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**Oklahoma Fallen Peace Officers to be Honored**

When the 382 new names are engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial at Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C. in May, seventeen of Oklahoma's fallen peace officers will be among them. Those Oklahoma officers to be engraved are:

Peter Anderson, a posseman for the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office who was shot and killed December 26, 1890, assisting Deputy Sheriffs serve an arrest warrant just across the county line in Pottawatomie County.

Morgan Haddock, City Marshal of Caddo in Bryan County who was shot and killed during the early morning hours of December 13, 1951, as he made his rounds.

Charles W. Hodges, Haskell County Deputy Sheriff, shot and killed as he was walking a prisoner to jail the afternoon of Saturday, February 26, 1910.

Ulysses S. Lenox, an officer with the Drumright Police Department, was riding in a car with three other officers in search of bank robbers reportedly headed their way. As the officers passed another car the occupants of the other car opened fire on the officers. Officer Lenox was wounded and died an hour later.

William L. "Bill" McClendon, a Trooper with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, was killed in a traffic accident on the Will Rogers Turnpike on October 1, 2006.

L. E. "Lem" Mitchell, the Sheriff of Pontotoc County, died the evening of February 10, 1914, from injuries he received that morning when he fell under the wheels of a moving train. Mitchell attempted to jump on his connecting train that had started moving from the station at Tupelo. Mitchell was returning from transporting prisoners to the State Penitentiary at McAlester.

Homer Moss, Chief of Police at Madill, was shot and killed the evening of April 25, 1935, as he started to intervene in a domestic fight in the café where he was having dinner.

Clarence H. Phillips, Sheriff of Beckham County, died after being shot several times as he answered a knock at his office door the evening of June 21, 1930.

J. T. Pratt, City Marshal of Madill, was shot and killed from ambush as he answered a disturbance call at a livery barn about noon on November 6, 1910.

James H. Rundell, City Marshal of Mulhall, was killed the evening of Sunday, September 21, 1930, just north of Perry when his police motorcycle crashed while pursuing a speeder he had chased over twenty miles across Noble County.

Steven R. Smith, a Trooper with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, died February 9, 2006, as a result of a gun shot wound to the neck he received the evening of Sunday, April 25, 1999, when he tried to arrest a man who had shot and killed his wife earlier. The wound left Trooper Smith a quadriplegic until his death.

John R. Tabner, Deputy Sheriff of Hughes County and City Marshal of Wetumka, went to break up a fight between two men in the street about noon on November 15, 1908. One of the men shot Deputy Tabner who returned fire and killed the man. The dead man's brother then shot Deputy Tabner again. Deputy Tabner died ten days later on November 25<sup>th</sup> from his wounds.

Elda L. White, City Marshal of Paden, was shot and killed the evening of June 16, 1962, following a heated argument with the parents of a young man he had arrested the day before for shooting off fire works. The father drew a gun and shot Marshal White who died on the way to hospital.

Joseph W. Wood, a Constable for a Justice of the Peace in Oklahoma County, was shot and killed as he assisted another constable arrest a man who had grabbed the other constable's gun during the early morning hours of July 14, 1935. The constables were keeping the peace at a crowded night club on the grounds of the old State Fair Grounds at N.E. 10<sup>th</sup> and Eastern in Oklahoma City.

F. M. Woods, a Deputy Constable in Eufaula in McIntosh County, was shot June 7, 1908, during a county seat war between the citizens of Checotah and Eufaula. Woods died late the next evening on June 8th.

James Work, a Muskogee County Deputy Sheriff, was shot and killed the afternoon of May 4, 1911, as he and another deputy approached a house to make an arrest.

Frank L. Yeager, an Oklahoma County Deputy Sheriff, was shot and killed the afternoon of November 16, 1911, as he attempted to serve a Writ of Attachment for some cattle which had already been seized by the Constable of Dewey. A dispute over authority arose between the two lawmen and as Deputy Yeager turned to leave the Constable shot him in the back with a rifle.

All of the new names will be dedicated during the Annual Candle Light Vigil the evening of May 13<sup>th</sup>, at the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial.

For further information on these and other law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty in Oklahoma go to the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial web site at [www.oklemem.com](http://www.oklemem.com) or call (405) 619-2066.