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THE HERO

Two Lost Heroes

The 100 Club accepted donations to our Survivors Fund for the following two line of duty deaths in our coverage area. The Survivors Fund provides benefits to the dependents or peace officers and firefighters who are killed or catastrophically injured in the line of duty. 100% of all donations made to the Survivors Fund go directly to the dependents of law enforcement officers and firefighters.

Damon Fire Chief Hugh Ferguson, 52, died in the line of duty while fighting a house fire in Damon, Texas on April 21, 2014. Chief Ferguson was a veteran firefighter for over 20 years and is survived by his wife, and two grown sons, who are both Firefighters.



Houston Firefighter Daniel Groover, 42, was tragically killed in the line of duty while fighting a two-alarm house fire in Northeast Houston. Firefighter Groover, a 21-year veteran firefighter, is survived by his wife and three grown children.



Did You Know?: The Survivors Fund

In the early days of The 100 Club, the surviving spouse and children of a fallen peace officer were presented with a check to assist with their financial needs. As the Club began to grow in members, the Board of Directors presented the dependent family members with an annuity to help with their needs. In the mid-1990s, the Club established the Survivors Fund, with every penny put into the fund dedicated to provide financial support to the widows and children of officers killed in the line of duty. As membership in the 100 Club grew, the Board of Directors added the dependent survivors of firefighters killed in the line of duty. The most recent addition to the financial support flowing out of the Survivors Fund is to assist catastrophically injured officers and firefighter with their financial needs after the line of duty injury.

All funding from the Survivors Fund is done after a needs assessment is completed with the dependent family or the catastrophically injured individual's family to determine what their financial needs may be. Once the assessment is completed, it is given to the Club's Benefits Committee for review and handling. This committee, composed of members of the Board of Directors, is responsible for accepting, modifying or denying the needs assessment. Once the Benefits Committee makes its determination for support, the matter is forwarded to the full Board of Directors of the Club. It is placed on the agenda for the next scheduled Board meeting, presented for a discussion, and then a vote is taken on how to proceed. Once this process is completed, which is usually only a couple of weeks, the surviving spouse or catastrophically injured officer/firefighter is sent a letter from the Club outlining the benefits that are being provided.

On average, the financial assistance, in a line of duty death to a firefighter or law enforcement officer's dependent family, is about \$300,000. The assistance usually pays off; home mortgages, credit card & vehicle debt, and also provides funding for surviving children to receive a college education. If the child or children are not prepared to go to college, those funds can be applied to a trade school or vocational training.

The financial support for a catastrophically injured officer or fighter is determined in the same manner as a line of duty death, with the intent of providing financial support while the individual is injured, from a line of duty injury, and ceases when the officer/firefighter returns to work.

The support the Club provides from the Survivors Fund cannot be done without the generous donations of our 31,000 members. When a Hero is killed in the line of duty and has surviving dependents, each 100 Club member is notified of the tragedy and is asked to make a donation to the Survivors Fund.

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26th Annual Golf Tournament

The 100 Club's 26th Annual Golf Tournament was held on Monday, September 29th at BlackHorse Golf Club with a field of almost 200 golfers. The low net foursome of the tournament was: Matt Clark, Calvin McIver, Morgan Mohr and Junior Nicol with a score of 50.

The live auction was a big success again this year with an "All



You Can Eat With a Little Golf" package, "Golf at St. Andrews, Scotland" package and a "Vacation of Your Choice" package for

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In September, 2013, Bryan "BK" Klevens, a Sergeant with the Houston Police Department and Owner of Prison Break Tattoos, made a phenomenal gesture that has never been seen in the history of The 100 Club. "BK", as he is called by his friends and co-workers, announced that a portion of every single tattoo sold from the day he opened Prison Break Tattoos would be donated to The 100 Club as a continuous gift from his heart and a way for him to give back to his brothers and sisters. BK explained that "Prison Break Tattoos (713)-INKED-UP supports the men and women who take chances and risk their lives daily to serve you and the ones you cherish the most. We salute and honor you, as you are true heroes." For BK, the following quote defines him: "Not many people could or would understand a blue line tattooed on my skin. It is not fancy or detailed in traditional ways and people do not need to understand it, it's for me, and every cop out there. And when one of them sees it, they know what it means, and the look in their eyes is more than anything I could have ever hoped to achieve... it's thank you a thousand times over... this journey just keeps getting better." Thank you for your support.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: A Few Words From Robert Ted Lyons

Words cannot express my feeling for the continued support your Club receives from our 30,850 members. I would like to ask each of you to contact us if you know of an opportunity to present a brief 100 Club program to a group or organization that you may belong to that has a need for speakers. We have learned that this is a great way to spread the word of what we do and it also helps us in gaining members from individuals who want to support our Law Enforcement and Firefighting Heroes. Please contact our Executive Director Rick Hartley at (713) 952-0100 or email him at: rick@the100club.org. to schedule a program.

