



POLICE MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Thursday, May 8, 2003 • SUNSET SERVICE 7:00 p.m.



Agenda

Opening	Tom Ribel, President Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police
Presentation By Surviving Families	Ann Becker Alexandrino
Welcome	Dwight Lauderdale Master of Ceremonies
Presentation of Flags	
United States Flag	Captain Doug McClain U.S. Navy
State Flag	David McCarter, Major Florida Highway Patrol
Law Enforcement Flag	Carlos Alvarez, Director Miami-Dade Police Department
Presentation of Colors and Raising of Flags	Combined Honor Guard with Miami St. Andrew's Pipe Band
Pledge of Allegiance	Captain Doug McClain U.S. Navy
National Anthem	Ande Alvarez Jennie Phillips
Jet Fly-Over	Captain John Currier Commander U.S. Coast Guard
	Branch Chief Robert J. Viator Department of Homeland Defense
Invocation	Reverend Eddie Rivero Miami-Dade Police Department Chaplain
Commencement	Steve Rothlein, President Police Officer Assistance Trust
Tribute	Greg Terp, Lieutenant Miami-Dade Police Department
Placing of Wreaths	John Rivera, President Dade County Police Benevolent Association
	Martin Garcia, Director Fraternal Order of Police, District No.6
Reflections of a Son and Daughter	Robert Vargas Jr. Amber Vargas
Family Pinning Ceremony	Relatives
"Go Rest High on the Mountain"	Jennie Phillips
Keynote Speaker	David Langworthy
Roll Call of Honor - Presiding	Pete Cuccaro, Chief Miami-Dade Schools Police Department

Torch Lighting Ceremony

Bal Harbour Police Department Larry D. Freeman, Chief	Miami-Dade Police Department Carlos Alvarez, Director
Constable District 3 Katherine Fernandez Rundle, State Attorney	Miami Police Department John F. Timoney, Chief
Coral Gables Police Department James Harley, Chief	Miami Beach Police Department Donald DeLucca, Chief
Drug Enforcement Administration Frank Chellino, SAC	Miami Springs Police Department H. Randall Dilling, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation Hector M. Pesquera, SAC	Miccosukee Police Department David Ward, Chief
Florida Department of Corrections Joyce Haley, Deputy Director	North Miami Police Department Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd-Savage, Chief
Florida Highway Patrol David McCarter, Major	Opa-locka Police Department James Smith, Chief
Fulford Police Department Fred Maas, Chief Sunny Isles Beach Police Department	South Miami Police Department Cokes Watson, Jr., Chief
Hialeah Police Department Rolando Bolaños, Chief	Sweetwater Police Department Jesus M. Menocal, Chief
Homestead Police Department Alexander E. Rolle, Jr., Chief	U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Hugo J. Barrera, SAC
Miami-Dade Corrections Department Rolando Escalante, Assistant Director	U.S. Customs Ronald Grimes, A/SAC
	West Miami Police Department Patrick O. Kiel, Chief
Twenty-One Gun Salute	Coral Gables Police Department
"Taps"	U.S. Customs & Miami-Dade Police Department
"Taps" Vocalist	Mr. Walter Scarpella
Ending Tribute	Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Vice Chairman Miami-Dade School Board
Military Tribute	Miami-Dade Police Department Video Services
Motor Vehicle Lighting Ceremony	Combined Agencies
Aerial Tribute	Combined Agencies
Countywide Simulcast	Miami-Dade Police Department
Benediction	Captain Paul McLaughlin, U.S. Navy Chaplain
"America The Beautiful"	Pam Martyna

Roll Call Of Honor

In Memoriam

Bal Harbour Police Department

Robert J. Staab 1957
John R. Melendez 1985

Constable District 3

John E. Dickson 1933
Luther Hardison 1951

Coral Gables Police Department

Oy Guest 1928
Homer C. Barton 1938
Billy Stephens 1957
Walter Stathers 1967
Robert DeKorte 1972
Louis Pena 1978
Alfred Terrinoni 1980

Drug Enforcement Administration

Nickolas Fragos 1974
Charles H. Mann 1974
Meredith Thompson 1994
Shaun E. Curl 1997

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Jerry Dove 1986
Benjamin P. Grogan 1986

