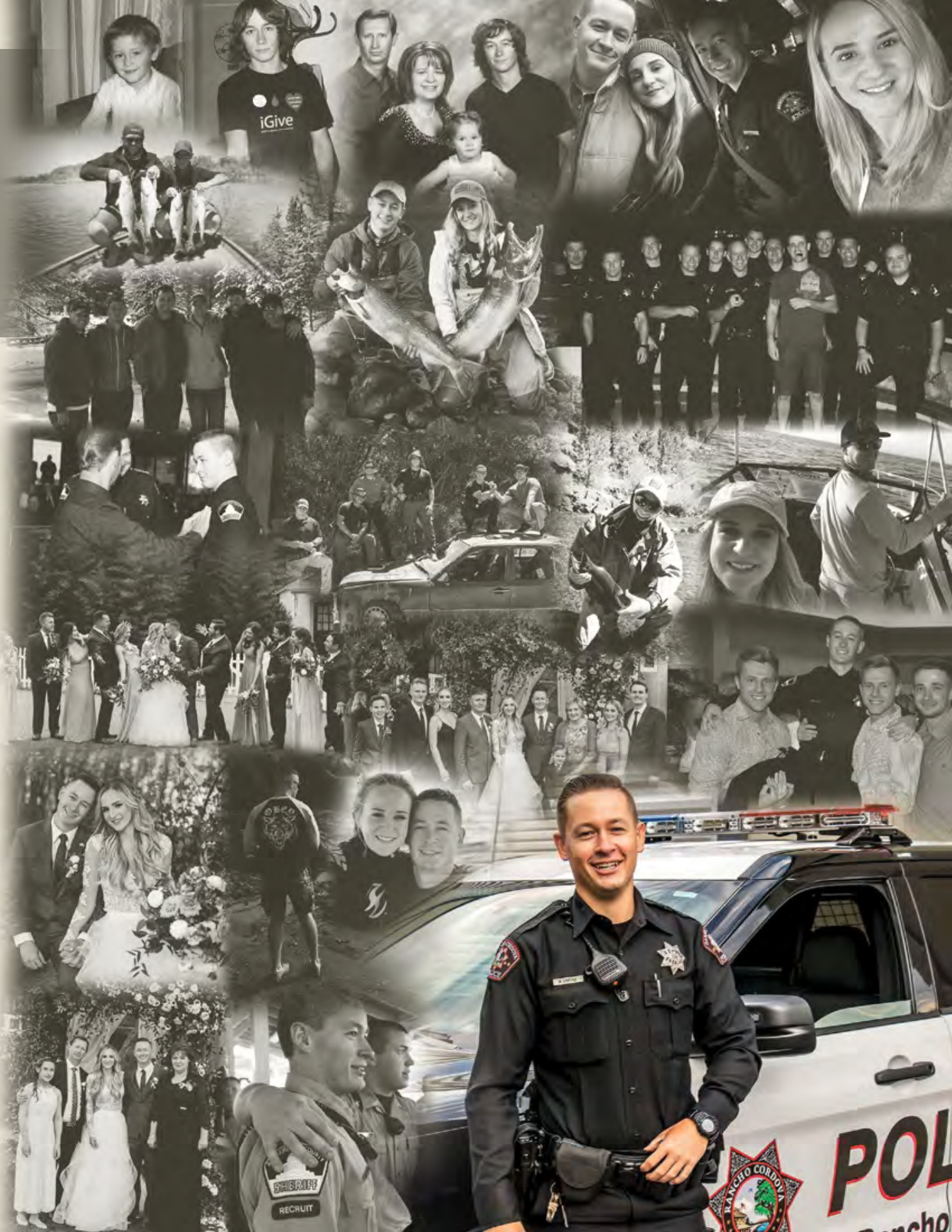


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**Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.**

*— Matthew 5:9*

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*Sergeant*

# RONALD L. HELUS

*Ventura County Sheriff's Office*

*EOW: November 8, 2018*



The fact that Sergeant Ron Helus selflessly gave his life to save others, though devastating, came as no surprise to those who knew him. The heroic actions Helus took during the Borderline shooting the night of November 7, 2018, displayed the kind of sacrifice his friends, family, and colleagues knew he would be willing to make if a scenario like this presented itself.

