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How do you improve on near perfection? When you are as good as our friends at the Clark County Sheriff's Office and their Reserve Association in hosting the WSLEA-WSRLEA Co-Convention, the word changes from good to GREAT!

Even after three months, the Executive Office continues to receive comments about how much attendees and their families enjoyed Convention 2000 – most of which preface their compliments by asking when we're going back to Clark County.

A tremendous THANK YOU goes to Clark County Sheriff, Garry Lucas, and Convention Chairman Reserve Sgt. Perry Fladager for without their opening the door and giving their support, Convention 2000 would not have been the tremendous success it was.

And what does any good manager do when he wants to assure success – he surrounds himself with a great team! Perry did just that with Mike Evans, Bob Winsor, Elman McClain, Bob Dunnick, Robert Latter, Jim Hansen, Rusty Arren, Troy Hull, Patrick Kilby, Jim Payne, Scott Fakler, Larry Lesley and Kari Schulz, all from Clark CSO. Joining the lead team was Ed Hewit from Vancouver PD and Ken Johnson from Longview PD.

And we must not forget ALL those individuals who filled in the blanks – stepped up to the plate – supported this endeavor – and left their finger prints on Convention 2000! Where would we have been without our awesome instructors? How could we have managed without the Explorers from both Clark County CSO and Vancouver PD? The vendors and static displays were awesome this year because of the company Reps and group Contacts who came to spend the day and share part of their world with us. The Heathman Lodge staff was wonderful to work with and just think how drab things would have been without the decorating efforts of our decorator extraordinaire. We can't forget the two gals who provided child care services for the president's banquet – the kids didn't want to leave!

"Thank You" seems like such a small thing to say, but it is sincerely felt...from all of us to our friends in Clark County and thereabouts! ▼

WSLEA Supports Special Olympics Washington

Thanks to WSLEA's continuing support, Special Olympics Washington is able to continue its mission and provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with mental retardation, or a closely related developmental disability. Special Olympics athletes are given continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience joy. It's easy to see the benefits of Special Olympics just by watching the competitions and seeing the smiles on the athletes' faces.

Washington State law enforcement agencies have been helping put smiles on athletes' faces for many years through the Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR). LETR is the largest grassroots fundraising and public awareness campaign benefiting Special Olympics. More than 2,000 law enforcement officers across the state organize activities in their communities and participate in a traditional torch run before the start of Summer Games. Special Olympics Washington is greatly appreciative of WSLEA for being a sponsor of LETR and to all the officers for their support and involvement. ▼



Announcing New Membership Services

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Insurance Benefits

By Mike Burris, President



Jt's with great pride that I announce an exciting and invaluable new membership benefit. The WSLEA voted unanimously to offer AFLAC Insurance to our members and their families at substantially discounted association rates.

Illness or injury can strike anyone at anytime. We have all seen the devastating toll that this has caused our families and friends. It's painful, emotional, and financial. The number one cause of personal bankruptcy is medical bills.

We chose the biggest and best for you! AFLAC is the largest provider of

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- Business Week magazine rated as Top 200 Company of the "World's Most Valuable Companies."
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It doesn't stop there. AFLAC has consistently received outstanding

customer service ratings from their customers. AFLAC is an outstanding corporate leader in the community with the AFLAC Cancer Center which is the largest pediatric cancer facility in the Southeast.

Chris Pollard, a police officer and 14-year veteran of the Tacoma Police Department is our exclusive servicing agent. Chris will work hard to not only honestly help you assess your individual needs and recommend the policy that is the best value to you, he will be there for you and your family to help keep you financially afloat when you need it the most!

I sincerely hope that you consider this opportunity. It costs so little and can mean so much. Just pick up the telephone and let Chris introduce you to the AFLAC duck! ▼



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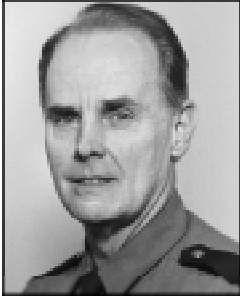
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Discover Just What WSRLEA Can Do For You

By Terry Lattin, President



Jn today's world, we are constantly asking ourselves, "what's in it for me?" Following is an overview of what your mem-

bership in the Washington State Reserve Law Enforcement Association provides.

