



Doing Things Right --- *Doing The Right Thing*

(While the two statements immediately above appear to be similar, they are not necessarily synonymous concepts.)

ALWAYS REMEMBERED

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week. Over the many years, members of the Chicago Police Department have made the journey annually to Washington D.C. in May, sharing in the observance to honor our fallen. In 2002, following the 911 tragedy, the Chicago Police Department had an unrivaled turnout at the National Memorial. Our attendance equaled or exceeded that of the New York Police Department, who, along with the NY Port Authority, lost a total of 72 law enforcement members on 911. Since then, the Chicago Police Department has upheld their reputation as one of the largest law enforcement agencies in attendance for over a decade. This recognition is due to the numerous individual CPD members who sacrificed their own time and funds over these many years to be part of this honorable tradition.

Doing Things Right

Due to reasons beyond our control, Chicago has been chosen, or volunteered to host both the NATO and G8 Summit(s) concurrently during May coinciding with the National Memorial. Due to our extreme under-staffing, all full 5th Period, 5B & 5A extension of furloughs are cancelled, with the probable inclusion of days off and compensatory time moratoriums during that period. That shamefully means that *no* active Chicago Police Officers will be there in uniform at the Capitol Building ceremony on 15 May, to "Honor All Our Fallen." **NONE!**

Doing The Right Thing

When our members retire from the Chicago Police Department they only give up their active legal status. They do not surrender their values, pride or allegiance. They will forever remain Chicago Police Officers. They earned that right. Our dedicated working members are 'calling for an assist' and we are asking our retired members to once again, answer the call and provide back-up. In order to uphold the reputable tradition of honoring all those that made the ultimate sacrifice in law enforcement in Washington D.C. 2012, we are asking that our fellow retirees attend this year while our working brothers and sisters Serve and Protect and stay behind to handle the crisis at home. Presently, there were two active line of duty deaths in 2011 that will be honored in DC in 2012, Det. Paul Nauden (Narcotics) and P.O. Clifton Lewis (015). In addition, there are a few historical honorees that died and/or were killed years back and recently were recognized as eligible. Their families *deserve* to see row upon row of Chicago police officers at the Capitol Building ceremony as well as those that gave their lives before them. For now, 'Do The Right Thing' and read on about all the details, sights and special activities planned for Washington D.C. this year. Our dedicated retirees can assist in this time honored tradition to assure our Gold Star Families of our obligation to them to, 'Never Let Them Walk Alone' and strengthen our commitment to make sure their loved one did not die in vain and will be... **ALWAYS REMEMBERED.**

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Doing The Right Thing

To those of you that are reading this, as you have expressed an interest, or have chosen to take part in the National Peace Officers Memorial in Washington D.C., in 2012, we wish to say, *Thank You* on behalf of all the Gold Star Family members. Whether you have attended in the past or this may be your first time, we can guarantee that you will be moved and impressed by your experiences there. You'll return with a renewed outlook and respect for our profession.

A check with their Tourism Bureau indicates that Washington D.C. is again experiencing a shortage of rooms in 2012 during our time frame due to a large number of meetings in town, including an architect and real estate convention that has taken up many of the rooms and driven up the prices. This does not include the tens of thousands of Law Enforcement Officers from throughout the nation booking rooms for the National Memorial. Hotel rates may be offset by sharing rooms and splitting the costs between occupants. Most allow up to 4 occupants. Suites have sleeper-sofas in addition to one and two beds and or bedrooms. Check with individual hotels to verify accommodations.

Note that 'downtown hotels', during the week, are mainly occupied by businessmen, lobbyists, politicians, conventions etc. which keeps these convenient, downtown rates relatively expensive. Some hotels have lower rates for weekends. If booking on your own, ask for the daily and weekend rates. Some hotels lower the rate on Saturday and/or Sunday unless you were given a special (lower) overall rate. Many hotels give the CPD 'Government' rates during Police Week upon inquiry. Hotels just outside of the downtown area tend to be a bit less expensive. If booking outside the downtown area check to see the proximity from your hotel to the closest Metro* line. Some hotels offer free shuttle service to their closest Metro station. Once on the Metro line all downtown locations and attractions are easily accessed. (*See "Transportation " for Metro info) Be aware that some hotels, while indicating they are close to downtown attractions may be in less desirable neighborhoods. Check carefully where the hotel is located prior to confirming your booking.

