

3RD ANNUAL PATRIOT DAY REMEMBRANCE

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

6 – 7 p.m.

Circle of Honor, 150 Beaver Creek Road
Oregon City, Oregon

Welcome – Invocation

Master of Ceremonies, US Navy LCDR (Ret.) J.J. Morell

Origin of Patriot Day

Patriot Day was signed into law on November 30, 2001, by President George W. Bush as an annual observance to remember those who were injured or died on September 11, 2001. In 2009 President Barack Obama expanded the commemoration to recognize it as a National Day of Service and Remembrance. It is not a federal holiday, but all United States flags across the country are flown at half-staff.

Honor Guards

Clackamas Co. Sheriff's Office, JROTC, VFW Post 1324, Oregon City Police Department,
Clackamas Co. Fire Department, Lake Oswego Police Department

(JROTC Posting of the colors) Our National Anthem

Oregon State Rep. Mark Meek with the Oregon City High School Band, Dana Henson Directing

Introduction of Dignitaries and Honored Guests

Honor Guard placement of Wreath

Portland Highland Guard

We Remember, Salute, and Honor

The Fallen of September 11, 2001

NYPD Detective Luis Alvarez and NYPD Officer William Leahy
Oregon City Police Department Reserve Officer Robert A. Libke
Gladstone Police Department Officer Lee Gilliam
Illinois State Police Trooper Brooke Jones-Story
Clackamas County Sheriff's Deputy Sheriff Robert Cordova
Oregon State Police Trooper Nicolas Cederberg

"America the Beautiful" – Oregon City High School Band conducted by Dana Henson

Rifle Salute – VFW Post 1324, Oregon City

Taps and Retiring of the Colors – JROTC

Final Thoughts – LCDR (Ret.) J.J. Morell

Solo Piper – Dan Kelley



TRIBUTES TO HONOR AND REMEMBER



September 11, 2001, Twin Towers, New York City, NY; Shanksville, PA; Pentagon, Washington, DC

Introduction: Resident Agent in Charge,
Justin R. Bourne, Portland Resident Office
U S. Secret Service

In our great nation, we are fortunate that we have a tradition of generations of Americans who have proudly served and sacrificed in the military, law enforcement, fire departments, and emergency medical services. This year we honor our law enforcement agencies and the courageous men and women who daily risk their lives to keep us safe. As we watched with horror on that September morning in 2001, we were shocked and outraged to contemplate the heartbreaking and mind-numbing deaths and injuries that would be a result of those attacks. More than 2900 citizens, 343 FDNY firefighters, 60 NYPD and Port Authority police officers, 72 law enforcement officers from 10 different agencies and 8 private emergency medical personnel perished on that day. Over 6000 people were injured and 265 passengers and crew members were lost from the plane attacks. At the Pentagon, the losses totaled almost 200 civilian and military personnel. Since that time, more officers have died from illnesses associated with the hazardous conditions at Ground Zero than those who perished that day. Additionally, an estimated 1140 rescue workers have since been diagnosed with cancer or illnesses associated with the hazardous conditions at the 9/11 site.

On September 9, 2005, President George W. Bush awarded the 9/11 Heroes Medal of Valor to all the public safety officers killed on September 11, 2001.





**NYPD Officer William “Billy” Leahy and
NYPD Detective Luis Alvarez
June 6 and June 29, 2019**

Introduction: Shannon Ferreira
VFW Post 1324, Oregon City

This past June, NYPD officer William Leahy, age 49, and NYPD detective Luis Alvarez, age 53, lost their lives to cancer attributed to their months-long search and recovery efforts during 2001 at the WTC site. Alvarez was with the NYPD for 20 years, retiring in 2010. A passionate voice for the Victims Compensation Bill for 9/11 first responders, he testified before Congress only days prior to his death. He was described as an “incredible guy” and a “true American hero.” William Leahy, a 27-year law enforcement veteran, worked for the New York Port Authority and New Jersey Police Department where he was assigned to the marine, cargo, and heavy weapons units. He also worked with the plainclothes unit at Kennedy Airport. Described by friends and family as a straight-up, “John Wayne type of guy,” he was also caring, funny and loyal. One of his co-workers said, “He didn’t view himself as a hero in any way. He was a very modest guy.”

We remember all the victims of 9/11 and NYPD Officers Luis Alvarez and William Leahy for their bravery.



**Oregon City Police Officer Robert A. Libke
November 4, 2013, Oregon City, OR**

Introduction: Captain William Kler, OCPD

Oregon City Reserve Officer Robert A. Libke, age 41, had served with the Oregon City Police Department for 4 years when on November 3, 2013, he responded to a report of a house fire on Linn Avenue. He was one of the first responders to the fire where he was confronted by an occupant who was armed with a revolver. When ordered to drop the gun, the subject refused and instead opened fire, striking Officer Libke. In critical condition, Officer Libke was flown to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center where he passed away the following day. He is survived by his wife, Wendy, and his daughter, Ziva, who had not yet been born when she lost her father. We are honored to have both here with us today.