Professional Development – Sixteen classes were offered a few weeks ago at the WSLEA-WSRLEA Co-Convention 2000 hosted by Clark County Sheriff's Office. Some reserves were able to take as many as five different classes. Were 16 classes offered to you this past year? As a WSLEA-WSRLEA member, you can count on many classes being available to you every year.

Legislative Affairs – There are many things that go on in our state's capitol through Legislature every year that affect us as reserve law enforcement officers. By being a member of WSRLEA you are represented by individuals who know and understand the legislative process and who monitor

what is happening during the annual legislative sessions. Your WSRLEA Legislative Liaison Chuck Munson, is working for you and your interests and keeps WSRLEA members apprised of legislative happenings.

Community Involvement – With the affiliation of the Washington State Law Enforcement Association, WSRLEA members are giving back to the communities we all live in with programs such as the Essay Contest for 8th graders, McGruff Safe Halloween Program for 2nd graders, Law Enforcement Career Camp for 11th and 12th graders, Strategies For Youth Program directed by Lt. Governor Brad Owen, and the Special Olympics.

Administrative – Membership Services – Everyone is needing supplemental insurance and WSRLEA offers an excellent insurance at a great rate through AFLAC. Thanks to the workings of the WSRLEA legislative arm, there is now a reserve officer pension plan as well as a reserve officer death benefit and medical coverage. WSRLEA

members have a scholarship program in the amount of \$750 per award open to them as well.

How has this organization been able to accomplish and offer so much to its members? The answer to that is three-fold.

1. It's because of people like YOU who have joined.
2. It's because there is a strong Executive Board and regional directors working in your corner for YOU.
3. It's because of the strong, professional alliances that WSRLEA has forged with organizations such as the Washington State Law Enforcement Association who empower us in many ways every day.

Of these three empowerment centers, the most important are our members.

So now you know some of what's in it for you. And all for \$15 a year. It'll be the best \$1.25 you'll ever spend in one month!!!

If you are a member – GLAD TO HAVE YOU. If YOU aren't a member – COME ABOARD – you will be glad you did. ▼

*Merry Christmas &
Happy Holidays*

to all

*Members and Friends of WSLEA and WSRLEA!
From the WSLEA and WSRLEA Line Officers
and Executive Board Members*



A world leader in supplemental insurance, AFLAC offers an extensive array of first class insurance plans and services.

Facts about AFLAC

- **Elite Industry Acknowledgment**
AFLAC has been named the number one insurance company by *Forbes Global* magazine (January 1999)
- **A Fortune 500® Company**
AFLAC is a Fortune 500® company with assets exceeding \$30 billion, **insuring more than 40 million people worldwide.**
- **A World Leader in Supplemental Insurance**
AFLAC is the number one provider of guaranteed-renewable supplemental insurance (*National Underwriter, July 1998*).
- **Focused on Quality Service**
We are dedicated to ensuring our policyholders are the most well-protected, well-served “family” in the world. Through a process of continual improvement, AFLAC’s goal is to provide service that meets the requirements of all our customers.

Products and Benefits

AFLAC’s Accident/Sickness/Disability Policy – group rates as low as **\$16.00** per month (**non-group rate** is **\$40.20**, dependent upon amount of coverage) *Helps provide a financial cushion beyond an accident to include sickness and off-the-job disability riders.*

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AFLAC’s Intensive Care Policy (age dependent) – group rates as low as **\$13.80** per month (**non-group rate** is **\$26.40** dependent upon amount of coverage) *Covers confinement in hospital intensive care.*

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Century of Honor – Forgotten Officers

The WSLEA book “*Century of Honor – Excellence and Valor in Washington State Law Enforcement*” will be on the book shelves by the middle of December. No more preorders for the book will be taken. The books will be available in the bookstores or by order over the web at 1st Books.com. All preorders should be received in time for Christmas. Proceeds from the book will benefit, The Washington State Law Enforcement Memo-

rial, Concerns of Police Survivors, and Law Enforcement Chaplaincy.