If using air travel, the most direct and recommended airport is Reagan National or DCA. (See "Airports" for app. miles and fees to downtown DC) You may also consider driving or better yet, car pooling. The average drive time (from Chicago) is app. 10-12 hrs. with various factors affecting travel. It must be stressed however, that you need to book your hotel reservations A.S.A.P., as the available rooms are at a premium, even at this early booking stage. Airfare also fluctuates so the same rules apply. The longer you wait, the higher the rates and lesser the availability even at the less desirable hotels. Plainly stated **Book your rooms NOW!**

HOTELS

A bad hotel encounter can make for an overall bad vacation experience. Far too many variables such as personal needs, priorities, amenities, taste and budget for example, make it impractical for a one-size-fits all recommendation for a particular hotel in DC this year. Members may seek accommodations on their own through the typical methods, (i.e. travel agents, friends or Internet hotel comparison of rates and availability.) A simple way to search the majority of the hotel sites is to go to Kayak.com which has an option to search multiple sites for comparison. Once on Kayak.com, click on the "Search All" option which will allow you access to Hotels.com, Hotwire.com, Priceline.com, Expedia.com and Booking.com simultaneously, all on the original Kayak site.

We have made numerous inquiries into discounted group booking rates for our members. Following are a list of hotels that merely responded back to our survey and are only listed in this Information Guide at this time as a reference for comparison, based upon cost, location and amenities. Upon application, a limited number of rooms were held by each of these individual hotels in a 'group block' under the discounted reservation designation, 'Chicago Police Dept.' Each hotel has their own acceptance policies (i.e. reservations cut-off dates, cancellations, extensions, check-in /out times, incidentals etc.) which must be considered and is the **responsibility of the individual members** to make inquiries prior to acceptance. The hotels listed are a cross-section of prices, amenities and locations near the airport, downtown DC and Arlington VA as an example of the variations offered by each hotel. All listed hotels have close access to the Metro rail or provide shuttle service.

HOTELS

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As stated on the previous pages, hotels in D.C. during our time period (13-16 May, 2012) are at a premium this year with rates unusually high. You should check on your own through the various methods to book a hotel according to *your* needs and budget. That way, you can view first-hand, the rates, location and amenities and compare them to the rates offered at the hotels listed here. There is no liability or quid pro quo accepted in posting various hotels here for reference. Again, the hotels listed below are merely those that responded back to our request for a group discount and are within our liberal guidelines for their inclusion here. The cost factor, many in the upper range, are listed in consideration that the rooms would be shared with a partner, fellow attendee etc., dividing the charges between, 2,3 or 4 people, thus making the cost a bit more reasonable. For example, two 'All Suite' hotels are listed initially in Arlington as they have discounted their rates from those available on line. Both indicate they offer free breakfast daily and a light dinner offered on Monday thru Wednesday for their guests. They offer single bedroom 1 & 2 bed suites with kitchens included and two bedroom/two baths suites as well. Most have additional pull-out sofa sleepers for additional guests. All the variations/features can not be included here, just the 'basics' to allow one to call and make the necessary inquiries as to their particular needs and budget. Check to verify your needs. Finally, if you find the hotel comparison search too daunting a task, we researched another option that you may elect to choose. We contacted 'Eileen Ford' of Haines Hotel Services, who was recommended by Linda Moon Gregory, National President of C.O.P.S. Eileen books a 1000 hotels in the DC area for *Concerns of Police Survivors* (C.O.P.S.) the official agency, along with F.O.P., that makes all the arrangements for the survivors and Gold Star Family Members of all law enforcement officers for 'Police Week' in DC annually. Given our situation, Eileen indicated that she would, "work with any individual, or any size group, according to your particular budget(s)." Give her a call and explain your needs and allowable price range and she will work with you on a one-on-one, individual or group basis. Her contact info is... eileen@haineshotelservices.com Phone: 301 865 1631, Cell: 240 457 1217.

