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**PRESS RELEASE
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Twenty-three (23) law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in what is today the state of Oklahoma will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial in Washington, D.C. and dedicated during the annual Candle Light Vigil conducted at the memorial the evening of May 13th.

Those fallen officers being added are:

Deputy U. S. Marshal John Zeke was shot and killed February 15, 1872, making an arrest at Muskogee.

L County (Grant Co) Deputy Sheriff Jesse W. Hendrickson was shot and killed making an arrest November 11, 1893, near the town of Pond Creek.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Herbert M. Goddard died August 14, 1900, after being shot the night before making an arrest in Goodwater in McCurtain County.

Logan County Jailer Jerry D. Emerson was shot and killed during a county jail break on May 14, 1903.

Bartlesville Special Officer Isaac L. Hicks was shot and killed the early morning of October 16, 1903, when his revolver accidentally fell from his holster and discharged.

Kiefer City Marshal J. H. Swinford was shot and killed making an arrest the night of August 16, 1909.

Hastings City Marshal Robert S. Garrett was shot and killed on October 16, 1909, for revenge by the brother of a man Garrett killed February 2nd in a shootout.

Creek County Deputy Sheriff Oscar M. Terry died February 8, 1913, from a wound he received the day before when his gun accidentally fell from it's holster and discharged.

Drumright Chief of Police Ernest H. Keller was shot and killed the night of August 10, 1916, when he was mistaken for an armed robber while he was searching for the robbery suspects.

Sapulpa Police Sergeant J. A. “Doc” Hands died March 3, 1918, from being struck in the temple the day before when he was attack and beaten by the ex-police chief.

McIntosh County Deputy Sheriff Jack Hunter was shot and killed May 8, 1920, during a jail break.

Stephens County Deputy Sheriff W. A. Worley was shot and killed July 25, 1921, trying to arrest a drunk man who was killed in the shootout by the County Sheriff.

Marietta City Marshal George G. Smart was unarmed when he was shot and killed August 31, 1922, by a local businessman he had become involved in a fist fight with.

McClain County Undersheriff Jason E. Daugherty died July 18, 1925, from stab wounds he received trying to arrest a man on May 9th along with Sheriff Johnnie Ratliff who was shot and killed by the man.

Rock Island Railroad Special Agent Ralph Robinson was shot and killed March 31, 1926, trying to arrest four men for stealing coal in the Rock Island yards of Oklahoma City.

Kiowa County Deputy Sheriff William H. Humble was shot and killed June 10, 1930, at a residence in Roosevelt after being flagged down told by a woman that her husband wanted to see Deputy Humble.

Missouri – Kansa – Texas (MK& T) Railroad Special Agent Nolan R. Willis was shot three times for an unknown reason and died in the MK&T Railroad yard in Muskogee the evening of July 24, 1930.

Pontotoc County Deputy Sheriff Alvis Jones was killed in a shootout with the occupant of a car he and other officers stopped in Ada the evening of January 29, 1937, for the shooting a McAlester police officer.

Tuttle Night Watchman August G. Nowka was shot and killed in a shootout with three armed robbers that he and City Marshal L. C. Force attempted to arrest in a Tuttle café the evening of August 20, 1939.

Missouri – Kansa – Texas (MK& T) Railroad Special Agent Winfield S. Wooten was shot and killed after he stopped a man for speeding in Tulsa. Tulsa Police Officer L. R. Rogers was also shot and killed by the driver before he was shot and killed by other Tulsa officers.

Seminole County Deputy Sheriff Robbie C. Whitebird and Captain Marvin G. Williams were both shot and killed as they attempted to serve an arrest warrant on July 26, 2009, in Seminole.

Osage County Deputy Sheriff Adam M. Mehagan died in a vehicle accident December 3, 2009, near Prue.

For more information on these officers and all of the other officers who have died in the line of duty in Oklahoma both before and after statehood see the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial web site at www.oklemem.com

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