



# THE HERO

*The 100 Club, Inc.*

## “In Their Own Words” By: Lacy Hill

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Thinking of all the different directions my life could have taken after the loss of my father (Deputy Barry Hill, Harris County Sheriff’s Office) in December of 2000 makes my head spin. The places I wouldn’t have gone, things I never would have experienced, the education I would have surely thrown to the wayside. However, The 100 Club gave me the push that I needed. They offered up all those things to me that I could have possibly missed out on. My dad’s one goal for my life was to give me a good education so I could make something out of my life and follow any dream I might want to. When we lost him, education was the furthest thing from my mind, but as the months wore on and life began to fall back into place, my mom’s greatest concern for me was

how to get me back into school and how many loans it would take to do it. And then The 100 Club came to the rescue and my dad’s dreams for me began to unfold.

Pushing me further into my educational experience was the fact that there were so many people supporting me and encouraging me along my college journey. I knew that I wasn’t just in it for me, but for every single person who generously gave to the organization, my family who was cheering me along, and for my dad, who lovingly joked that after high school it was either college or the military, but I wasn’t staying in his house. (Knowing me so well, he knew college would be my choice!)

So here I am today, an official college graduate. A few set-

backs, *several* majors, and five years later, my dad’s dream is complete. I have a well-rounded education and am making something of my life that I hope my dad would be proud of.

Thank You. To each and every one of you who give so selflessly to The 100 Club. Where I would be without your generosity and the efforts of Rick Hartley and his staff is anyone’s guess. I am truly blessed, beyond the tragedy of our circumstances, to know this wonderful group of people and to have experienced, so personally, the compassion that the people of Houston and the surrounding areas has to offer the families of law enforcement. You have made an impact.

### Special Points of Interest:

- *Lost Hero’s*
- *The 100 Club Featured in Nelson Zoch’s Line –of-Duty-Death Book*
- *A Letter How The 100 Club Assists Injured Officers by Deputy Don Robertson*

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Barrett T. Hill

*Harris County Sheriff’s Deputy Barrett T. Hill was shot and killed on Monday, December 4, 2000. This tragedy took place when Deputy Hill and his partner were pursuing two suspects who were spotted breaking into a vehicle. The suspects ran and Deputy Hill and his partner split up to pursue each one. Deputy Hill is survived by his wife and two children.*

## Lost Heroes



Rueben DeLeon, Jr.

Houston Police Officer Rueben DeLeon, Jr., 31, a seven year veteran with the Houston Police Department was shot and killed in the line of duty during a robbery attempt on October 26, 2005. Officer DeLeon is survived by his wife Mayra and four children.



Ernie Mendoza

Needville Independent School District Police Chief Ernie Mendoza, 54, was tragically killed in the line of duty on January 19, 2007, when his patrol car was hit head-on by a drunk driver. Chief Mendoza is survived by his wife Susie and their seven children.



Todd D. Holmes

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Todd D. Holmes, 29 was tragically killed on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 when his patrol car collided with an eighteen wheeler on Highway 59 near Marshall, Texas. Trooper Holmes is survived by three young sons and his wife, Stephanie who is pregnant with a little girl.



Justin Hurst

Game Warden Justin Hurst, 34 was killed by a suspect with an automatic rifle and pistol on March 17, 2007 which was his birthday. Game Warden Hurst is survived by his wife, Amanda, and a 4 month old son.

## “Fallen Heroes of the Bayou City”

**The 100 Club is Featured in Nelson Zoch’s Line-of-Duty-Death Book  
Which Details Tragic Cases of 106 HPD Officers**

Retired HPD Homicide Lt. Nelson Zoch, a regular contributor to two local police publications, is finishing up a book detailing 106 stories of the ultimate sacrifices paid by Houston police officers since 1860. The publication of *Fallen Heroes of the Bayou City: HPD 1860 to the Present* is due this spring. Zoch has included a detailed look at how the 100 Club and its 26,000 members provide support to the families of these Hero’s killed in the line of duty.