Mention the 'Chicago Police Retirees' when you contact her as she is familiar with our circumstances this year and offered to assist us. This is a free service and she appears sincere in her proposal and familiar with cost + location. There is also a second, newly offered option available through the National Memorial website. To access their site, first (Google) "Police Week 2012." Once there, click on, "Hotels 2012," and follow along their site for hotels and prices. Be aware that the price there should not necessarily be *the* deciding factor. The rule in and around Washington D.C. is location, location, location. For example, it is recommended that you **avoid** the NE quadrant of D.C. Please don't get discouraged by the topic of the various hotels costs, amenities and locations. They are indicated here to merely allow you to make an informed decision about D.C., especially if it's your first time. The closer to downtown and proximity to the Metro directly affects pricing. As stated earlier, a bad hotel encounter can make for an overall bad vacation experience, so, ask questions.

DOWNTOWN D.C

Comfort Inn Downtown D.C./Convention Center

1201 13th Street NW, Washington D.C.

Phone: ******(202) 682-5300

Parking: \$30.00 daily

Amenities/Info: \$169.00 a night appears to be the least expensive downtown D.C. Hotel rate for the single traveler. Walking distance to many downtown sights and app. 3.5 blocks to the closest Metro (McPhearson Sq) line. Four miles from the Reagan National Airport, and while inexpensive for a downtown hotel, IF you are driving, please note the daily parking rate when considering this hotel in your budget. Free hot breakfast/newspaper.

****NOTE:** If you go on line or call the hotel directly, the daily rate is \$259.00 a night. This rate, as provisions last, is only available by using the 2nd option stated above (Google Police Week 2012) clicking on 'hotels' and entering the required info then choosing the 'Comfort Inn Downtown DC' hotel to get the National Memorial discounted rate, \$169.00 a night + tax. Check details before you book.

ARLINGTON VA

Marriott Residence Inn (Suites)

1401 N. Adams Street, Arlington VA

Phone: (703) 312 2103

Parking \$14.00 daily

Amenities: *Free* breakfast daily & complimentary light dinner Mon, Tue, Wed. Fitness center and pool, non-smoking rooms, 1/2 block from Metro Courthouse station (6 stops or 4.8 miles) from Reagan National Airport. Full kitchen with separate sleeping, working, eating and relaxing areas. Newer construction, app. 2 years old, walking distance of 50 + shopping, dining + entertainment venues. In addition to below room + bed options a sleeper sofa is included for extra occupants. 1 bedroom 1-2 bed, 1 bath studio suite \$279.00, 2 Bedroom 2 Bath studio suite \$369.00 + tax
Contact: Victoria West or call Hotel and indicate "Chicago Police Dept. Retirees" to qualify for the cited discounted rates. Visit their website for a visual tour of the hotel, amenities + more.

Arlington Court (Suites)

1200 N. Courthouse Road, Arlington VA

Phone: (703) 524 4000

Parking \$15.00 daily

Amenities: *Free* breakfast daily & complimentary light dinner Mon, Tue, Wed. Fitness facility, 2 blocks from Metro Courthouse station (6 stops or 4.8 miles) from Reagan National Airport.

This Clarion hotel offers many of the same features as that of the above Marriott, (i.e. kitchen, refrigerator microwave etc.) but it appears to be an older hotel that was renovated which accounts for the lower price although located in approximately the same area.

Again, a sleeper sofa is included in the living area for additional person(s) to help share cost. 1 bedroom, 1-2 beds, 1 bath studio suite \$209.00 + tax. Limited additional dates 11-12 and 16-17 May are available for people who may want to extend their stay on either end of Police Week activities 13-16 May.