Florida Department of Corrections

Bjom T. Svenson 1982

Florida Highway Patrol

Luther Paul Daniel 1941
Owen Bender 1965
Bradley Glascock 1977
Elmer Barnett 1978
Alvin Kohler 1979
Robert G. Smith 1997

Fulford Police Department

Ralph G. Langworthy 1928

Hialeah Police Department

Hugo Becker 1966
Emilio F. Miyares 1986

Pedro Cainas 1992

Homestead Police Department

Charles Bryant 1923
William F. Brantley 1952

Miami-Dade Corrections Department

Dillon Duncan Brooke 1924
Leonard Trudeau 1995

Miami-Dade Police Department

Rhett McGregor 1895
Gustav Kaiser 1895
Wilbur Hendrickson 1915
Allen Henderson 1916
William Z. Henderson 1916
Charles Williams 1916
Edward E. Fritz, Jr. 1953
Jerome R. Christman 1960
Earl Lee Johnson 1962
Carlos S. Stuteville 1964
Paul G. Anderson 1967
Johnny E. Mitchell 1971
Harrison Crenshaw, Jr. 1974
Simmons Arrington 1974
Frank Searcy 1974
Clark H. Curlette 1976
Frank K. D'Azevedo 1976
Thomas A. Hodges, Jr. 1976
William C. Cook 1979
William F. Askew 1979
Edward R. Young 1981
Cheryl Weiner Seiden 1982
Stephen Corbett 1983
Robert L. Zore 1983
Richard A. Boles 1988
David Strzalkowski 1988
Jose T. Gonzalez 1989
Joseph P. Martin 1990

Thomas Leis 1990

Evelyn Gort 1993
Robert Vargas 1997
Richard Wentlandt 1997
Rueben I. Jones 1998
Roberto L. Calderon 1999
Randy Kugler 2000

Miami Police Department

John R. Riblet 1915
Frank A. Croff 1921
Richard R. Marler 1921
Laurie L. Wever 1925
John Marchbanks 1926
Samuel J. Callaway 1927
A.R. Johnson 1927
Jesse L. Morris 1927
Frank Beckham 1928
Augustus S. McCann 1928
Sidney C. Crews 1929
John Brubaker 1933
Robert Lee Jester 1933
Samuel D. Hicks 1936
Patrick H. Baldwin 1940
Wesley F. Thompson 1941
John Milledge 1946
Johnnie Young 1947
Frampton P. Wichman, Jr. 1948
James H. Brigman 1951
Leroy LaFleur 1951
John T. Burlinson 1958
Jerrel E. Ferguson 1962
Ronald F. McLeod 1969
Rolland J. Lane, II 1970
Victor Butler, Jr. 1971
Edward F. McDermott 1980
Nathaniel K. Broom 1981

Jose DeLeon 1984

David Herring 1986
Victor Estefan 1988
William D. Craig 1988
Osvaldo Canalejo 1992
Carlos Santiago 1995
William Williams 2000

Miami Beach Police Department

David C. Bearden 1928
Robert Boyle 1936
William Nichols 1936
Donald Kramer 1984
Robert Fitzpatrick 1985
Scott Rakow 1988

Miami Springs Police Department

Charles B. Stafford 1991

Miccosukee Police Department

Donald Thornbury 1991

North Miami Police Department

Carl W. Mertes 1980
Steven E. Bauer 1992
Lynette Hodge 1993

Opa-locka Police Department

Ephraim Brown 1986

South Miami Police Department

L. Daniel Schulz 1987

Sweetwater Police Department

James M. Beasley 1986

U.S. Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms

Ariel Rios 1982
Eddie Benitez 1983

U.S. Customs Service

George R. Saenz 1989

West Miami Police Department

Leonard C. Tribble 1958

Ceremony History, Tradition & Symbolism

In 1962, the Congress of the United States passed a joint resolution authorizing the President to proclaim the week in which May 15th occurs as Police Appreciation Week. One day of that week was to be set aside for a memorial service to honor federal, state, and municipal officers who have been killed in the line of duty. Thus, Police Memorial Day was established by the late John F. Kennedy and observed in communities throughout the nation.

