

MEMORIAL SERVICE KENTUCKY PEACE OFFICERS



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A chilled and constant wind flapped beneath the rich, blue fabric of the commonwealth's flags as they were carefully removed from the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial, revealing the names of our state's fallen officers etched in the shining steel.

The names of 26 historical Kentucky officers were solemnly read aloud as family members and comrades from agencies the officers served received carefully-folded flags in their memories.

The wife of Kentucky's most recent loss in the line of duty wiped tears from her eyes as Gov. Steve Beshear spoke of the fallen officer's honor and sacrifice. The smell of gunpowder lingered in the air from the 21-gun salute as Taps played softly into the silence. >>





For the eleventh year, the officers in Kentucky who have lost their lives defending ours were honored and remembered in a ceremony at the Department of Criminal Justice Training in Richmond, Ky.

This year's ceremony held a special significance as the state's law enforcement community celebrated that for the first time in recent memory, there were no line-of-duty deaths in 2009. The historical names added to the memorial range from 1882 and 1969, but were not added to the national memorial until recently.



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KENTUCKY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL HISTORICAL ADDITIONS

City Marshal James B. Day
Menifee County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: June 24, 1882

Officer Calvin Smith
Paducah Police Department
End of Watch: October 3, 1893

Deputy Joseph Patterson
Monroe County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: May 21, 1897

Corporal Fred Richterkessing
Louisville Police Department
End of Watch: April 1, 1901

Town Marshal James Cockrill
Breathitt County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: July 22, 1902

Deputy James Williams
Marion County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: March 19, 1903

Officer John Dolan
Louisville Police Department
End of Watch: December 20, 1904

Deputy Oland Collins
Bell County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: October 3, 1911

Deputy Sam Collins
Bell County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: October 3, 1911

Deputy Neil Christian
Bell County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: July 6, 1912

Deputy Edward Neece
Bell County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: November 7, 1912

Constable W. W. Tartt
Graves County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: February 8, 1915

Officer William Romain
Paducah Police Department
End of Watch: August 12, 1917

Deputy Jailer Albert Roberts
Breathitt County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: December 10, 1921

Chief James C. Pope
Harlan Police Department
End of Watch: November 28, 1922

Deputy Nathan P. Meredith
Edmonson County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: July 19, 1925

Deputy Philip M. Daniel
Bell County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: June 17, 1927

Constable James A. Boling
Ohio County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: September 8, 1928

Deputy Frank Bowman
Bell County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: August 6, 1932

Sheriff Peter L. Little
Menifee County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: August 19, 1934

Sheriff Johnie C. Morris
Jackson County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: September 23, 1934

Deputy Wilson Deaton
Breathitt County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: March 16, 1940

Sheriff Ralph W. Haycraft
Grayson County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: March 4, 1942

Officer Julius R. Cummins
Kentucky Department of Corrections
End of Watch: July 21, 1949

Sheriff Dona Arnett
Magoffin County Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: September 27, 1959

Investigator William L. Jones
Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
End of Watch: May 13, 1969