

Missouri Concerns of Police Survivors MO C.O.P.S.



NEWSLETTER

October 2018

Molly's Miles 2018

April 7, A very chilly April morning saw Molly's Miles amazing team members and runners gather for a very successful albeit cold morning.

Molly is Molly Thomas-Bowden as most of you know she was an officer with the Columbia, MO PD. She was shot during a routine traffic stop on Monday, January 10, 2005. Molly succumbed to her injuries on February 10, 2005.

The event, honors all officers killed in the line of duty and benefits their families and coworkers.

Buddy and Christine Anliker, avid runners themselves, started Molly's Miles after the 2016 shootings of Dallas police officers. Buddy Anliker worked with the run's namesake, Molly Bowden, at the MU Police Department and was devastated when the Columbia PD lost her in 2005.

"This run is in memory of our own fallen officer," according to Civilian Public Information officer Bryana Larimer, she said, "It's important to keep her memory alive in this community."

Larimer said last year's run attracted over 900 participants. UltraMax had told them to expect between 200 and 300 runners. Despite sub-freezing temperatures Saturday morning, more than 1,000



runners arrived at the Molly Bowden Memorial Park for the second annual Molly's Miles 5K and 10K races.

The memorial run raised over \$32,000 for the Missouri Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors.



May 22, Alyce Bava did an amazing job sharing her story about her son Missouri State Trooper James Bava and representing MOC.O.P.S. Thank you for letting the community know about our Missouri Chapter!



April 30th - 29 Law Enforcement United Riders (and their support team) passed through St. Louis, MO during their 115 mile per day, 11 day journey, to Washington D.C. in Support of National C.O.P.S., especially Kids Camp. We so appreciate what you do !

The Inaugural Black and Blue Ball of 2018 was a big hit this last April. We had roughly 140 attendees at the Clayton Plaza Hotel. The night began with a solemn tribute to fallen Law Enforcement Officers, continued with speakers who helped emphasize the Mission of Missouri Concerns of Police Survivors, entertainment from comedian, Michael Mancini had the crowd erupting with laughter, and the night ended with music and dancing.



Our over 50 item Silent Auction was a huge success. We cannot thank those enough who volunteered to make this a memorable night,



Black and Blue Ball

but specific gratitude goes to Paige Hulseley for being our Emcee, St. Charles Police Honor Guard, St. Louis County Pipes and Drums, U.S. Army Col. Anthony Behrens for composing the Fallen Officer Table tribute.



Social Thanks to Speakers: Dianne Bernhard,



Natalie Weinhold, and Geoff Jones, and Comedian Michael Mancini

Thanks also to: Marvel Printing, Listen Up Productions, Clayton Plaza Hotel Staff, and all our donors for the Silent Auction.



This year, our Second Annual Black and Blue Ball will be held March 30, 2019 again at Clayton Plaza Hotel. We are working tirelessly to make this another fantastic night,

but we NEED your HELP! If you can help in any of these areas, please contact Annette Jansen ASAP.

*Marketing / Advertising

*Silent Auction

Donations: Anything and Everything from all over the state of Missouri.

*Very Interactive EMCEE

*Sponsorships

Individual & Corporate

*Selling Tickets

CHALLENGE: Any survivor who can sell 9 tickets to the Ball, we will give you the 10th ticket FREE for you to attend. You can either choose to sit at the table with who you sold the tickets, or you can choose to sit at a table with other survivors.

LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST NIGHT...AND BRING IN SOME MONEY FOR MOC.O.P.S.!!!

MO C.O.P.S. believes that no one should have to take the journey of losing a family member or co-worker alone. Our volunteers prove over and over again as they share their experiences with those that walk a similar walk, that sharing a burden makes it so much lighter.



Traumas In Law Enforcement Training

August 2018

Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) provides training to America's law enforcement agencies on how to appropriately respond to officers and their families affected by line-of-duty traumas through the "Traumas of Law Enforcement" trainings.

The Training this August was hosted in Camdenton, by National C.O.P.S. The new training room rose to the challenge of a packed house of participants.

At these trainings, instructors presented information that is important to America's law enforcement agencies regarding appropriate response to line-of-duty death, disability, critical incidents, and police suicide.

The training was presented over three days and includes 21-hours of class time. Annette, Jansen, Stacy Taylor-Brakhage, and Cody Biggs from Missouri Chapter, participated in a panel discussing their experiences.

Missouri Memorial Service

May 5, 2018, Two Missouri police officers and two sheriff's deputies who died in the line of duty between 1917 and 2017 were honored May 5th during Missouri's annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service for those who have paid the ultimate price for their service protecting their fellow Missourians.

Officers, their families and friends from across the state gathered at the Carnahan Memorial Garden, near the site of Missouri's Law Enforcement Memorial, where the names of Barry County Sheriff's Office Master Sergeant Deputy Carl T. Cospers and Clinton Police Officer Gary L. Michael, Jr. both of whom died in 2017, were added to the memorial's Wall of Honor. Also honored on the wall were Village of Miramigoua Police Officer Kevin M. Dziejma, who died of a heart attack during a traffic stop in 2015, and Platte County Sheriff's Office Deputy Edward E. Culver, who was shot and killed after responding to an altercation in 1917.

Gov. Eric Greitens was the guest speaker at the memorial service.

"Each day, a select, brave few Missourians put on body armor, leave their homes, and risk their lives to protect their fellow citizens and make our streets safer," Gov. Eric Greitens said. "Today, we honor those who never made it home; those who courageously and selflessly made the ultimate sacrifice in service to others. We will never forget the examples they set or the families they left behind."