Helus, a 29-year-veteran of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office on the brink of retirement, had just gotten off the phone with his wife to respond to a 911 call reporting shots fired at the popular Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks.

When he arrived on scene, Helus heard gunfire coming from inside the bar. He and a CHP officer immediately made entry into the bar and confronted the shooter, but Helus was shot and severely wounded. The CHP officer was able to pull Sergeant Helus from the building and promptly provided medical aid.

Helus was taken to a local hospital where he died from his wounds. Eleven people were also shot and killed in the incident, and numerous others were wounded. The suspect was later found dead inside the bar from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

"In his final moments, Ron was able to reveal his true character to all of us, and to teach us all his greatest lesson: that of fearlessness in the face of certain danger and selfless service to the community he loved," said a former Ventura County Sheriff's Office colleague at Helus's funeral.

Since his graduation from the academy in 1990, Helus's work experience with Ventura County included posts within the jail, property crimes, SWAT, narcotics, firearms instruction, and patrol teams. In all these posts, he was consistently known as a man of integrity who understood what was truly important in life. He never passed up an opportunity to build people up. A patrol deputy that worked under Helus described him as the "sergeant you would want to cover you in a volatile situation." He had the tactical knowledge, expertise, and confidence highly desirable in a law enforcement leader. That, combined with his empathy toward others, made Helus exceptional.

Helus was also known for the close relationships he had with his wife, Karen, and son, Jordan. He and Karen were very happily married for 29 years. He often called her during his down time at work, as he did the night of the shooting.

Helus treasured his annual camping and fishing trips with Jordan. They shared a rare bond as father and son. Helus, an avid fisherman, often returned from these father-son trips telling tall tales of "record-breaking" catches to anyone who would listen. His heart of gold always kept his friends and coworkers laughing.

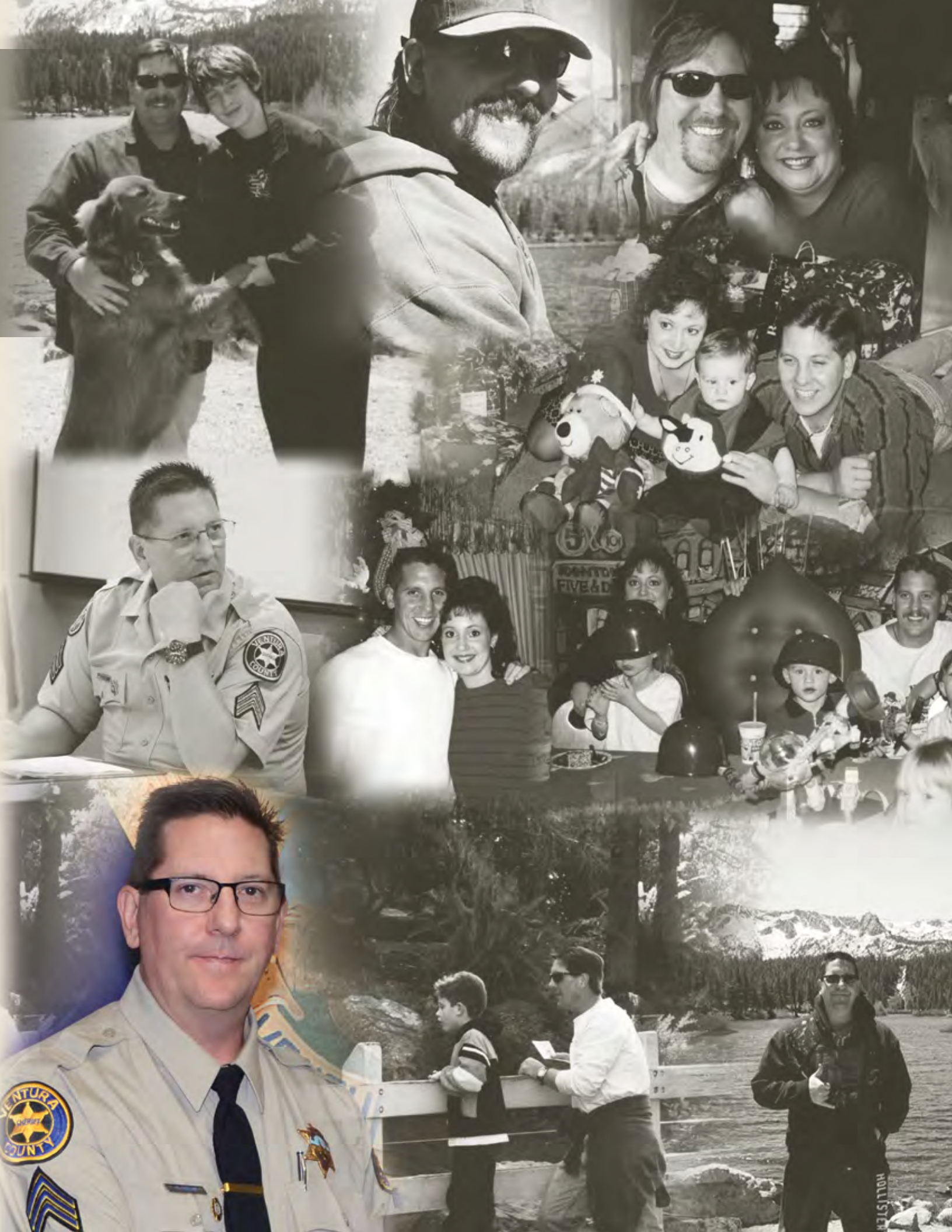
There's no doubt that Sergeant Helus saved many lives on the last night of his. And the wonderful impact he had on his department, his community, and his family cannot be overstated. His service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

