

Concerns of Police Survivors

2013 MN C.O.P.S.

Police Lieutenant to be Honored on Memorial 105 Years After Death

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Duluth News Tribune published the following article on March 6, 2013:

More than 105 years after his death, a former Duluth police lieutenant's name is being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Lt. Arthur Briggs died on April 28, 1908, while trying to apprehend a drunken man that the owner of a West Duluth laundry wanted removed from his business. Briggs chased the man out the rear door. Moments later, the police officer was found dead in an alley, his body lying across that of his prisoner.

Briggs was described in press accounts at the time as the most valuable and popular member of his department. He weighed close to 300 pounds. The cause of death listed on his death certificate was pericarditis, an inflammation of the sac surrounding the heart.

Briggs was born in Ireland in 1855 and was a carpenter there until coming to this country and joining the Duluth police force in 1887.

The News Tribune reported that Briggs was known by every man, woman and child in his jurisdiction. More than 5,000 people attended his funeral at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, 57th Avenue West and Elinor Street, making it at that time the largest funeral in Duluth history.

Last year, then-Duluth police Lt. Scott Drewlo - now director of the University of Minnesota Duluth Police Department - and Officer Ron Leino researched Briggs' background and submitted the information to a St. Louis County medical examiner, who changed Briggs' cause of death from "natural" to "homicide" due to the "stress of a struggle with an intoxicated suspect."

Duluth police Chief Gordon Ramsay has been informed by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund that Briggs' name will be engraved on the memorial and formally dedicated on May 13 at the 25th annual candlelight vigil in Washington, D.C., during National Police Week.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial located at Judiciary Square honors the more than 19,000 U.S. law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

Special points of interest:

- Lt. Arthur Briggs Duluth PD
- President's Message
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President's Message:

A Time to Remember

Happy Spring Everyone, I say that, knowing we are all waiting for proof that Spring is really here. National Police Week is always proof that we have turned the calendar toward warmer weather and sunny days. Please check our newsletter and website for memorial services taking place in May around the state. It is good to have this time to once again **remember** all of our heroes on the "Wall" and the heroes serving us on the streets daily.

Our Decker Family from Cold Spring will be attending NPW with a total of 31 family and officers flying out together Sunday, May 12th from the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport. There will be a complimentary breakfast for survivors before the honor guards escort survivors onto plane.

We wish to thank Scott Swenson, the Airport Police and all the honor guards for making all the arrangements to give the family a wonderful worry-free airport experience.

The summer picnic plans are unfolding with many fun activities for the kids and adults. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, June 9th when we get together for a potluck picnic with our survivors and LEMA. Come share the fun and support.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Silvera, President

2013 Fund Raisers

A new year has arrived and MN C.O.P.S. has already begun the planning for this year's fund raisers. These events are critical to the success of your chapter. This is our chance to inform the public of who we are and what we do. The monies raised make it possible for this chapter to assist all those who are survivors.

These events do take time but with your help, we can accomplish so much more. By volunteering to help with just one event, you will make a world of difference. Just your presence at some of these events has and will continue to remind everyone of the sacrifices our loved ones have made. If you can help with any of this year's events, please contact any of the board members. We would be honored to have you. Some of our events are listed in this newsletter. Let's make this the best year yet.

If you have any questions about the amounts raised, or have questions about the MN C.O.P.S. account, please contact our treasurer, Jackie Bergeron. Her contact information is listed on the back page.

MN C.O.P.S. New Board Members

At the MN C.O.P.S. Annual Board Meeting on Sunday, April 14, 2013, elections were held to fill two positions. There were openings for Vice-President and Secretary. After nominations, Bill Hammes was elected as Vice-President, and Hazel Vokral was elected as the Secretary. Hazel is the mother-in-law of Officer Mike Pollitz of the St. Louis Park Police Department. Officer Pollitz died on duty on November 30, 2011.

Bill Hammes is a retired Sergeant from the Lino Lakes Police Department. He served as the Liaison Officer for the Silvera family when Officer Shawn Silvera was killed on duty on September 6, 2005.