"There is no nobler career than law enforcement, and the heroes we honor today were the best among us," Department of Public Safety Director Drew Juden said. "We will always remember the lives they lived, the values they died protecting. We stand with and support their survivors, who will always remain part of our Missouri law enforcement family."

Each year, the families of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty in the previous year, and through the decades, participate in the ceremony by placing white carnations in a wreath in honor for Missouri's fallen heroes.

-Missouri Dept of Safety News Release
May 5 2018



Candlelight Vigil

On Friday, May 4, a candlelight vigil was hosted by the Missouri Chapter at the memorial in remembrance of all Missouri law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice.



MISSION: As the Missouri Chapter of The National Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (C.O.P.S.), The Chapter, provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families and affected co-workers of Missouri law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.



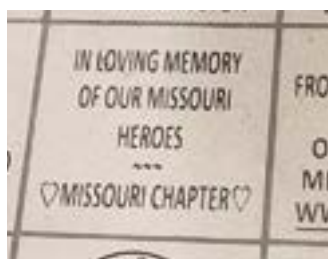
Grand Opening National

On July 24, 2018

National C.O.P.S. Headquarters in Camdenton Missouri held a Grand Opening to share the new additions to the building.

As a visitor walks down the "Road to Hope", a left turn will take them into the "Garden of Hope", a peaceful place for survivors to reflect on their fallen officers and leave a message on what C.O.P.S. has meant to them

Missour Chapter was there to represent as well as to enjoy the beautiful new building. 9,300 square feet was added to the original C.O.P.S. headquarters the current facility was renovated to blend with the new addition.



Survivor's Spotlight



Jodi Thomas, Above
Mother n Law to Fallen Trooper
Charlie Cook, Right



The black bag of sorrow is hard to bear. It's hard to bear because not everyone understands your grief. They did at first. They did at the funeral. They did at the graveside. But they don't now; they don't understand. Griefingers.

~Max Lucado, *Traveling Light*

Follow Jodi's Blog
www.4godsoloved.com/meet_jodi/

This will be a time for you to serve as witnesses. —Luke 21:13 NET

Charles M. Cook,
EOW 6.28.2007

I wish I could tell you that my grief was pretty, that I trusted God's perfect plan, and my faith was strong during the days, weeks, and months following the loss of our son-in-love Charlie, but it would not be true. It was hard. It was ugly. For years I referred to Charlie's death as "the accident." It was my loving husband who gently asked me one day, "Can you say 'Charlie died?'" Those words came hard for me.

I am sensitive to the power of words and the fact that the tender hearts reading this are in very different stages of grief. But, I do want to give you hope.

I have come to know that the days that I thought would certainly break me were often actually the days that made me. And pain has a way of chiseling my heart into Christ's likeness, smoothing off the rough edges life has created.

Pain is not my enemy; God's healing touch is greater than any pain life can deal to me.

One of the treasures of darkness is the way it silences the screaming life around me, allowing me to hear His still small voice calling me away to His peace. His touch. A healing that can only come from the finger of our Father.

We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Father Who shows us loving-kindness and our God Who gives us comfort. He gives us comfort in all our troubles.

Then we can comfort other people who have the same troubles. We give the same kind of comfort God gives us. As we have suffered much for Christ and have shared in His pain, we also share His great comfort.

~ 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 New Life Version (NLV)

My fellow sojourners, while this path of loss and recovery (yes there is recovery, trust me) we did not choose, we are here together. And while each of our loses and griefs are different, we each have a nugget of wisdom. A pearl of great price. A piece to this puzzle of restoration. Let us "Call Back" to cheer each other on.

Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. ~Psalms 126:5



**St. Louis Zoo Picnic
June 16, 2018**

Summer Picnic at the Zoo with our Missouri Surviving Families!

**It was a hot one!!!! Thanks Ryan Strittmatter for getting us the free passes to do the activities within the zoo!
It was a big hit!!**



National Police Week

May 11-17, 2018,

National Police Week
Washington D.C. – 2018

May 11 - May 17

Each year our nation loses between 140-160 law enforcement officers in the line of duty. National Police Week (NPW) held May 11 – 17 each year in Washington, D.C. honors the service and sacrifice of U.S. law enforcement officers. On May 11 and 12, surviving families and co-workers begin arriving in Washington, D.C. for the week-long events.

The first major event is the Candlelight Vigil hosted by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) on May 13. The service began at 8:00 p.m. with the newly engraved names

Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) hosts the National Police Survivors' Conference on May 14 and May 16 at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, the host hotel.

The conference includes breakfast, lunch, guest speakers, debriefing sessions and a Kids/Teens program for the surviving children and siblings of the fallen officer. On May 16 the conference closes with a Picnic on the Patio night where dinner is provided with games, music and more. This allows survivors to relax and be with each other after a stressful week.

The Fraternal Order of Police and Auxiliary hosts the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on the west front lawn of the U.S. Capitol on May 15. The surviving family members had an opportunity to place a flower in a wreath honoring their fallen officer.

--from National C.O.P.S. website
<https://www.nationalcops.org/aboutnpw.html>

The Missouri C.O.P.S. Holds a Meet and Greet Pizza Party for all their members on May 12.

Members are available to assist families of newly fallen as well as those families returning with any issues and needs that might arise.



National Police Week

2018

Washington D.C.



Future Board Meetings

Nov 17 11 am

2019 Board Meetings To Be Determined

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 1 2018

Christmas Party

Mar 30, 2019

Black & Blue Ball

April 13 2019

Molly's Miles

May 2019

Missouri Candlelight Vigil

May 11-17 2019

National Police Week

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