Several other projects were completed because of the research for the book. A disc containing 190 pictures of officers who died in the line of duty has been sent to the National Law Enforcement and the WSLEM for inclusion on the websites. You can see them at nleomf.com or WSLEM.com. Research also showed that 31 officers are eligible for the Medal of Honor, so WSLEA has made

the committee aware of their names and stories. As inconceivable as it seems, there are two officers who have been totally forgotten. They have not been recognized on either a state or national level. How can we forget these men who lost their lives in the line of duty in our state? The book will make sure this will never happen again. Their names have been submitted by the WSLEA to both the national and state for recognition at this next years ceremonies.



Marshal Jacob M. Woodring
Hamilton Marshals Office
Date of Death: 11/27/1904
Cause of Death: Beating

Jacob M. “Jake” Woodring was killed in the line of duty in downtown Hamilton, Washington, on the evening of Nov. 27, 1904, which was Thanksgiving. A fight had started at Jacobin’s Tavern and Marshall Woodring was called on to expel one of the drunks who had started it. The man waited around the corner from the tavern and tore a 2x4 plank from the sidewalk, which he used to beat Woodring senseless. Records from that period are incomplete, but the killer was apprehended and convicted. Woodring was born in 1848 in North Carolina and was an early pioneer in Hamilton, taking up a farm here just before being counted in the 1885 census. He drove a team of horses for about 15 years before his death. He worked at various odd jobs for the town, starting in 1896, and was appointed Marshal in 1899, holding that job part and full-time until the time of his murder. He was buried in the old Hamilton cemetery, with full honors as a policeman. Woodring left four children and a widow, Mary Strom, who was pregnant with a child who was born in April 1905.



Marshal Jack Phillips
Hamilton Marshals Office
Date of Death: 6/6/1952
Cause of Death: Beating

Marshal Jack Phillips was on duty when he responded to the call of a problem at the local tavern. The owner of the tavern and Phillips argued over the cabaret tax on beer while dancing was going on in the tavern. The marshal and the owner had stepped outside to talk because of the noise inside. According to testimony of 14 witnesses, it could not be determined who had struck the blow that killed Phillips because of the confusion. The marshal suffered from broken ribs, kidney damage among other injuries. The coroners jury released the owner of the tavern when it could not be determined that he was the actual person who had caused the death.



The stories of these two men and the stories of the 258 other officers who have died in the line of duty are all in the book “*Century of Honor.*” ▼

DON'T BE LEFT OUT – For your copy of the CENTURY OF HONOR book, contact the Executive Office at wslea@olywa.net or 1-800-227-9753.

Send Message of Support to Police With Blue Lights

Published in the *Herald-Republic* on Saturday, December 4, 1999

By *Jesse A. Hamilton, Yakima Herald-Republic*

Two months after the shooting death of a Washington State Patrol trooper in the Tri-Cities, the Yakima County Sheriff's Office hopes Yakima Valley residents help remember all fallen law-enforcement officers.

Project Blue Light, organized by the state chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors, asks people to decorate with blue lights during the holiday season. Whether it's a string of blue lights, a single blue bulb in a clear string or a blue porch light, organizers hope people throughout Washington will help send a message of support for the families of those who died.

Sheriff's Lt. David Thompson said the recent Oct. 7 death of Washington State Patrol Trooper James Saunders in Pasco is only the latest example of danger faced by officers.

"In light of the recent tragedy in the Tri-Cities, I think it's important that we at least take some time out this holiday season to remember his young family," Thompson said. "His children won't have a father to grow up with."

Saunders, a 7-1/2-year patrol veteran, was shot to death during a traffic stop in Pasco. He left behind a pregnant wife and a 2-year-old daughter.