The annual tradition of honoring fallen officers in Miami-Dade County was formalized in May 1980. The following year, a local drive to build a monument honoring law enforcement was launched by members of the Hialeah-Miami Springs Chamber of Commerce, Committee of 100. This dedicated group provided the funds, granite, and electrical service for a monument to pay tribute to law enforcement officers who made the supreme sacrifice. In May 1981, the Police Memorial Monument was unveiled. In 1989, the responsibility for the care and preservation of the monument was delegated to the newly formed Police Officer Assistance Trust.

With the advent of the new millennium, we witnessed an expansion and refurbishing of the monument and surrounding garden without losing the integrity, honor and remembrance that it has fostered since its inception. The following words by a south Florida police officer best capture the essence of this police memorial:

Four silent sentinels, rising from the earth to meet three arches signifying the esteemed position of law enforcement officers in a free society governed by its people through local, state and federal jurisdictions... a constant reminder that those in authority are also under authority. Four granite monoliths rising from the earth shouting in deafening silence the names inscribed upon their shiny smooth faces. Flanked by their predecessors who have stood bearing silent testimony to the honor and integrity of the law enforcement officers both living and dead who have hallowed this ground.

Two lions, passive yet ever vigilant, signify the law enforcement officer's authority to preserve the peace and to bring to justice those who break the law. These lions represent the four character qualities in law enforcement officers: Courage, Vigilance, Justice and Mercy. Four silent sentinels ever watching, constantly on patrol while maintaining an insoluble trust between the law enforcement officer and the communities in which their duty is to protect and serve.

This year, one more name has been added to our Roll Call of Honor – Miami-Dade Police Department Officer Randy Kugler. Officer Kugler died on March 10, 2000, while conducting an auto theft investigation. His untimely death brings the total to 120 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

The law enforcement community shares the sorrow of the families and friends who gather each year to remember these fallen heroes.

We take pride in their courage, and vow that they shall never be forgotten.

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Acknowledgments

Sincere thanks to those participants whose dedication and cooperation keep the memories of our fallen officers alive in our minds and in our hearts:

The Dade County Police Benevolent Association; the Fraternal Order of Police, District Number 6; Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department Director Vivian Donnell-Rodriguez, and in particular, the staff at Tropical Park, Tom Morgan, Tropical Park Manager; Miami-Dade County Fire Department; Unique Producers Service; Gateway Monuments; Laser Production Network; Mr. Ruben Perez of Santa Rosa Marble and Tile; Conrad Yelvington Distributors; Lovell Farms; Rinker Cement Corporation; Helms Tree Farms; United Agra Corp.; United Auto Insurance; Armando Rua; Jack DiCarlo; Officer Joaquin Garcia-Tuñon; Javier Unzueta; Manny and Carlos Olmedo of Olmedo Printing Corp.; Steve and Mary Lou Bobes; Officer Eric Rodriguez; the Air Land Emergency Response Team (ALERT); Maria Melendez; Martha Chaple; vocalists Ande Alvarez, Pam Martyna, Jennie Phillips, and Walter Scarpella; and the Miami St. Andrew's Pipe Band.

Our deepest appreciation to the talented Mr. Dwight Lauderdale for 15 years of dedicated service as our Master of Ceremony.

Special recognition for the efforts of the Police Memorial Planning Team: Assistant Director Steve Rothlein, President of POAT; Police Memorial Team Co-Chairmen Lieutenant Danny Llano and Sergeant Dave Greenwell; Officer Lydia Abell; SPA1 Allison Bishop-Cooner; Officer Ray Bush; Video Production Supervisor Rick Bravo; Public Information Officer Ani Delforn; Mr. Johnny Dolan; Master Sergeant Gus Duarte; Sergeant Chuck Duncan; Mr. Manny Figueroa; Lieutenant Kathy Garland; Officer Michael Gast; Reverend Ralph Gazitua; Lieutenant Gregg Glasel; Sergeant Thamy Gonzalez; Sergeant Thomas Helms; Mrs. Annette McCully; Eddie Pantoja; Information Officer Nick Pimentel; Reverend Eddie Rivero; Officer Jonas Sears; Sergeant Jeep White and IGB Building Maintenance Personnel.

Everlasting appreciation to Chief Pete Cuccaro, Fred Exum and Dennis Nye; co-founders of the Dade County Police Memorial. Special thanks is bestowed to James Kamercia for his expertise in the creation of the Police Memorial. Gratitude is also extended to Dr. William Wilbanks for his extensive research of our fallen heroes.

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