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### *Psalm 144:1*

**Praise be to the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle.**

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*Deputy*

# TONY HINOSTROZA, III

*Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department*

*EOW: November 25, 2018*



**D**eputy Tony Hinostraza possessed a rare commitment to excellence, surpassed only by his passion for service. It all started in 1990, when he joined the local police explorer program in his hometown of Ceres. Two years later, after graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving four years in active duty and another four years as a reserve. He earned numerous honors and commendations.

After his military service concluded, Hinostraza returned to where it all began in search of an opportunity to serve the area in which he grew up. He worked as an emergency dispatcher before enrolling in the police academy. He graduated the academy in 1997 and went to work for what was then the Waterford Police Department.

In 1998 he was hired by the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department as a reserve; he was sworn in as a full-time deputy a year later.

In his 19 years of service with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department, Hinostraza served in many roles and received myriad commendations and awards. He was a six-time CHP 10851 Award recipient in recognition of his superior efforts toward the reduction of area stolen vehicle crimes. By all accounts, he took a very active approach to his job and wore his badge with great pride.

While Hinostraza took his role in the community very seriously, it didn't stop him from having fun. Colleagues recalled how he was always well-prepared for a long training session or a call for service that would require a lot of waiting around. They said he would inevitably pull out a burrito or pizza slice from a cargo pocket to munch on.

One colleague who worked with him on a gang suppression team said Hinostraza always set the mood with hip-hop music,

such as Coolio's "Gangster's Paradise," in his car, when the investigators would head out Friday nights for gang suppression. "Gangsters thought we were the coolest cops, because we listened to old-school and oldies and hip-hop," he told the audience at Hinostraza's memorial service.

On November 25, 2018, while responding to assist other deputies with a vehicle pursuit, Deputy Hinostraza was killed in a single vehicle crash when his vehicle left the roadway and struck a utility pole. Tragically, rescue personnel were unable to resuscitate him at the scene.

Friends and colleagues recalled Hinostraza's intense listening abilities, how incredibly loyal he was, his quiet strength, his uncanny love for Midori Sours, and his signature hugs.

Hinostraza, just 45 years old at the time of his passing, leaves behind his son, Michael, and his mother, Gloria. He served his community with integrity, honor, and valor. Thank you, Deputy Hinostraza.