Congratulations to both Hazel and Bill for their nominations to the MN C.O.P.S. Board.



Secretary Hazel Vokral & Vice-President Bill Hammes



MN C.O.P.S. Board Members
 Left to Right:
 President Bonnie Silvera
 Secretary Hazel Vokral
 Vice-President Bill Hammes
 Treasurer Jackie Bergeron
 Past Secretary Nicole Winslow
 Chapter Rep. Gia Nelson

As you will see on pages 4 & 5, there are many, many upcoming events. All of these events are a time to remember, honor, cherish, and share with those who may have lost a mother, father, brother, sister, relative, friend, or co-worker in the line-of-duty. It is a very special time, and all us at MN C.O.P.S. want you to know that we are here for you. Please take a few minutes and look these events over, and if you can, attend those events that you are able to do so.

Upcoming Events

MN Chief's Conference: April 22nd-23rd, 2013 @ Duluth Convention Centre

This year's MN Chief's Conference will be held in Duluth at the Duluth Convention Center. Once again MN C.O.P.S. will staff a booth at the convention. This is our opportunity to provide information to the MN Chiefs about this great organization.

Ecumenical Service - May 5, 2013

LEMA's Annual Ecumenical Service will be hosted this year by the Redwood Falls Police Department and the Redwood Falls Sheriff's Office. The service will take place at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 301 North Lincoln Redwood Falls, MN. This event will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2013. Please check the LEMA website for more information about this service. www.mnlema.org/

Anoka County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony – May 15, 2013

The Anoka County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 12:00. The ceremony is held in the front atrium of the Anoka County Government Center located at 2100 3rd Ave. in Anoka.

Law Enforcement Memorial Day – May 15, 2013

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as *Police Week*. On May 14th at 7:00 PM officers from across Minnesota will stand guard at the memorial until 7:30 PM on May 15th. There will be a candle light vigil on May 15th at 7:30 PM on the State Capital grounds. Please take the time to stop down to the Law Enforcement Memorial on May 15th.

Suburban Ramsey County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony – May 16, 2013

The Ramsey County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony will take place this year on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at noon. It will be held at the Roseville skating Center, 2661 Civic Center Dr., Roseville. (County Rd C & Lexington Ave) This is next to the Roseville Police Department.

Olmsted County (Rochester) Law Enforcement Memorial Service – May 17, 2013

The Law Enforcement Memorial Service will be held in Rochester at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17th at the Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial Field, 200 block of Soldiers Field Drive in SW Rochester, off of 6th Street SW. Jack Friedli will be doing the invocation.

Following the service, Jack and Ruth Friedli would like to invite other survivors to lunch. We plan on visiting a local restaurant. The time would be about 11:30 a.m. If you are interested please call Ruth/Jack Friedli at 507-288-1471 or e-mail: jfriedli08@charter.net.

Officer Gerald Vick Golf Tournament is June 3rd

The gold tournament will be held at the Highland Golf Course, 1403 Montreal Ave., St. Paul. Phone: 651.695.3774 Dinner following. Contact Ken Vick for more Information at 651-269-2181.

Tim Bowe Memorial Golf Tournament – June 7, 2013

The 16th annual Law Enforcement Memorial Association golf tournament will be held rain or shine Friday, June 7, 2013. If you would like to participate in this event, please check the LEMA website for more information.

www.mnlema.org/

Upcoming Events

MN C.O.P.S. Family Picnic – June 9, 2013

The annual MN C.O.P.S. Family picnic will take place at Lakewood Hills Park, 2110 Orchard Lane, White Bear Lake. The picnic will run from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. MN C.O.P.S. and LEMA will provide meat, buns, beverages, and picnic paper products. It is a potluck picnic so please bring something to share. There are many activities planned for the kids as well. Come and join us and enjoy the day.

Bikin with Bacon - July 20, 2013

This motorcycle ride will start and end at The Friendly Buffalo restaurant in Big Lake, MN.

