

NEVER FORGOTTEN





2009 MEMORIAL CEREMONY



Hundreds gathered at the 10th annual Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony to commemorate the lives of 28 fallen law enforcement officers who gave their lives in service to the commonwealth.

"We owe them gratitude. We owe them honor. We owe them a permanent place in this state's collective memory," Gov. Steve Beshear said at the ceremony.

Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rodney Brewer explained the significance the names engraved on the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial monument have to each officer in the state.

"Probably every man and woman that is here today, in uniform, has had at least one ... moment where they knew that it could have been them, and that brings a special covenant, a special bond unlike any other profession that I've ever seen in the world," Brewer said. "So while this monument is beautiful, I think the testament today is our

presence, your presence here today to commemorate our fallen brothers and sisters and to know that they truly never will be forgotten."

The ceremony honored two officers killed in the line of duty in 2008.

Bell County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sean Pursifull was killed Jan. 10, 2008 when his parked patrol car was struck by a fleeing suspect. Two juveniles were in the car when the driver crossed the center line and hit the patrol car. Pursifull and his K-9 partner both were killed.

Harlan County Constable Joe E. Howard suffered a fatal heart attack April 1, 2008 shortly after arresting a suspect who was wanted on an outstanding warrant. The suspect had to be restrained during the arrest. Constable Howard was later transported to Harlan Hospital where he passed away.

The other 26 lawmen whose names were dedicated at the memorial ceremony were killed in the line of duty between 1862 and 1993. **J**



Historical Additions



Officer Benjamin S. Rust, Louisville Police Department
End of watch: Jan. 15, 1862

Lieutenant Edward B. Harding, Louisville Police Department
End of watch: Dec. 6, 1885

Deputy Calloway Carnes, Knox County Sheriff's Office
End of watch: May 4, 1890

Deputy Floyd Slusher, Leslie County Sheriff's Office
End of watch: March 31, 1892

Town Marshal Andrew J. Blunk, Louisville Police Department
End of watch: July 29, 1893

Officer Henry Brown, Frankfort Police Department
End of watch: Feb. 15, 1896

Constable Jim Beltzer of Leslie County
End of watch: June 1, 1899

Deputy William S. Wright, Letcher County Sheriff's Office
End of watch: Jan. 30, 1900

Deputy Marshal Gus Hall, Olive Hill Police Department
End of watch: June 25, 1903

Deputy Mack Roberts, Leslie County Sheriff's Office
End of watch: Dec. 25, 1905

Constable L.R. Campbell of Knox County
End of watch: Aug. 23, 1907

Deputy Marvin F. Cummings, Clinton County Sheriff's Office
End of watch: March 6, 1920

Chief James Sexton, Ravenna Police Department
End of watch: May 27, 1922

Deputy Frank Phillips, Pike County Sheriff's Office
End of watch: Dec. 13, 1926

Officer Walter Vance, Louisville Police Department
End of watch: Aug. 25, 1927

Chief William L. Osborne, Martin Police Department
End of watch: Oct. 9, 1927

Deputy Thomas C. Tackett, Pike County Sheriff's Office
End of watch: Dec. 16, 1929

Deputy Jason A. Webb, Letcher County Sheriff's Office
End of watch: Dec. 24, 1931

Deputy Marion Stapleton, Menifee County Sheriff's Office
End of watch: July 13, 1932

Deputy Stanley C. Helton, Menifee County Sheriff's Office
End of watch: July 25, 1932

Officer John W. Carpenter, Louisville Police Department
End of watch: April 29, 1935