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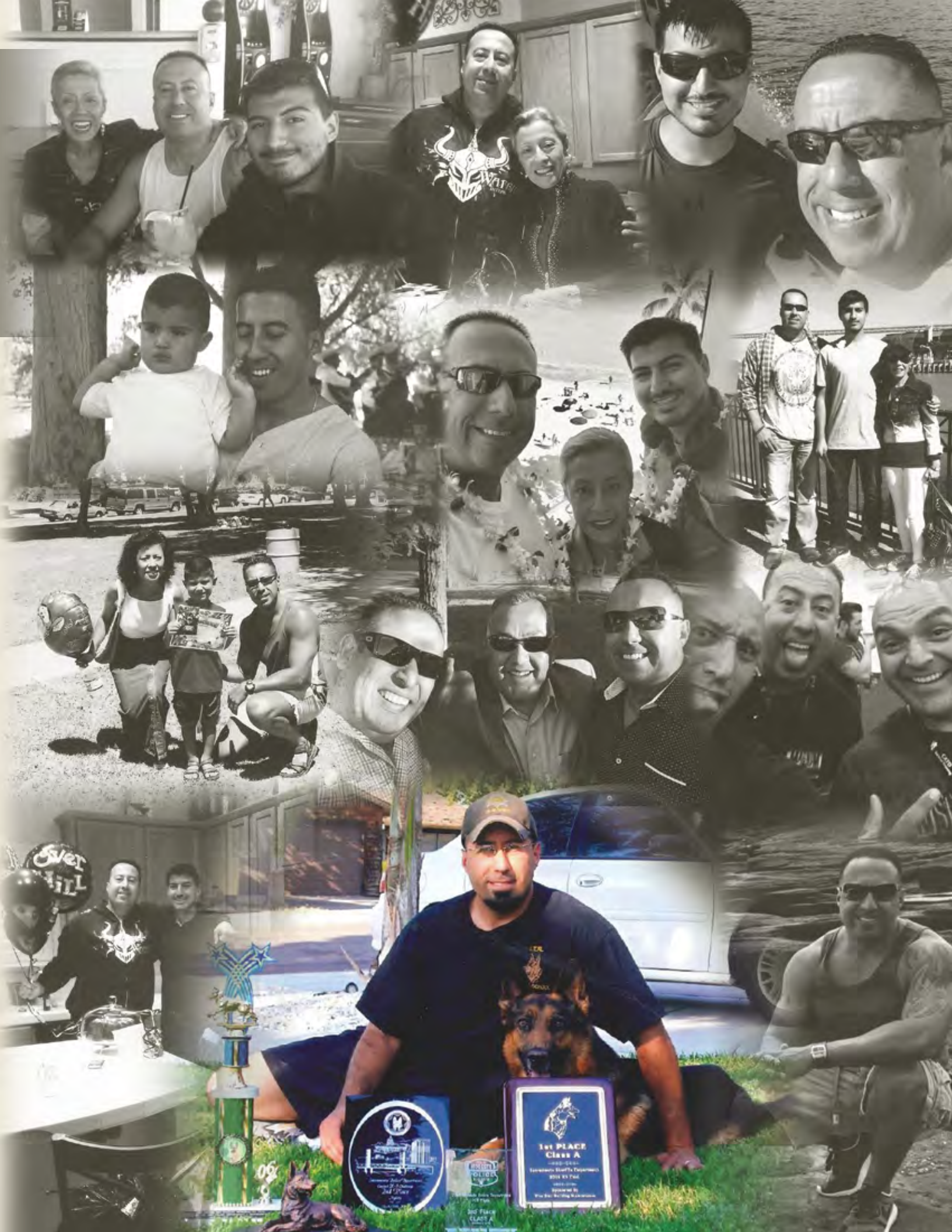
## ***The Prayer of St. Michael***

***Heaven's glorious Commissioner of Police, look with a kindly and professional eye on your earthly force. Give us cool heads, stout hearts, and wise judgement. Inspire us by your sense of duty that so pleased God, and your angelic self-control. And when we lay down our night sticks, enroll us in your Heavenly Force where we will be as proud to guard the throne of God as we have been to guard the city of men.***

***Amen***

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*Corporal*

# RONIL SINGH

*Newman Police Department  
EOW: December 26, 2018*

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**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. *Matthew 5:9***

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**R**onil Singh was born and raised in Navua, Fiji Islands. When his family got their first television set, he quickly became a fan of the show *Cops* and decided that, one day, he would become a police officer in the United States. The Singh family emigrated from Fiji to central California in 2003 to live the “American Dream”.