Contact: Susan Tanada (direct line 703 247 1005) or call the hotel and indicate "Chicago Police Dept. Retirees" to qualify for the cited discounted rates. Visit their website for a pictorial look at the hotel and a complete list of their amenities + more.

NO FURTHER LISTINGS AVAILABLE (See Below)

NOTE: It was decided not to wait for further offers and replies from the many agencies we contacted requesting discounted, group rates. In an effort to get this entire 2012 DC CPD Guide out in a timely manner and afford our members an opportunity to make the necessary arrangements, decisions etc., for their trip to D.C., no further hotels will be listed here for reference. While it was intended to list a larger variety of reasonable hotel rates with locations downtown, close to DCA Airport, and suburbs with close access to the Metro, our 'other' sources fell through and were not in the best interest of our members. While giving us a discounted price, their hotels, were in less desirable areas, had a poor cancellation or deposit policy(ies) or did not meet our minimum requirements for inclusion. In summary, please consider all the options stated previously, (i.e. individual Internet comparison of hotels, travel agents, friends, hotel location services and hotels listed above) to make the right choice for your personal needs and budget. Any members that find desirable hotels and amenities on their own, are encouraged to 'spread the word' by any means available to assist our fellow members in choosing hotel accommodations. We hope our information was helpful, and at this time due to the conditions in D.C. during our time of travel, this is the best that could be offered at this time. It must again be stressed to book your hotel reservations, ASAP! Good Luck.

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AIRPORTS

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) (Suggested/Closest Airport Location)

Distance from downtown: 4 miles
Drive Time: 20 minutes (Rental Car)
Taxi: Typical minimum charge is app. \$16.00
Private Sedan: \$55.00 one way (reservation required)
Subway/Rail: \$1.75 (Convenient, efficient, cheap / highly recommended)
Board Metro right outside airport. Take **Yellow** or **Blue** line to the closest Metro stop of your destination. See Metro Map for direction and assistance.

Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) (Extra Distance / Extra Cost, NOT recommended unless airfare is a factor)

Distance from downtown: 26 miles
Drive Time: 50 minutes (Rental Car)
Taxi: Typical minimum charge is app. \$55.00
Private Sedan: \$75.00 one way, (reservation required)
Presently, there is no direct Metro rail service to Dulles with a proposed line to downtown DC scheduled for completion in 2016-17. If you must use this airport, take the Express 5A Metro bus which makes 4-5 stops from the airport to downtown including the Rosslyn station in Arlington and the L'Enfant Plaza station. Both stations can access the **Orange** and **Blue** lines with L'Enfant also accessing **Yellow** and **Green** Lines. See Metro Map.

Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI) Unless you fly for FREE to here... 'fawgitaboutit !'

Distance from downtown: 40 miles
Drive Time: 1 hour (Rental Car)
Airport Shuttle Service, on request: \$35.00
Taxi: Typical minimum charge is app. \$60.00
Private Sedan: starting at \$ 90.00 one way, reservation required
Alternate Transportation: Take Amtrak to Union Station, board Metro to downtown. App. Cost: (combined) app. \$35.00

(All costs listed are latest approximations, listed for information and subject to change)



UNIFORM-ITY

Based upon the information that you've read to this point it has become apparent that we are asking our 'retirees' to *Do The Right Thing* and represent our active members in Washington D.C., May, 2012.