Deputy Jerry Combs, Breathitt County Sheriff's Office
End of watch: Feb. 5, 1940

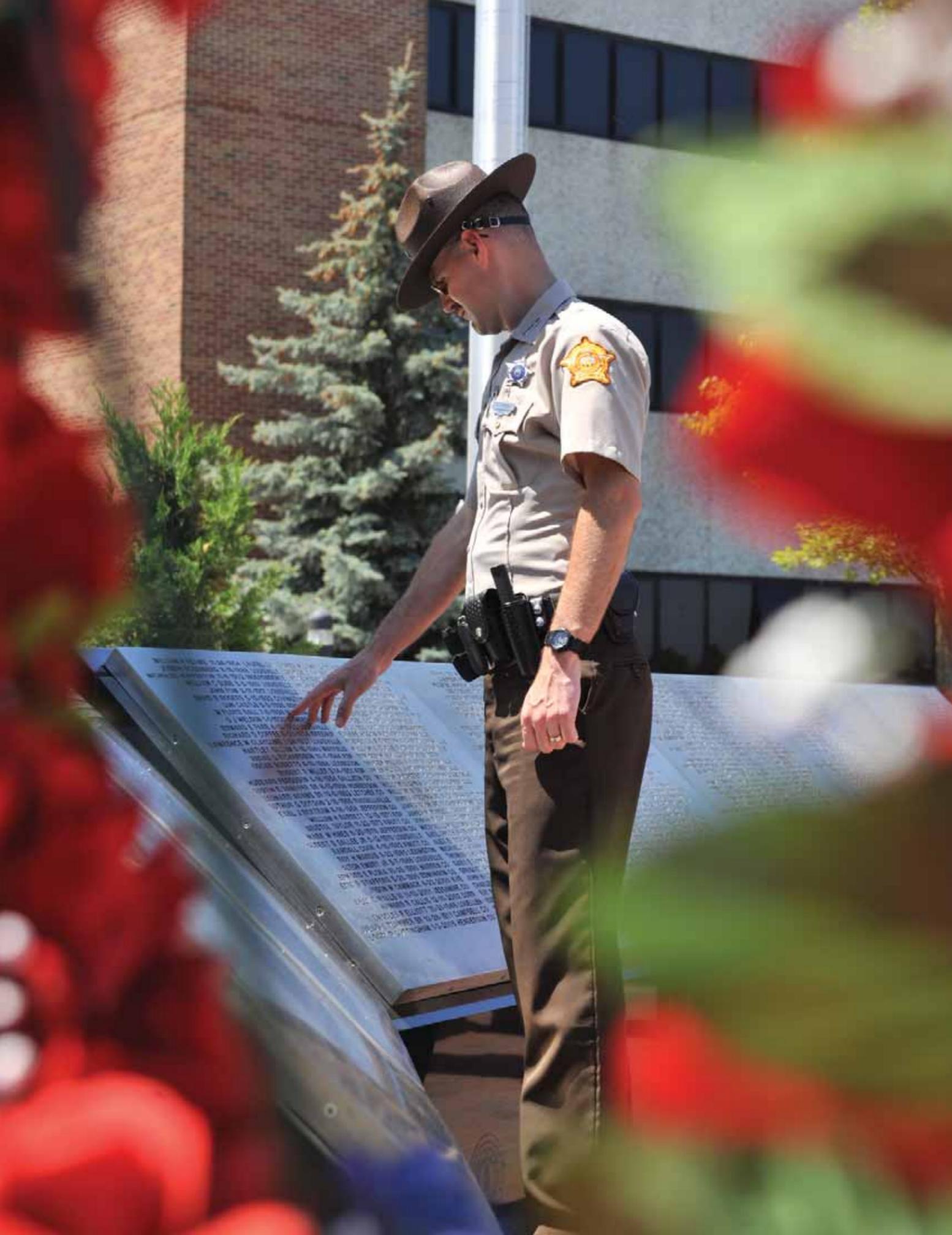
Sheriff James M. Sizemore, Clay County Sheriff's Office
End of watch: June 1, 1969

Sheriff Raymond Warf, Letcher County Sheriff's Office
End of watch: Oct. 31, 1970

Constable Hamilton Ferguson Sr. of Nelson County
End of watch: Dec. 2, 1984

Deputy Poyster Keene Sr., Pike County Sheriff's Office
End of watch: May 8, 1993 ■





MEMORIAL BRIEFS

2009 KLEMF Scholarships

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation is now accepting applications for fall 2009 scholarships. This marks the sixth year that KLEMF has awarded scholarship money to law enforcement officers, dispatchers and their families to help pay for post-secondary educational costs. The foundation will award 25 scholarships and the deadline is June 30.

The award is limited to a maximum of \$1,000 per year, except if the award recipient is a fam-

ily member of an officer who was killed in the line of duty, in which case the amount will be \$2,000. These scholarships will be restricted to law enforcement officers and law enforcement telecommunication personnel (current, retired or disabled) and their survivors and dependents. The scholarships may be used at any accredited college or university, including two-year and community colleges. It also may be used for a recognized or certified vocational or trade school.



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The Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation again was a benefactor of the Oscar's Gala, Inc. Fundraiser sponsored by Malone's of Lexington. KLEMF's share of the benefit proceeds totaled \$20,000. Pictured left to right: Ben Elder, KLEMF board member; Chuck Melville, executive director KLEMF; Lois Reynolds, Oscar's Gala board member; Melinda Drake, Oscar's Gala board member; Paula Elder, Oscar's Gala chairperson; and Bruce Drake, Oscar's Gala board member.



Law Enforcement Memorial Ride to be Conducted in September

Bell County Sheriff's Deputy Sean Pursifull and Harlan County Constable Joe Howard Sr. will be honored on Sept. 12 during the eighth annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ride. The event will kick-off on the Department of Criminal Justice Training campus with a program at 11:15 a.m.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the ride will commence at 11:45 a.m. The route will begin from DOCJT's campus and continue down U.S. Highway

52 to Lancaster, Ky. 39 to Crab Orchard, through Somerset and Highway 80 to end in Stab, Ky.

Registration costs this year have been lowered to \$20 per driver and \$10 per passenger because of the economy and include a pin, T-shirt and meal. All proceeds benefit the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation.

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