Singh began his career in public service not long thereafter. He started out as a police volunteer with the Modesto Police Department in 2005 and earned his reserve certificate that same year. In 2006, he became an animal control officer, and later a code enforcement officer with the Turlock Police Department.

While working as a code enforcement officer, he enrolled in an extended police academy, sometimes commuting more than five hours in a day to attend. Singh’s vision for his future was clear; he was taking steps to realize his long-held dream of becoming a police officer in his new home country.

In 2011, Singh was elated to have the opportunity to join the Newman Police Department outside of Modesto. He felt strongly that he belonged in Newman, both in a personal and professional sense. Almost instantly, he developed a deep loyalty to and affection for his small department. His colleagues described him as a proactive officer who clearly loved his job. Singh seemed to have an ever-present smile on his face; he was living his dream.

Corporal Singh had been scheduled to work on Christmas day 2018. His captain had relieved him for a few hours so that he could spend time with his wife and infant son. In a photo taken just before he started his shift, Singh is seen in front of the family Christmas tree with his wife, child, and K9 partner, Sam.

Just hours later, in the early morning hours of December 26, 2018, Corporal Singh called in a traffic stop in the city of

Newman. He had pulled over a suspected drunk driver. Three minutes later he called “shots fired” over the radio. Multiple agencies responded to the scene where they found Singh suffering from gunshot wounds. He was transported to a nearby hospital, where tragically he was pronounced deceased. The gunman fled, and a two-day-long manhunt led to the arrest of a man who authorities said was in the country illegally and was preparing to flee to Mexico.

Corporal Singh leaves behind his loving wife of 8 years, Anamika, and their infant son, Arnav, as well as his parents, Veer and Rohini Singh; brother, Rajnil Singh; and Anamika’s parents, Umesh and Lalita Chand. Singh’s K9 partner was retired to spend the rest of her life with the Singh family.

In a moving video tribute played at his memorial, several of Singh’s law enforcement colleagues spoke fondly of their interactions with him. Corporal Singh was a “Fiji-born American hero” who made the ultimate sacrifice for his adopted country. Ronil is sorely missed by his family and his brotherhood.

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**Whatever has happened, has happened for good.**

**Whatever is happening, is also for good.**

**Whatever will happen, shall also be good.**

**What you have lost, that you cry for?**

**What did you bring, that you have lost?**

**What did you create, that was destroyed?**

**What have you taken, has been from here.**

**What you gave, has been given here.**

**What belongs to you today,**

**belonged to someone yesterday,**

**shall belong to the third person the day after.**

**So why worry unnecessarily?**

**Change is the law of the universe.**

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# REMEMBERING PEACE OFFICERS FROM THE PAST...

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*Through dedicated research by agencies and individuals, the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation continues to add the names of officers from the past who died in the line of duty, providing the recognition and honor they so richly deserve. This year the names of two officers from California's history were added to the memorial monument.*

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## DEPUTY MARSHAL MAURICE W. HALLORAN

*Vernon Police Department  
EOW: November 15, 1913*



On November 15, 1913, Deputy City Marshal Maurice W. Halloran was shot and killed while questioning two suspicious men who had entered a liquor store at 2000 East Vernon Avenue.

Deputy Marshal Halloran was already inside the establishment when the two men entered and approached the store counter to purchase alcohol. While waiting for the store clerk, one of the subjects vandalized the wood counter with a pocket knife. Deputy Marshal Halloran confronted the man about the vandalism, prompting the two men to curse at him and then leave. Attempting to further address the subjects, Deputy Marshal Halloran followed them outside and, without warning, one of the men produced a handgun and shot Halloran multiple times. Deputy Marshal Halloran later died at the hospital. Both subjects fled the scene but were ultimately arrested and charged with the murder of a peace officer. Both men were convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Deputy Marshal Halloran was survived by his parents, three brothers, and two sisters.

## DEPUTY HENRY V. SNOWBELT

*Lake Co. Sheriff's Department  
EOW: October 2, 1937*



On October 2, 1937, Deputy Sheriff Henry V. Snowbelt was off duty playing cards with his wife and two friends at the Wheeler Café in Lower Lake.