Thompson suggests police agencies, businesses and citizens alike participate "not only to show respect and memory for those that have been killed in the line of duty, but also to show respect for their families who are spending the holiday season alone."

Gayle Frink-Schulz, president of the state chapter of Concerns of Po-

lice Survivors, learned in 1993 what it feels like to lose a spouse to law enforcement. Now the Issaquah woman leads Washington's part in the national non-profit effort dedicated to helping families of officers killed.

She said the state now loses about three officers a year.

"It's steadily been increasing," she said.

Of Project Blue Light – a nationwide endeavor that began 11 years ago in Pennsylvania – she said, "This is our message to their families that their loved ones are not forgotten."

Frink-Schulz added that Project Blue Light doesn't have to be limited to officers who've died.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity as a community to be able to show that we support our officers who go out to work every single day." ▼

With Deepest Sympathies

By *Gayle Frink-Schulz, President, COPS*

Deputy Wally Davis was killed in the line of duty Aug. 5, 2000. Deputy Davis was 48 years old and is survived by his wife Lisa, daughter Jessica Davis, sons Jeff and Joshua Davis, mother and father Ed and Betty Davis of Seattle and sister Ruth Knepshield. Lisa is expecting their child in February.

Deputy Davis responded to a 911 disturbance call at 12:30 p.m. Shortly

afterwards he was found fatally shot by responding back-up personnel from the Clallam County Sheriff's Department. He was transported to Olympic Memorial Medical Center where he was pronounced dead on arrival, at approximately 1:30 p.m.

The suspect barricaded himself inside the residence in an altercation with law enforcement officials from

11 different agencies. After a 24-hour standoff, the suspect surrendered himself to officials, at about 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 06, 2000. Deputy Davis was a 20-year veteran of law enforcement and had been with the Clallam County Sheriff's Department for 5 years. He transferred from the City of La Palma, Calif.

Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences goes out to the Davis family. ▼

~ All LEOFF 1 Members ~

Please call the executive office and leave a contact number at 1-800-227-9753 regarding retirement benefit info.

Conference 2000, Training for the New Decade



**Clark County Sheriff's Department
Clark County Sheriff's Reserve Association
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For the Immediate release

In November of 1999, representative from Clark County Sheriff presented to the WSLEA and WSRLEA Boards their proposal for hosting the year 2000 conference. It was evident to both boards that not only were CCSO enthusiastic but were proposing a change to previous conferences. CCSO wanted to "raise the bar" and expand the conference from its traditional two days to a full three and _ days. It proposed 16 classes along with the traditional range competition and golf competition. They wanted to add a vendor night and static display. It was quite an ambitious project that would be managed and implemented by reserve officers along with support from the Executive Office of the WSLEA/WSRLEA.

Apparently, based on the number of registered students it was well received. With 29 police departments represented, 12 County Sheriff Offices represented and officers from US Coast Guard, WSP, DOC, Parole Board, Liquor Control, Tribal PD, Port Authority, Park & Recreation and National Parks we had over 235 in attendance.

Both WSLEA and WSRLEA know that officers are looking for training at a fair and competitive price. THIS will be the new format for all future conferences. Training will be the focus and a variety of classes presented.

This year's theme was "Training for the New Decade." Classes offered were.

- Bike Patrol
- HK MP5 Training
- Legal Update
- Meth Labs, Sales and Use
- Computer Fraud and Seizure
- BAC Verifier (Review)
- BAC Verifier (Basic)
- Female Defense Tactics
- Tactical Handgun
- Drug and Alcohol Recognition
- Gangs In The Northwest
- Radar Basic
- Tactical Shotgun
- Parolee Contacts

In addition, Gordon Graham was our feature guest instructor on Saturday. His theme on Civil Liability not only was informative but also kept everyone on the edge of his or her seats! Gordon is a great presenter and his class was extremely well received.

The Clark County Reserve Association thanks all that attended and appreciate your supportive remarks. We are looking forward to seeing you in Spokane. ▼