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ANNUAL HEROES AWARDS BANQUET Member Tickets Available Now

**This will be your only notice
To All 100 Club Members:**

The 100 Club's 57th Annual Heroes Awards Banquet honoring outstanding area law enforcement officers and firefighters from our eighteen county coverage area, will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011 in the Ballroom of the Hilton Houston Post Oak Hotel, 2001 Post Oak Blvd., Houston Texas. There will be a reception from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the awards program beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. Dining will commence once the program is completed. Dress for the event is Business Attire or Semi-Formal.

A limited number of tickets, at \$70 each, are available for 100 Club members on a "first come, first served" basis. **Tickets are limited to two per member and orders must be received no later than Wednesday, April 20, 2011.** Please indicate mailing address with your order. Tickets will be mailed to you, two weeks prior to the event.

Please make checks payable to: The 100 Club and mail to: 5555 San Felipe St Ste 520, Houston TX 77056-2733. You may also phone the office, 713-952-0100, if you would like to charge the tickets to a credit card. We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, and Discover.

"In Their Own Words"

by Lt. Martinez, Waller County Sheriff's Office



2009 Demonstrator Model

As Sheriff R. Glenn Smith took office in January of 2009 he knew the demands of Waller County's growth necessitated the need for the development of a professional S.W.A.T. Team. He appointed, Lt. Jason A. Martinez as the department's SWAT Commander. Today, the team has thirteen SWAT Operators, five of which are also tactical medics, two Sniper/Observers, five FBI-trained Hostage Negotiators, a Medical Doctor for the SWAT Team and a logistical support staff. Through a cooperative agreement, Waller County District Attorney Elton Mathis has assigned one of his D.A. Investigators, Bill Zwerneman to the team as an intelligence officer and legal liaison between the two agencies.

Sheriff Smith began purchasing specialized equipment for the SWAT and Hostage Negotiations Teams. The vast majority of the funding for this endeavor was from Drug Seizure funds that the department had been awarded through efforts to fight drug crime in Waller County. The need for an Armored Vehicle was considered urgent.

Not having the budget for such an expense and having exhausted current drug seizure funds, Sheriff Smith turned to The 100 Club. Research determined that the 2010 BATT-S armored vehicle was a high quality product and more affordable than other popular brands.

It was also discovered the Armored Group LLC is a Texas-based company with their factory location in Chicago, Illinois and their light manufacturing facility and business office in Fort Worth, Texas.

The 100 Club Board not only awarded funding but granted additional money to upgrade the ballistic level of protection for the SWAT team which was done for \$100,000 cheaper than the most popular name brands.

In the summer of 2010, the vehicle was ordered. In August
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Four Lost Heroes

Texas Highway Patrol Corporal David Ralph Slaton, 56, died in the line of duty on September 20, 2010, 2 miles south of Ringold in Montague County, after his highway patrol car collided with a cow. His patrol unit



was then forced into the opposite lane of traffic where it was hit head-on by a tractor trailer truck. Corporal Slaton had been with

the Texas Department of Public Safety for 36 years and stationed in Bowie for his entire career. He is survived by his wife and a son.

Deputy Odell McDuffie, 43, died



in the line of duty on Monday afternoon, October 25, 2010, after his patrol car left the highway, hit a tree and then caught fire. Res cue

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Help Us Grow... Give This Application to a Friend! FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY

Do not use this form to renew your membership
(a renewal form will be mailed to you at a later date)

Please mark your **NEW** membership choice below:

- Regular Membership - \$100 Annually
- Life Membership - \$1,000 Single Gift
- Quarterly Life Membership - \$250 Annually over four consecutive years (you become a Life Member after your fourth donation is received)
- Business Membership - \$150 Annually
- Business Life Membership - \$1,500 Single Gift



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attempts were not successful and the Deputy died at the scene. Deputy McDuffie had been a Deputy with the Liberty County Sheriff's Office for seventeen years. He is survived by his wife, Emily and three children.

Trooper Jonathan McDonald, 28, died in the line of duty on Monday night, November 15, 2010, while responding to an accident call when his patrol car left the highway, hit a culvert and then caught fire in West Texas near the town of Post. Rescue attempts were not successful and he died at the scene. Trooper McDonald had been with the Texas Department of Public Safety since 2008. He is survived by his wife, Laura and an eight month old daughter.

Fort Bend County Sheriff's Deputy John Norsworthy, 39, died on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 from injuries he received on December 27, 2010 when his patrol car was hit by another vehicle as he was responding to assist a fellow Deputy. He is survived by his wife Melissa, a 16-year-old son, and an 11-year-old daughter.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER: A Few Words From Clair Branch

Words can't express the gratitude to our members and the community in general for your continued support of the mission of The 100 Club. Your support of our efforts is sincerely appreciated, especially during these most trying economic times.

Our membership has held constant near the 30,000 mark for the past year and the donations provided for dependents of Heroes killed in the line of duty is truly a blessing. As you know, our gifts are based on the particular need of each family that has lost a hero. The average gift that you provide to a family is approximately \$300,000. **Thank-you.**

I would like to remind our membership that on November 1, 2010 we moved The 100 Club offices to the Marathon Oil Tower at 5555 San Felipe. The staff is still getting mail and calls wondering why no one is at the old West Loop location. The new address is: The 100 Club, 5555 San Felipe Ste 520, Houston, TX 77056. Our phone number and email address have not changed.