Among the concerns was the issue of the retirees representing our department and the wearing of a uniform. While it was established that our retirees should maintain a particular level of identity and uniformity, the wearing of our former CPD uniforms was obviously problematic. Since our representation in 2012 is not limited to the retirees alone, with their family and friends likewise encouraged to attend, it presented yet another issue of concern. Consideration had to be given to the distinction between our retired members and their family enthusiasts in attendance while still establishing Chicago police affiliation. Many alternatives were discussed with concerns about appearance, consistency, accessibility and cost. Due to the often balmy conditions in D.C. during May, concern was also discussed relative to the heat issues. Since the main Capitol Building ceremony historically has the various law enforcement agencies in attendance wearing their summer, class A (dress) uniforms, it was decided that our retirees should wear a casual, yet respectable attire. After much deliberation, an amicable solution was reached, due in part to the expertise and generosity of a long time friend of the police. Our friends at *Peerless Embroidery and Sport Novelty*, 4855 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609 (773) 247-5200, offered to work with us both as sponsor and a source to meet our needs. They offered to supply an exclusive, high-quality, snag resistant sport type shirt, with a breathable, super moisture wicking feature. The shirt will have the Chicago Police uniform patch on the left chest. Former members will have the designation, "RETIRED" and family and guests the designate (not shown above) "SUPPORTER." (No variations will be made relative to ranks above police officer, or addition of any (former) star numbers for proper affiliation display, and permissible use issues.) Not shown, but included as additional enhancement are the U.S. and Chicago flags with '*Washington D.C. 2012 - Doing the Right Thing*' also embroidered in 'full color' on the sleeve portion. A tribute to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation will also be incorporated with their full color logo included as well. Retail cost for this high quality shirt along with all the unique and distinctive embroidery features is over \$40.00. Again, our friends at *Peerless Embroidery* offered to contribute over half the cost and offer the shirts for only \$15.00!

Shirts should be ordered on-line by simply accessing the *Chicago Police Memorial Foundation (CPMF)* web site: www.cpdmemorial.org and go to "Shop" to visit their on-line store. To accommodate only those without computer access, shirts may also be ordered directly from *Peerless* at their contact information listed above.

Contact *Peerless* for (paid) pick-up locations and details for direct mail shipping and costs.

FREE \$10.00 OFFER!

As a special offer and a unique keepsake token of appreciation from a fellow retiree, '*Every retiree that attends the ceremony at the Capitol on 15 May (see Main Memorial Service for details) wearing the featured D.C. 2012 RETIRED Chicago Police shirt will be given a complimentary Retired Chicago Police O.W.L.S. Challenge Coin.*'

Additional coins are available on the Memorial Foundation (shop) website or the FOP gift shop and they make a great gift idea for fellow retirees. ALL proceeds from the sales at the CPMF website or FOP gift shop of the OWLS Challenge Coin go directly to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation to assist our members killed or catastrophically injured in the line of duty. See the following page for the history/significance and illustration of this unique, copyrighted Challenge Coin that salutes all retired Chicago Police Officers that so proudly, '*Served with Honor!*'

Chicago Police Retiree **OWLS** Challenge Coin

Although Challenge Coins in general have their own history and tradition, this particular coin contains its own exclusive design features and symbolism. The face or obverse side of this coin salutes the Chicago Police Department. While the term, "*Chicago's Finest*" applies to the department as a whole, the star of the "*Retired*" member is reproduced here, overlaid upon the American flag on behalf of these privileged members. Separated on each side by the distinctive Chicago Police checkerboard hatband pattern are the words, "*Served with Honor*"... an acknowledgement of their dedication. The outer ring has a circular chain link design, representing their continued link within the law enforcement community, without end. Once a cop, always a cop. Their only act of surrender is their *Legal Status*. The reverse side likewise portrays characteristics both in element and significance. History has long associated the owl with *wisdom*. Perhaps the earliest known link between owls and wisdom is their association with Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom who is often depicted holding an owl. Owls are known for their ability to hunt prey, a reference to an officer's daily quest to suppress the predators. Their proficiency is due in part to their superior powers of observation and perception. Featured over an abstract version of the Chicago flag, is an owl representing the many years of wisdom and experience obtained by our retired members. The owl is revealed in dark blue to represent bravery and the *Thin Blue Line* associated with law enforcement. The traditional CPD baton is a symbol of the many conflicts, battles and challenges they faced over the years. The words, "**WISE** of **OWLS**" are shown in red to honor the sacrifice of those that experienced bloodshed, disability or made the "Ultimate Sacrifice" in the line of duty.