Registration is from 9:30 - 11:00 am

The ride leaves at 11:30 am. Cost is: \$30 single rider; \$35 with passenger. Registration fee includes T-shirt (while supplies last), food and drink specials, outdoor activities and live music. Proceeds will go to C.O.P.S.

Check the Bikin with Bacon website for more information. <http://renegadepigsmn.com/upcoming-events.html>

Wild Bill's – August 10, 2013

Once again Wild Bill's Sport's Saloons have agreed to do a fund raiser for MN C.O.P.S. at all of their locations. They now have 6 locations and have been very successful in their efforts the past 2 years. There will be more to follow in the next newsletter, but we need help in staffing all 6 locations. If you can spend a few hours any of their locations, please let one of the boards members know. This is a great event by a great business that wants you to know that as a survivor, they will never forget you or your loved one. Let's make this the most successful year yet. The 6 stores are located in Apple Valley, Blaine, Grand Forks, ND, Maple Grove, Rochester, and Woodbury.

Shawn Silvera – 5k Run – August 24, 2013

The annual Shawn Silvera 5K Run will take place this year on August 24, 2013 at 8:00 am. The run will be held at Long Lake Park in New Brighton, MN. For more information on this event, please check the following website which will be updated as we get closer to the date. www.shawnsilvera.org/run

Kids and Family Funfest - Sunday August 18 ,2013

Our annual Family Fun Fest will be held on Sunday, August 18, 2013. The event will be held at the Colby Lake Park, at Valley Creek Road and Woodbury Drive in Woodbury. Lots of fun and games for the kids, and it is a great time for the adults to mingle. More information to follow in the next newsletter. Mark your calendars now for this great family event.

Blue Light Ceremony – October 19, 2013

The Blue Light Ceremony is now planned for Saturday, October 19, 2013. The event will be held at the Law Enforcement Memorial in St. Paul. This event had been moved last year and this year to October in hopes Mother Nature will be kind to us. In previous years we had to cancel the ceremony due to bad weather. As we get closer to the date, we will have more information. But mark your calendars now, come and join us. This is a special event scheduled close to the holidays to help everyone have a little better holiday season. There will be snacks and coffee.

National C.O.P.S. Retreats

All summer long you will find several retreats planned by the National C.O.P.S. Please check the MN C.O.P.S. website for our calendar on these dates and locations. You can also find these retreats on the National C.O.P.S. website. The website addresses are listed below. These retreats are for all survivors including family members and co-workers.

www.mncops.org www.nationalcops.org

Anniversary Dates: Line of Duty

This issue we have listed April, May, and June. If you know of a name that should be in here and is missing, please let us know. If you find an error, please let us know. Line of Duty Death Anniversaries: These are listed first by month, day, and year the officer was died.

4/4/1922	William W McClintock	St. Paul Police Department
4/7/1969	Richard L Bergquist	Minneapolis Police Department
4/8/1999	Joyce Ann Carnegie	Orange City Police Department
4/10/1990	Gary Dale Wilson	Duluth Police Department
4/12/1932	Marshal Nels Berglin	Forest Lake Police Department
4/16/1883	Lewis Joachim	Faribault Police Department
4/16/1981	John O'Brien	St. Paul Police Department
4/21/1968	Gilmer Fred Keeler	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
4/22/1976	Arthur Del Gaudio Jr.	Phoenix, Arizona Police Department
4/24/1917	George Connery	Minneapolis Police Department
4/25/1930	Joseph Twaddle	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
4/25/1934	William S Kozlak	Minnesota State Patrol
4/26/1966	Donald Sandmeyer	Bemidji Police Department
4/27/1956	Robert Moravec	LeSueur County Sheriff's Office
4/28/1908	Arthur James Briggs	Duluth Police Department
4/29/1934	Fred W Nolan	St. Cloud Police Department
4/30/1967	Edgar Allen Culbertson	U.S. Coast Guard Office of Law Enforcement
5/1/2010	Joseph Bergeron	Maplewood Police Department
5/3/1930	Norman D Fairbanks	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
5/3/1936	Ben J Lehman	Minneapolis Police Department
5/3/1996	John Warren Liebenstein	Rice County Sheriff's Office
5/4/1929	Clayton J Seawell	Minneapolis Police Department
5/4/1979	Michael Cassman	Minneapolis Police Department
5/6/1979	Eugene Cousins	North Mankato Police Department
5/6/2005	Gerald Vick	St. Paul Police Department
5/8/1925	Frank J Appel	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
5/9/2000	Catherine Secor	Washington State Parks Commission
5/11/1959	William Herkal	Minneapolis Police Department
5/12/1958	Leo M Bessner	Minneapolis Police Department
5/15/2004	Dreuz Beaulier	Kenosha, Wisconsin Police Department
5/16/1982	Bruce M Russell	Roseville Police Department
5/17/1977	Jack Dean Werner	Olmsted County Sheriff's Department

