

Law Enforcement Officers Getting Fed-Up!

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Most all of us have a God-inspired streak of generosity in us, which encourages taking initiatives that create a sense of wellbeing in our surroundings. It takes form in what we give at our places of worship, at various causes in our community and charities, and even to reaching out to individuals who have been placed on our hearts; some who we've known a long time and some who are complete strangers.

One prompting that has crept upon me recently is reaching out to complete strangers. Particularly, focus has been made at noticing law enforcement officials dining at public restaurants. When such an officer is seen, it is a good feeling to solicit from a table waitress to give me the check for the officer's meal, without telling the officer who is the benefactor. The purpose is not to gain notoriety for myself for an act of generosity, but rather an occasion for such an officer to realize that people in the general public recognize the value of his or her presence, and that the gift of the food is merely a small way to show appreciation.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation that designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. That was just a year and a half prior to his tragic death. I learned a lot about this act through my research online at Wikipedia.

Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events, which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

The National Peace Officers' Memorial Service is one in a series of events which includes the Candlelight Vigil, that is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and seminars sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)

National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from law enforcement departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. This provides a unique opportunity to meet others that share a common brotherhood. In that spirit receptions are sponsored each afternoon and evening during Police Week. These events are open to all law enforcement personnel and are an experience unlike any other.

This mid-May week of recognition would be a really great time for you to show your appreciation by taking care of an officer's meal! Help them to be fed up!