Their **W**isdom, **I**ntegrity, **S**acrifice and **E**xperience will forever remain a legacy in this arena.

These **O**fficers **W**ithout **L**egal **S**tatus are hereby recognized with this coin. Presentation or possession of this coin is an honor in itself, serving as a tribute to the memory of those that have *Served With Honor*.



(Shown smaller. Actual size 1 3/4" diameter)

Challenge Coin History

One of the first recorded histories dates back to World War I. At that time many individuals left their profession or education to join the war effort. Wealthy college students from distinguished schools such as Harvard and Yale quit mid-term to volunteer. One such wealthy lieutenant, a pilot assigned to the newly formed flying squadrons, had medallions struck in solid bronze bearing their squadrons insignia and supplied one to every member in his squadron, carrying his own in a leather pouch he wore around his neck. Shortly thereafter, the lieutenant's aircraft was forced down behind enemy lines by ground fire and he was captured by a German patrol. To establish identity and discourage escape, the captors stripped him of all his clothing and identification, overlooking the leather pouch that contained his squadron's medallion. Later, during the confusion of the continual bombardment, he made good his escape. While successfully avoiding recapture by German patrols, he managed to locate a French camp. There, he initially was believed to be a saboteur and subject to execution. Unable to verify his affiliation, his death appeared inevitable. Remembering his medallion, he retrieved it from his leather pouch, producing it to his French captors. Recognizing the insignia, the French spared his life. Upon returning back to his squadron, it then became a tradition to carry their medallions at all times. The 'challenge' portion followed as members of the squadron would initiate a coin check of their colleagues by requesting viewing of their particular coin. If the challenged party could not produce their coin, they were required to buy a drink of choice. If they were successful in producing their coin, the challenging member was required to pay for the drink. In the 1960's, Army Special Forces Groups again picked up on the tradition. The coins were given out by Commanders and Sergeants Major to award specific exceptional accomplishments or performance and likewise served to establish unity and morale. The 'challenge' was given added emphasis during the Viet Nam era. Today, thousands of military, government paramilitary, law enforcement groups, along with local police and fire departments, have joined in the tradition. They are treasured by those within the unit and while upholding the tradition, additionally now they are traded and given out as a token of appreciation or special recognition from that particular unit or department. Receiving a challenge coin as a keepsake from a member of a unit or department is considered a trophy. A coin may be presented to an individual as a sign of recognition for assistance in a task or detail, a promotion, or acceptance within a particular unit or department. Also, the challenge coin could be presented commemorating a retirement or transfer, or to a family member upon a member leaving due to injury or death, as an expression of honor. It could be used to initiate a new tradition or merely to uphold an existing tradition. Service within specialized units or teams is also recognized by collecting or receiving individual coins to document or distinguish service within that unit during one's career. Congratulations on being recognized to receive this token of honor. Honor the tradition, treasure it accordingly.

13 May 2012 Candlelight Vigil Ceremony (Sunday) 8 p.m.

The 24th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on Sunday, 13 May 2012 in Judiciary Square*, between 4th and 5th Sts., NW



Limited overhead view of Memorial during Candle Light Vigil with app. 20,000 attendees

Everyone is invited. No tickets are required. A reading of the newly engraved names immediately follows the ceremony. This event usually is an extensive program that includes speeches and musical tributes so if you require seating, arrive extra early.

The immediate area within the circular memorial is reserved for family members and participants in the candlelight vigil ceremony. There is standing room all the way around the Memorial and across the street with limited seating on the steps and along the walls. The best viewing is stage center or within line of sight of the large screens set up to serve those in attendance. Because of the massive crowds in attendance around the Memorial that spills out into closed off street and surrounding area, this is not a good time to plan on viewing the Memorial wall. The best time would be during daylight hours to spend time reading and observing all the mementos left at the wall. The area is open 24 hrs. for late night viewing, with daytime the suggested time to take in all the activities. This is a solemn, must see, moving ceremony and a tribute to "[*America's Thin Blue Line*](#)" during which a blue laser pierces the night sky above an impressive sea of 20,000 flickering candles held by partners, family, friends and those in attendance.