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5/19/1915	Otto G Ostby	Minneapolis Police Department
5/19/2005	Pete Resch	Wadena Police Department
5/21/1891	Thomas McCarrick	St. Paul Police Department
5/22/1923	John Francis McDermott	Rosemount Police Department
5/22/1934	C. Arthur Lyman	Hennepin County Sheriff's Office
5/22/1941	Adolf G Karpinski	Minneapolis Police Department
5/22/1970	James T Sackett Sr	St. Paul Police Department
5/26/1922	Joseph E Kreager	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
5/26/1934	Peter Erath	Minneapolis Police Department
5/26/1976	George A Patridge	Minneapolis Police Department
5/27/1934	Walter J. Bowman	Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Office
5/29/2009	David R Loeffler	Minneapolis Police Department
5/31/1916	Nels C Anderson	Minneapolis Police Department
6/3/1902	James W Finn	St. Paul Police Department
6/4/1949	Fred Babcock	Richfield Department of Public Safety
6/6/1945	Marwin A Wicklund	Minneapolis Police Department
6/7/1997	Timothy Bowe	Minnesota State Patrol
6/8/1993	Jeffrey Williams	Calumet Sheriff's Department, Wisconsin
6/9/2007	Michael Thyssen	Special Agent, Andrews Air Force Base
6/10/1967	Gerald Boos	St. Francis Police Department
6/11/1999	Grant Coyour	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
6/11/1993	Phillip Heimbecker Sr.	Woodbury County Sheriff's Department, Iowa
6/11/1998	Richard Asten	Kansas City Police Department
6/12/1959	James Johnson	Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Office
6/14/1937	Georgianna Sharrot	Minneapolis Police Department
6/17/1882	Daniel O'Connell	St. Paul Police Department
6/17/1933	Mathew Weiss	St. Paul Police Department
6/18/1959	Alfred V Sandquist	St. Paul Police Department
6/19/1938	Roy Robert Fitch	Worthington Police Department
6/20/1926	Calbert H Leedom	St. Paul Police Department
6/20/1934	Allen H Johnson	Fergus Falls Police Department
6/20/1991	Henry Burton Carlson	United States Department of Justice - Marshals Service
6/23/1966	Paul D Renner	New Ulm Police Department
6/24/1919	George Woessner	Minneapolis Police Department
6/25/1972	Lawrence Paul Felcyn	Redwood County Sheriff's Office
6/26/1896	Joseph Rogers	McLeod County Sheriff's Office
6/26/1914	Michael J Sullivan	St. Paul Police Department
6/27/1993	Donald Manning	Fort Worth, Texas Police Department
6/29/1978	Curtis Alan Felt	Douglas County Sheriff's Office



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www.mncops.org

Concerns of Police Survivors began in 1984 and consisted of 110 members. Today C.O.P.S. is a nationwide program with a membership of over 15,000 families. C.O.P.S. mission is:

"Provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty as determined by Federal criteria. Furthermore, C.O.P.S. provides training to law enforcement agencies on survivor victimization issues and educates the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors."

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