Unbeknownst to them, earlier in the evening a belligerent ex-convict had been removed from Millsap's restaurant by the owner and a patron. The subject later confronted the patron at a pool hall, where he reportedly stated, "I've got you now, I'm going to shoot you." The subject fired his rifle, seriously wounding the patron.

Still armed, the gunman eventually made his way to Wheeler Café. A customer attempted to talk the subject into relinquishing his rifle. Deputy Snowbelt left to retrieve a weapon and upon returning to the café, ordered the subject to put his gun down and his hands up. Instead of complying, the subject raised his rifle and fired, striking Deputy Snowbelt in the heart. Simultaneously Deputy Snowbelt fired twice, hitting the subject in his arm and heart. Deputy Snowbelt and the ex-convict died instantly.

Deputy Snowbelt was survived by his wife, Amelia, and daughter, Thelma.

# KEEP THE MEMORY ALIVE

You can help the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty by donating to the “California Peace Officer Memorial Foundation” at [www.camemorial.org](http://www.camemorial.org).

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## Who we are...

The California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable foundation whose mission is to recognize and honor California's peace officers who gave their lives 'In The Line of Duty' serving the citizens of this great state.

The CPOMF has grown to not only recognize our fallen heroes, but to provide services, financial assistance, advocacy, and support to the surviving families left behind. Our foundation is also responsible for the construction and maintenance of the memorial monument.

Our board of directors is composed of active and retired peace officers from across California, representing all ranks of law enforcement, all appointed by their respective associations. Our Special Advisory Committee includes law enforcement personnel, survivors and other individuals fully dedicated to the CPOMF mission. We are proud and fortunate that all directors, advisors, and our Executive Director volunteer 100% of their time and resources.

The California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation is funded solely by donations from individuals, corporations, and law enforcement associations.

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## IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Upon the death of a peace officer in the line of duty, CPOMF representatives personally deliver financial assistance to the primary survivor to help in their moment of need.

## Scholarship Program

Children and spouses of California peace officers who died in the line of duty are eligible to receive annual scholarships from the CPOMF. In the past 10 years the scholarship program has granted more than 100 scholarships totaling over \$350,000 in assistance.

## Survivor Support Groups

The CPOMF financially supports the three California chapters of Concerns of Police Survivors, a peer support group made up of survivors, which provides on-going assistance to the families of our fallen officers.

## Annual California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony

Every May preceding National Police Week, the CPOMF underwrites a two-day memorial service honoring California's fallen heroes. Thousands of surviving family members, citizens, and public safety officers join at the Memorial Monument in unity to pay tribute to California's fallen heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our communities. The names of peace officers lost the previous year are added to the monument in a formal ceremony attended by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Chief Justice, and other state dignitaries.

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*"My sincere gratitude to the Memorial Foundation board members for their dedication and respect shown to the fallen officers and their families. The honor bestowed upon me has been a pivotal point in my strength and healing."*

**KELLY J. BAKER**

Widow of Sergeant Loran  
"Butch" Baker

Santa Cruz Police Department  
EOW: February 26, 2013

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# REMEMBERING OUR HEROES... YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*There are many ways to show your support for California's fallen heroes:*

### **State Tax Return "Check-Off"**

The California resident income tax form allows taxpayers to make charitable contributions to the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation. Ask your tax preparer, or simply indicate the amount to be donated where instructed on the tax return form.

### **Become a Sponsor or Corporate Partner**

Without the assistance of our sponsors and corporate partners, the programs and support provided by the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation would not be possible. For more information on how you can become a sponsor or corporate partner, please contact the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation administrative office.

### **One-Time Donation**

Make an on-line donation with your credit card directly from our website:

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### **Peace Officers Payroll Program**

Participants designate an automatic monthly donation of their choosing through their employer's payroll system.

For more information in establishing this program, please visit our website:

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# *About the Memorial Monument...*

Over a decade in the making, The California Peace Officers' Memorial Monument was formally dedicated by Governor George Deukmejian in 1988.

Standing over 14 feet tall, the bronze sculpture represents an evolution of California law enforcement depicted by a county sheriff of the 1880s, a state traffic officer of the 1930s, and a city patrol officer of the 1980s. Inscribed on the monument pedestal are the simple, yet profound words "In the Line of Duty."