Sadly, I report to you that we lost two Heroes in the line of duty since our last report to each of you. Damon Fire Chief Hugh Ferguson died in the line of duty on April 21st, while fighting a house fire in Damon. Chief Ferguson is survived by his wife Andrea, and 2 grown sons who are both firefighters. On July 9th, Houston Firefighter Dan Groover died in the line of duty while fighting a 2 alarm house fire in Houston. Firefighter Groover is survived by his wife Ellie, and 3 grown sons. Your 100 Club responded in both of these tragedies by providing our initial gift of \$20,000 to each

surviving spouse and at a later time, went back to assess their needs. Each dependent family was taken out of debt by the Club.

The 100 Club Board of Directors approves funds for the dependent families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty, which includes paying off their debt and providing funds for children to further their education after they complete high school. I am pleased to report that our average gift to the dependents of our Heroes killed in the line of duty is approximately \$300,000. Of course, all financial support is based on the particular needs of each family and the amounts vary depending on those needs.

As we approach the Holiday season, I would ask you to think about giving a 100 Club membership as a gift. A membership application is included in this newsletter. Many members have done this in previous years and your gift of a 100 Club membership helps us to grow and provides us with the ability to continue our support for our Law Enforcement and Firefighting Heroes.



ALEXANDER'S FINE PORTRAIT DESIGN

Equipment Presentation



One Hundred Club President Ted Lyons, Chairman Randy Russell and Executive Director Rick Hartley presented Texas Ranger Major Freeman Martin with the keys to a Bearcat SWAT vehicle for use by the Company A, Texas Rangers SWAT team which is headquartered in Houston and covers the 31 county region that is the primary coverage area of The 100 Club.

Check Presentation



Our most sincere thanks to HEB for their generous donation to the 100 Clubs throughout Texas. Our local HEB stores, represented by Cindy Garza Roberts, presented 100 Club President Ted Lyons with a check for \$15,000 during the statewide observance of the 13th anniversary of the attacks on America that occurred on September 11, 2001.

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The member donations that are received are placed in the fund to provide the Clubs financial assistance. Proceeds in the Survivors Fund can only be used to provide financial assistance to dependent survivors of law enforcement officers & firefighters either killed or catastrophically injured in the line of duty. Member donations are in any amount the Club member would like to give and range from \$5 to \$10,000 contributions. This financial support is now over \$17,000,000 and has touched 162 families.

Thank you 100 Club members for all that you do to make this financial support to the Officers & Firefighters possible.

Crawfish Festival Fundraiser

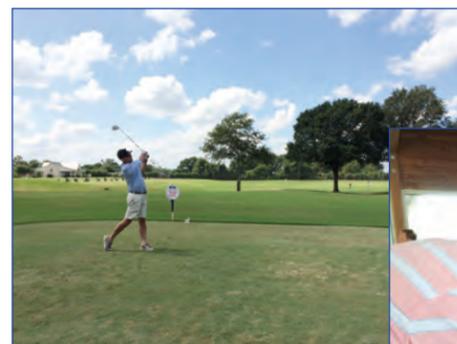


Crawfish Festival at Shipwreck Grill. From left to right: Chad & Amy Hanks, owners of the Crawfish Hole, Chad is also a Bryan Police Officer. Wade, Collin and Mary Beckman of the Shipwreck Grill in Bryan. Wade is handing Ron Gay a check for \$1,500 and 15 100 Club applications, one for each of the fifteen competitors.

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six people at either St. Maarten, BWI or Acapulco, Mexico.

We also had a New Membership sign-



Right: 100 Club Director Bob Lawrence and 100 Club Volunteer Rene Dennis help a new member filling out his membership application.



Sam Houston State University Honors Convocation



Each of these scholarship recipients are Honors Students in the School of Criminal Justice and the scholarships they received were established in honor of 100 Club Past Presidents and Officers. The Club honored 11 students, with scholarship, during the Criminal Justice School's Honors Convocation in Huntsville. Left to right: John Schmidt, Britni Skillman, Kamy Kimball, Shelby Gregson, 100 Club Director Ken Moore, 100 Club Executive Director Rick Hartley, Jessica Martinez, Robert Harralson, Jason Dornak, Jose Lopez and Alexandra Velez. Recipients not pictured: Manuel Gonzalez and Derrilynn Landry.

100 Club Honors Directors at an April Reception

On Wednesday, April 2, 2014, The 100 Club held a reception to honor Lifetime Directors Jerry Andrew, Clair Branch and Jim Clepper along with Past President Randy Russell. Left to right: 100 Club President Robert Ted Lyons, 100 Club Chairman of the Board Randy Russell, 100 Club Lifetime Director Jerry Andrew, 100 Club Lifetime Director Clair Branch, 100 Club Executive Director Rick Hartley.



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100 Club Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2015

61st Annual Heroes Awards Banquet
Wednesday, May 13, 2015
honoring outstanding
Law Enforcement Officers and
Firefighters in our coverage area.