We have set the date of May 19, 2011 for our 57th annual Heroes Awards Banquet where 38 peace officers and firefighters will be honored for performance above and beyond the call of duty. There are a limited number of tickets held for 100 Club members at \$70 each. Contact the office at 713 952-0100 if you wish to purchase tickets.

Many of you know that we support the law enforcement and firefighting communities in 18 counties surrounding Houston, but you may not realize that we provide line of duty death assistance to dependants of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Texas Alcoholic & Beverage Commission and Institutional personnel of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice killed in the line of duty anywhere in the State of Texas.

To date, your 100 Club has provided over \$13 million to the dependants of those Heroes who have died in the line of duty. Additionally, over \$11 million has been given to law enforcement agencies in the form of officer safety equipment. Our scholarship program has provided 573 college degrees, at three area universities, to law enforcement officers. The 100 Club has provided \$6.3 million in scholarship funds. Your 100 Club has given over \$35 million to the law enforcement and firefighting professions in support of our programs.

Your help in recruiting one (1) new member will go a long way towards furthering our support of those who protect and serve all of us.



ALEXANDER'S FINE PORTRAIT DESIGN

The 100 Club to Honor Law Enforcement and Firefighter Heroes

The 100 Club will host its 57th Annual Heroes Awards Banquet on Thursday, May 19, 2011. This year, The 100 Club will honor 38 Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters who have performed above and beyond the call of duty.

In appreciation, each Law Enforcement Officer receives a Sig Sauer Model 229, .40-caliber Semi-Automatic Commemorative Pistol and an Etched, Jade Glass Award. Each Firefighter receives a custom Cairns Presentation Firefighter Helmet and a Glass Firefighter's Ax inscribed with The 100 Club logo.

We congratulate each of the award recipients listed below:

Trooper Jonothan C. Aldridge
Texas Department of Public Safety

Deputy Casey Bilinovich
Harris County Sheriff's Office

Sergeant Charles E. Alexander
Chambers County Sheriff's Office

Investigator Sherry L. Willcox
Chambers County Sheriff's Office

Investigator Randy Thumann
Fayette County Sheriff's Office

Detective Vanessa Brady
Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Charlie Scott
Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Jeffery Martinez
Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Taylor Leslie Rollins
Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office

Investigator John Wren
Grimes County Sheriff's Office

Sergeant Jason S. McDaniel
Harris County Precinct #5

Investigator John H. Kleindienst
Harris County District Attorney's Office

Deputy David LaSalle
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Herman Suarez, Jr.
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Trooper Justin Stohler
Texas Department of Public Safety

Texas Ranger Jason C. Taylor
Texas Rangers Company A

Deputy Mitchell Bettin
Harris County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Donald J. Hess
Harris County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Michael Ritchie
Harris County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Debby Talbott
Harris County Sheriff's Office

Special Agent Bryan S. Cannon
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Investigator Sean D. McCarroll
Brazos County Sheriff's Office

Special Agent W. Todd Burns
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Senior Officer Craig H. Full
Houston Police Department

Special Agent Laritza E. Diazgonsen
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Senior Officer Daniel Rosales
Houston Police Department

Senior Officer E. Glen Chance
Houston Police Department

Senior Officer Genni Ruzzi
Houston Police Department

Senior Officer Millard F. Waters, II
Houston Police Department

Sergeant William David Chapman
Houston Police Department

Firefighter Sergio Buentello, Jr.
Houston Fire Department

Engineer Operator Derek Sandquist
Houston Fire Department

Engineer Operator Aubrey W. Bashara
Houston Fire Department

Engineer Operator Omar Montemayor
Houston Fire Department

Firefighter Jacob Chagoya
Houston Fire Department

Firefighter Alberto A. Vela
Houston Fire Department

Captain Luis R. Ybarra, III
Houston Fire Department

Assistant Chief EMT-P Chet Barker
South Brazos County Fire Department

2010, Sheriff Smith, Lt. Martinez, and Investigator Zwerneman traveled to Chicago to tour the plant facility and were able to see an APC in all stages of manufacturing. Their research verified that a very high quality product was being custom built. The Waller County Sheriff's Office is awaiting delivery of their APC in the next 60 days.

A very sincere and heartfelt thank you goes out to the great members, employees, and board members, of The 100 Club for the continued efforts to protect those that protect others are, as great a deed as an organization can give.



(From L to R: 100 Club President Clair M. Branch, Lifetime Director Patrick B. "Pat" Collins, Past President Thomas E. "Tom" Pizzo, Jr., and Club Executive Director Rick Hartley)

The Board and Staff of The 100 Club recently honored Pat Collins for his service to the club as a Director for over 15 years. Collins was recently elected to Lifetime Director status. Pat has played an instrumental role in overseeing the Club's Audit Committee. Tom Pizzo was also honored for his service as President of the Club. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Reminder

Don't forget to change our mailing address if you use a check paying service. Many of these we receive still have our old address. The Post Office will only forward mail for six months.

100 Club Upcoming Events

57th Annual Heroes Awards Banquet
Thursday, May 19, 2011
honoring outstanding Law Enforcement and Firefighters in our coverage area.

23rd Annual Golf Tournament
Monday, September 26, 2011
at Wildcat Golf Club

Annual Meeting
January 11, 2012



Join us
May 13th & 14th, 2011
at
Topwater Grill
in San Leon, Texas
for the
Tails & Tunes
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and Music Festival

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The 100 Club
and
Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County

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