Providing additional reverence, a bronze, life-sized sculpture depicts a woman comforting her child as they sit together looking at the memorial monument. Alongside the woman on the bench lies a bronze American flag folded into a triangle, symbolizing our Nation's gratitude and respect to our fallen heroes and their families. Currently, 1,638 honorees grace this hallowed monument, located directly across from the State Capitol in Sacramento.

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# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR THE 2018 – 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

## CPOMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ASSISTS SURVIVING SPOUSES AND CHILDREN

### ASHLEY BAKER

Sergeant Loran “Butch” Baker  
Santa Cruz Police Department  
EOW: February 26, 2013

### RACHEL JACOBS

Detective Charles Jacobs  
Riverside Police Department  
EOW: January 13, 2001

### JACOB ORTIZ

Deputy Jerry Ortiz  
Los Angeles Co. Sheriff’s Department  
EOW: June 24, 2005

### MICHAEL BLAIR

Deputy Stephen Blair  
Los Angeles Co. Sheriff’s Department  
EOW: May 12, 1995

### ASHTON LUNGER

Sergeant Scott Lungner  
Hayward Police Department  
EOW: July 22, 2015

### SARAH PEDRO

Officer John Pedro  
CHP – Santa Cruz  
EOW: June 3, 2002

### ANDRES CORTEZ

Officer Gilbert Cortez  
CA Dept. of Corrections & Rehabilitation  
EOW: March 25, 2013

### TEAGAN MANNY

Officer Erick Manny  
CHP - Fort Tejon  
EOW: December 21, 2005

### LANDESS SHERRER

Officer Stephan G. Gray  
Merced Police Department  
EOW: April 15, 2004

### MARISA CORTEZ

Officer Gilbert Cortez  
CA Dept. of Corrections & Rehabilitation  
EOW: March 25, 2013

### CAROLINA MARTINEZ

Officer Saul Martinez  
CHP – Indio Area  
EOW: May 16, 1997

### DIANA VALENZUELA

Detective Danny Valenzuela  
Brea Police Department  
EOW: May 23, 1995

### JONATHAN DE GUZMAN II

Officer Jonathan “JD” De Guzman  
San Diego Police Department  
EOW: July 28, 2016

### DEANNA MAY

Officer Richard May  
East Palo Alto Police Department  
EOW: January 7, 2006

### JENNIFER WALKER

Lieutenant Michael Walker  
CHP – Santa Cruz  
EOW: December 31, 2005

### SARAH DILLON

Special Agent Patrick Dillon  
CA Department of Justice  
EOW: April 14, 2007

### JAKE MITCHELL

Deputy Jeffery Mitchell  
Sacramento Co. Sheriff’s Office  
EOW: October 27, 2006

### WHITNEY WHITE-DIBB

Officer Mark White  
Roseville Police Department  
EOW: February 10, 1995

### ISAIAH GRAY

Officer Stephan G. Gray  
Merced Police Department  
EOW: April 15, 2004

### DOMINIC MONEGO

Deputy John Monego  
Alameda Co. Sheriff’s Department  
EOW: December 12, 1998

### SARAH HANSON

Sergeant Scott Hanson  
Covina Police Department  
EOW: July 3, 2006

### MELISSA OLIVER-STORZ

Deputy Danny P. Oliver  
Sacramento Co. Sheriff’s Office  
EOW: October 24, 2014

Dependents of California peace officers who have died in the line of duty are eligible to receive annual scholarships from the California Peace Officers’ Memorial Foundation.

Since 2003, the CPOMF has awarded over \$815,000 in grants to survivors attending graduate school, four-year colleges and universities, two-year community colleges, and trade schools. Funded by donations from member law enforcement associations and corporate sponsors, the CPOMF’s Scholarship Program continues to award scholarships on an annual basis.