Zoch, a 36-year police veteran, mainly in Homicide, researched each and every case with astute dedication and detail-orientation. He portrays each brave officer’s life in human terms, combined with the details of whodunit and what happened to the surviving members of the officers’ families. Copies of this one of a kind book may be pre-ordered at the author’s Website, <http://www.callofdutypublications.com>.

## The 100 Club Assists Injured Officers

As a seventeen year veteran in law enforcement with Harris County Sheriff’s department, I have witnessed first hand the outstanding dedication of The 100 Club to law enforcement.

In law enforcement your colleagues become a close family “if you will”. During these seventeen years I have personally lived the nightmare of my fallen brothers. On each of these occasions The 100 Club has stepped forward to assist each of their families with finances for both present and future. It is a warm and rewarding feeling in each of our hearts to know that at that time of need there is such an awesome and caring organization.

A few months ago, I was contacted by the Harris County Sheriff’s Department (Family Assistance Program) who indicated that The 100 Club may be able to assist. A short time later, my wife and I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Hartley and Mr. Russell with The 100 Club who we found to be both personable and professional

We then received a letter from Mr. Hartley stating The 100 Club would assist us during our time of financial need. Needless to say, we were speechless to the extent you were willing to help us.

I have always admired all of the work of The 100 Club and give thanks that it is a part of our law enforcement family. No words can express our appreciation and gratitude. It is The 100 Club and their member’s who are

*Harris County Deputy Don Robertson*

## President's Corner

**100 Club President, Clarence F. Kendall, II**



Clarence F. Kendall

**PLEASE READ.....IT'S ABOUT YOU!**

**THE QUESTION.** Why has the 100 Club decided to cover the DPS, Game Wardens, Prison Guards and Alcoholic Beverage Officers state wide?

**THE ANSWER.** Because we can and it's the right thing to do.

The above was the question by a reporter and my answer at a news conference when we announced our state wide coverage of those agencies. In the last 90 days you have proved my answer to be correct. In that short period of time you have received four letters from your 100 club about four officers who were killed or murdered in the line of duty. Your response has been magnificent. Your belief in our desire to protect and help the families of those who serve shows that you know what we do is the right thing to do and your willingness to step up and contribute is really what makes it work. Pass the word, 100% of your donations go to the 100 Club Survivor's Fund and 100% of that goes to the surviving spouse and children. There's a Membership Application for a friend in this news letter. Please use it.

**THANKS FOR WHAT YOU DO.**

Clarence F. Kendall, II  
President

## Items of Interest and Upcoming Events

### Hero's Awards Banquet

The Annual Heroes Awards Banquet is being held on Thursday, May 10, 2007, in the Galleria Ballroom of the Westin Galleria Hotel, 5060 West Alabama, Houston, Texas.

The 100 Club will hold its 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Heroes Awards Program honoring a total of fifty-four peace officers and firefighters in our eighteen county coverage area. Thirty-seven are law enforcement officers and seventeen are firefighters that will be honored for exceptional achievement. Committees of their peers selected these officers and firefighters for exceptional achievement in any police or firefighting endeavor; including but not limited to, extraordinary valor, crime prevention, investigative activity, community relations, juvenile programs, drug prevention and control, training programs, traffic safety and innovative approaches to police service or the firefighting profession.

### Fishing Tournament



The 100 Club Annual Fishing Tournament is scheduled for September 12, 2007. We are currently working with Teakwood Marina and have been advised that it will be opened in the summer, however before we commit to this location we would like to confirm that this facility will be available. Information will be posted on our website as soon as the location has been reserved.

### Golf Tournament



The 100 Club 19th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on October 1, 2007, at Hearthstone Country Club. Look for information to be mailed at the end of August.



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Get a Friend to Join!**



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Membership:<br>\$100.00 paid annually   | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Membership:<br>\$150.00 paid annually (All memberships are in an individuals name)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership:<br>\$1000.00 single payment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Life Membership:<br>\$1500.00 single payment (All memberships are in an individuals name) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership-*Installment payments<br>to be paid \$250.00 per year for four (4)<br>consecutive years. (to total \$1000.00) *Life decals are furnished after the full payout. |   |

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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