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INTRODUCTION

OHIO RETIRED POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION HISTORY

The Ohio Retired Police Chiefs Association History Book was compiled to share with other historians, police chiefs, safety forces, military and others the interesting lives of those that have served or are serving to protect the citizens of the State of Ohio and the United States of America. To pay tribute to those that served or will serve honorably to provide this safety and security.

A group of retired chiefs of police met to discuss forming the Ohio Retired Police Chiefs Association in Independence, Ohio at the Holiday Inn on December 2, 2004. This group agreed there was a need to form this association. The Ohio Retired Police Chiefs Association was founded at their second meeting at the same location. Incorporation in the State of Ohio occurred on January 20, 2005.

Ninety Three Charter Members were sworn in as the first members of the Ohio Retired Police Chiefs Association. Their photos and identifications are in this book.

Chiefs of Police that are or have been members of the Ohio Retired Police Chiefs Association provided articles for this publication concerning their career in law enforcement, their family member's career in law enforcement, the history of their family members that honorably served in the military, police, fire department, federal, state and local agencies who provide this safety honorably to the residents of Ohio and the United States of America.

Also contained in this History Book are photos of memorials located in the 88 counties of Ohio honoring those who provided security to us and our families in Ohio and the United States of America. Under each photo you will find a caption of the location and name of the memorial and credit to the photographer and/or photo provided by.

It is the purpose of this book to show the ages of law enforcement as we now see them in the light of modern law enforcement. To view the actions and methods used in the past by law enforcement agencies, elected officials and law enforcement associations in an effort to provide more efficient service to those served in the future.

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The chiefs of police that gathered the material about the history of the department/ departments they served with and prepared it for this History Book.

A special thanks to those who had the knowledge, dedication, ability and stamina to see the thought of the Ohio Retired Police Chiefs Association become a reality.

As you read through the history of the Ohio Retired Police Chiefs Association you will see the policeman, probably first known as marshal, changing drastically to meet the ever changing needs of the community they serve.

Every possible effort was made to provided credit to those that provided articles, photos or other material used in this history book. Captions under pictures provide this information, who took the picture, location where picture was taken and other information.

A special thanks to Lee Wonnacott of Road And Riders, Gold Hill, NC who granted permission to use any photo he had taken. This saved the author of this book numerous hours of travel and funds to obtain pictures of memorials located throughout the State of Ohio.

A special thanks to William C. Brown, Spring Lake, MI www.PatchPolice.com who granted permission to use images of police patches from his collection in this history book. These patches are shown in color.

Numerous others granted permission to use photos and other material in this history book, our goal was to provide their information and credit them for the picture and/or information.

As you read through the history of the Ohio Retired Police Chiefs Association and its members, special acknowledgements are contained in many of these articles.

As you view the pictures of a few of the memorials erected throughout the State of Ohio honoring those who serve to protect the citizens of this great country and of this great state you can feel the honor, gratitude and respect of those whom we serve.

May God Bless those who serve and those we serve.

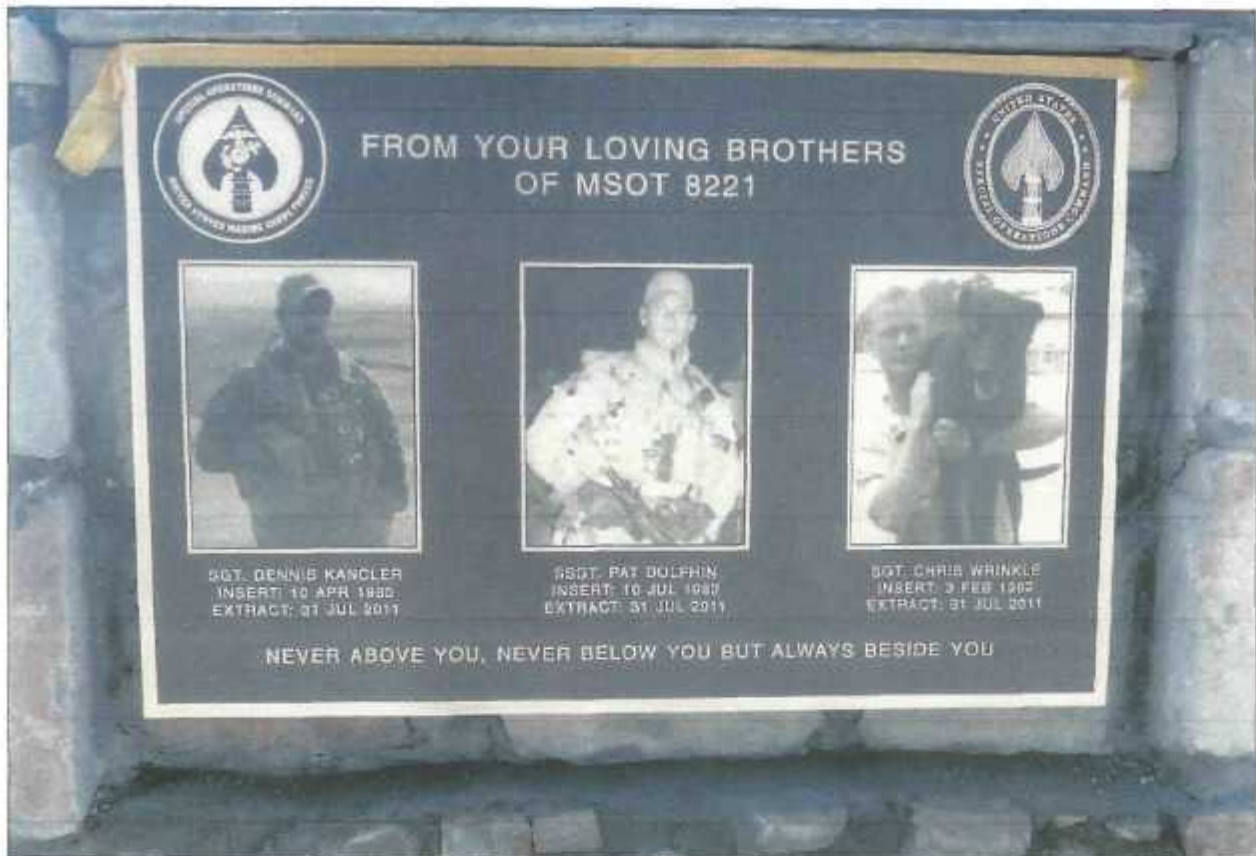
THE OHIO RETIRED POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
DEDICATES THIS BOOK TO ALL THOSE DEDICATED
CHIEFS OF POLICE;
ALL THOSE WHO HAVE, ARE OR WILL, SERVE IN THE
MILITARY, FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT, FIRE FIGHTERS, PRISON GUARDS
AND OTHERS.

TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT LAND OF
FREEDOM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; PAST,
PRESENT OR FUTURE!!!! THAT HAVE, ARE OR WILL
SERVE, CONTRIBUTING IN A POSITIVE MANNER, BY
PROVIDING OUR CITIZENS WITH SAFETY AND
PROTECTION; TO LIVE AND ENJOY THESE FREEDOMS
THAT SO MANY HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE
SACRIFICE TO PRESERVE!!!!!!!!!!

WE HAVE NO FREEDOMS IF WE DON'T HAVE THOSE
WILLING TO FIGHT FOR AND/OR GIVE THEIR LIFE TO
PROVIDE THIS FREEDOM.

WE PAY TRIBUTE TO ALL THESE COURAGEOUS
GUARDIANS WHO PROVIDE THESE PRECIOUS
FREEDOMS TO US THE CITIZENS OF OHIO AND THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!!

MANY OHIO MEMORIALS HONORING THESE
COURAGEOUS GUARDIANS ARE SHOWN IN THIS
HISTORY BOOK! THEY ARE LISTED BY COUNTY!!



14, February, 2012-Memorial Completion and Plaque Dedication, FOB, Gilbert, Hirst, Afghanistan-Sgt. Dennis Kancler, SSgt Pat Dolphin and Sgt. Chris Wrinkle all who lost their life in Afghanistan were honored by this monument erected in their honor. Sgt. Kancler is the son of Chief Dennis Kancler, Ret'd., Brecksville PD and Paula. More information is included in the Brecksville PD History Article in this book. Those shown below and many others in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Japan, Germany, Korea, and throughout the world cherish the freedoms and opportunities we the citizens of the United States have available to us. May God bless all those that provide this protection and especially those who have and will make the supreme sacrifice to protect the citizens of this great country where freedom prevails and opportunities are unlimited the United States of America.



OHIO RETIRED POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES CHIEFS OF POLICE AND/OR THOSE HAVING EQUAL RANK AS HEAD OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT EXAMPLE "COLONEL" OF MUNICIPAL, TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN THE STATE OF OHIO IN GOOD STANDING THAT DID NOT RETIRE OR RESIGN TO EVADE CRIMINAL CHARGES.

THE OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE FOR THE STATE OF OHIO LIST THE FOLLOWING CHIEFS OF POLICE THAT WERE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY THAT WOULD HAVE QUALIFIED FOR MEMBERSHIP.

WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE THE ORPCA PROUDLY LISTS THEM IN OUR HISTORY BOOK!!!!

ODMP Remembers...

United States > Ohio > Aberdeen Police Department > Chief of Police Elmer R. Hafer



Chief of Police
Elmer R. Hafer

Aberdeen Police Department, Ohio

End of Watch: Friday, December 10, 1954

Chief Elmer Hafer was struck by a truck after telling the truck driver to move. The driver was parked on the side of US 52 and sleeping when Chief Hafer woke him. Chief Hafer was taken to the hospital and died six days later.

Chief Hafer's father, Constable Lee Hafer, was killed in the line of duty two years earlier.

ODMP Remembers...

United States > Ohio > Belle Center Village Police Department > Chief of Police Murray Wilson Griffin



Chief of Police
Murray Wilson Griffin

Belle Center Village Police Department, Ohio

End of Watch: Saturday, July 5, 1986

Chief Murray Griffin was shot and killed with his own weapon after he responded to a domestic disturbance call. Other responding officers found him shot to death and the female complainant stabbed to death. A suspect was arrested approximately four years later but all charges were dropped and no new charges were ever filed. Chief Griffin had been with the agency for 25 years. He was a veteran of World War II and is buried in the Fair View Cemetery, Belle Center, Ohio.