Dependents of CPOMF’s Honored Officers are eligible to apply. Applications must be received by June 1 to be considered for that year’s scholarship awards. Donations to this tax-deductible program are accepted on an ongoing basis. More information and an electronic application can be found on the CPOMF website at <https://camemorial.org/scholarship-program/>



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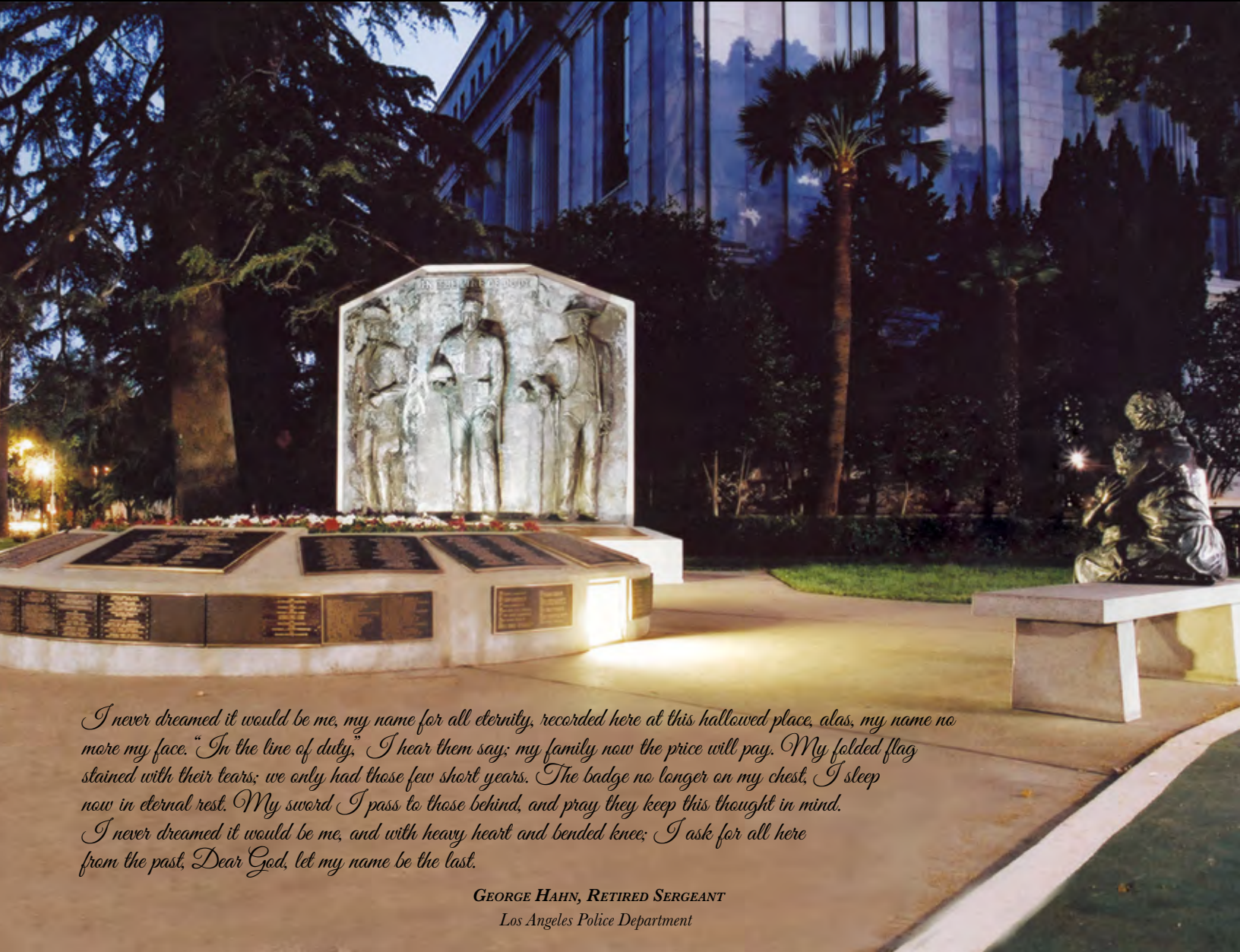
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# The Monument

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*I never dreamed it would be me, my name for all eternity, recorded here at this hallowed place, alas, my name no more my face. "In the line of duty," I hear them say; my family now the price will pay. My folded flag stained with their tears; we only had those few short years. The badge no longer on my chest, I sleep now in eternal rest. My sword I pass to those behind, and pray they keep this thought in mind. I never dreamed it would be me, and with heavy heart and bended knee; I ask for all here from the past, Dear God, let my name be the last.*

**GEORGE HAHN, RETIRED SERGEANT**  
Los Angeles Police Department



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