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19 Oklahoma Fallen Officers to be Honored

Oklahoma lost four (4) law enforcement officers in the line of duty in 2008. Three (3) of their names will be engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial in Washington, D.C. in May. In addition the names of sixteen (16) other officers who died years earlier in the line of duty in what is today the state of Oklahoma will be added to the national memorial.

The names will be dedicated on the national memorial at Judiciary Square during the 21th Annual Candle Light Vigil the evening of Wednesday, May 13th.

The nineteen (19) fallen officers being added from Oklahoma are:

Sherman Russell, Deputy US Marshal – July 12, 1893.

Ben J. Higbee, City Marshal, Coyle, I.T. – February 1, 1904.

Anderson Lewis, Sheriff, Gains County (Pittsburg Co), I.T. – November 17, 1905.

George Loney, Deputy Sheriff, Okfuskee County – May 2, 1911.

Fred Hollingsworth, Deputy Sheriff, Washita County – July 12, 1915.

G. Ralph Ellis, Deputy Constable of Bristow - November 7, 1915.

Henry L. Harper, Deputy Sheriff, Harmon County – September 14, 1919.

Berry Jones, Sheriff, Okfuskee County - February 14, 1920.

James D. Snider, Deputy Sheriff, Osage County – February 13, 1921.

Robert W. Arnold, Deputy Sheriff, Osage County – December 14, 1924.

David Samuel Robertson, Deputy Sheriff, Seminole Co/ Constable, Wolf – Dec 11, 1929.

Tom Hood, Deputy Sheriff, Sequoyah County – March 27, 1933.

William F. Jones, Constable, Frederick – July 15, 1934.

Charles Warner, Deputy US Marshal – May 23, 1935.

William C. Turner, Guard Foreman, Oklahoma Department of Corrections – July 18, 1935.

Thearel M. Johnson, City Marshal, Wister – June 30, 1950.

Dustin Shawn Duncan, Deputy Sheriff, Latimer County – February 4, 2008.

Leslie Wilmott, Sergeant, Kiefer Police Department – May 29, 2008.

Robert Craig Douglas, Oklahoma City Police Department – September 28, 2008.

Dennis Lippe, Chairman of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial organization said “we continue to research the line of duty deaths of law enforcement officers both before and after statehood. We continue to find new officers that we were not aware of as we research.” “We are also looking for family members of any of Oklahoma’s fallen officers in hopes of receiving more information on their officer.” “We can not have too much information in a fallen officer’s memorial file.” To contact the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial or for more information on fallen officers and the state’s memorial go the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial web site at www.oklem.com or call (405) 619-2066.

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