We remember Oregon City Officer Robert Libke for his service.



**Gladstone Police Officer Lee Gilliam
March 23, 2018**

Introduction: Chief John Scherber, GPD

On March 23, 2018, Officer Gilliam was the first and only officer to respond on scene to a domestic disturbance involving a son who had badly beaten his mother, trying to kill her. Officer Gilliam, with his handgun drawn, approached the house alone and confronted the suspect where he encountered a hostage situation with the mother being held as a human shield. Officer Gilliam managed to talk the suspect into releasing the mother, but then the suspect refused to follow verbal commands. Officer Gilliam employed his TASER which subsequently became ineffective. He then quickly determined that the suspect was in an altered mental state and decided to use “unarmed defensive tactics” to bring him under control, eventually managing to handcuff him. The suspect was charged with attempted murder. The Gladstone Police Department awarded Officer Gilliam the Medal of Valor for his courage in risking his life in a situation that could have resulted in severe injuries or loss of life. His brave actions in such a dangerous and unpredictable hostage situation saved lives that day.

We honor Gladstone Police Officer Lee Gilliam for his bravery.

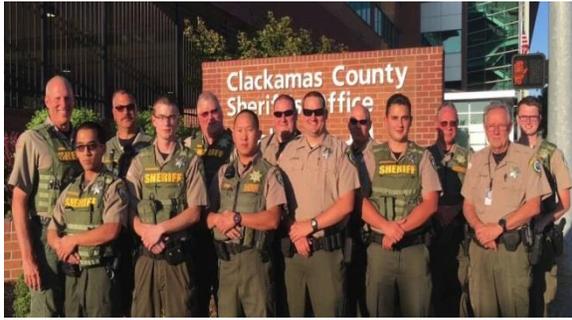


**Illinois State Police Trooper Brooke Jones-Story
March 28, 2019**

Introduction: Sergeant Mike Day, OCPD

Law enforcement officers can lose their lives during the most ordinary of work situations. Trooper Brooke Jones-Story, age 34 and a 12-year veteran with the Illinois State Police, was conducting a traffic stop on Illinois SR 20 when she lost her life. She had pulled over a truck and was inspecting it on the shoulder of the road when another semitrailer hit her, along with her squad car and the truck she'd stopped. Both trucks burst into flames. The truck's operator was charged with reckless driving. Those who knew Trooper Jones-Story described her as kind, strong, and dedicated to serving and protecting others. Her family remembered her as a “strong woman” who “had a passion for service.”

We remember Illinois State Trooper Jones-Story for her service.



**Clackamas County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Cordova
November 15, 2016, Happy Valley, OR**

Introduction: Undersheriff Angela Brandenberg

On November 15, 2016, while on patrol, Deputy Cordova and a civilian ride-along, Trevor Wolf, responded to an injury report of a pedestrian lying in the road. It was later determined that the individual, Steven Wilson, was on methamphetamines and had a history of mental illness. When Deputy Cordova started asking him questions, Wilson became agitated and grabbed Cordova's gun from its holster. What followed was a fight for control of the gun with Cordova stabbing Wilson and the gun being fired. The passenger, Wolf, became involved as well as a passer-by, Allister Duffin, who rushed in to help. During the life-threatening struggle, Cordova sustained two gunshots in his right leg with shrapnel damage to his left. Wilson was also wounded. Sheriff Craig Roberts presented Deputy Cordova with the Purple Heart and Medal of Valor. The two citizens, Wolf and Duffin, were presented with Distinguished Service Awards.

We honor CCSD Robert Cordova for his bravery.



**Oregon State Police Trooper Nicolas Cederberg
December 25, 2016**

Introduction: Captain Tim Fox, OSP

At 10:15 pm on Christmas Day, 2016, police were dispatched to a home in King City after receiving reports of gunshots. When they arrived, police found a woman dead, and the suspect driving away. Trooper Nicolas Cederberg gave chase as well as officers from four different police agencies. A close-quarters exchange of gunfire between the suspect and Trooper Cederberg ended with the death of the suspect. During the confrontation, Trooper Cederberg had been severely wounded by a dozen gunshots with five shots having been stopped by his bullet-proof vest. Trooper Cederberg is a US Army veteran and was a seven-year veteran of the Oregon State Police at the time of the incident. On May 22, 2019, in Washington, DC, Trooper Cederberg received the highest national award for a public safety officer, the National Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor.

We honor Oregon State Trooper Nicolas Cederberg for his bravery.



The Star Spangled Banner

*Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming.
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

*On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, now conceals, now discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream;
'Tis the star-spangled banner; O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!*

~~~Francis Scott Key

*Written on September 14, 1814, after the Battle of Baltimore and
was adopted as our national anthem on March 3, 1931.*