DIRECT STOP: Take the **Red Line Metro Rail** which stops directly at the Memorial. Use any connecting colored Metro line to the **Red** line and transfer for the easiest access. Once on the **Red Line**, get off at **Judiciary Square* Station** and take the escalator up to street level and you'll be right in the center of the memorial location.

*Note: This station closes around 10 or 11 p.m., so be prepared to taxi back to the hotel, especially if you are anticipating stopping at "Tent City" for a few beers.

(See Tent City for Details)

14 May 2012

Honor Guard & Pipe Band Competition

Monday

This is the 10th Annual Steve Young Law Enforcement Honor Guard Competition and the 2nd Annual National Law Enforcement Pipe Band Competition. The competition starts at 8:30 a.m. to mid-afternoon at John Marshall Park between the Federal Court House and the Canadian Embassy. (4th and Pennsylvania) The area where the competition is held is next to the "Newseum," a journalism museum. Admission is normally free during "Police Week" upon display of a police I.D. There is no charge at the Honor Guard or Pipe Band competitions. The dress is casual, according to the weather. The Honor Guard competition includes a rigid individual uniform inspection, posting of the Colors along with team exhibitions, all judged by members of the elite United States Military Honor Guard Team. Add this competition to your must see events while visiting DC during Police Week.



Photos of CPD in Honor Guard Competition and rigid inspection by U.S. Army Honor Guard (2010)

Although the Chicago Police Honor Guard and Pipe Band have won many of the top honors over the past years, the G8 & NATO Summits will likely preclude their 2012 attendance and competition. For a unique pictorial review of over 600 copyrighted photos of the 2011 competition of Chicago along with all the other law enforcement agencies in action, check out the below website ...

http://www.maletphoto.com/Events/Police/Police-Wk-Honor-Guard-2011/17054578_CDbhhF#1291362098_QJC6B4v

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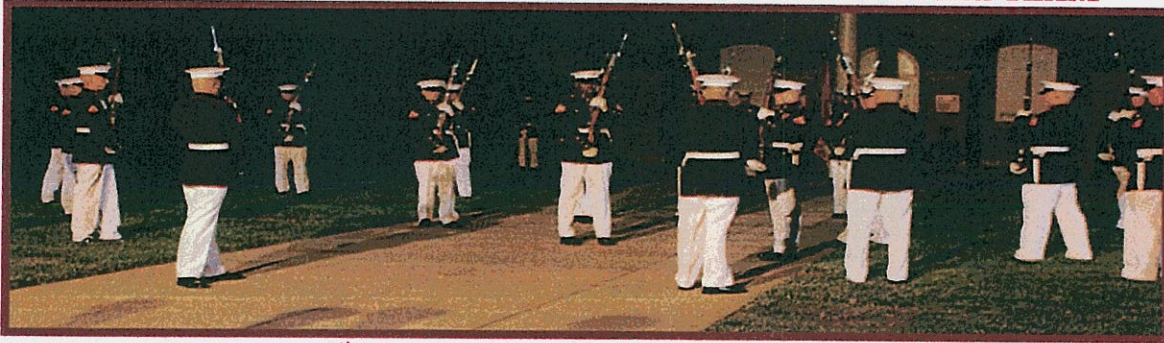
FREE EVENTS

Friday, 11 May 2012 (Evening)

United States Marine Corp Silent Drill Team Performance

For those members that are extending their stay in DC to have extra vacation time to leisurely take in the many sights in and around our nation's capitol, a suggestion is that extra days be added on the front end (i.e. Fri., 11 May, Sat., 12 May) to include this spectacular presentation. Friday evenings May-Aug., the United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Team performs along with the President's Own Marching Band at the Marine Barracks, 8th and I, in Washington DC. Free tickets for the Evening Parade (8:45-10:00 pm) are available on line* by 1 March 2012, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Seating for the evening parade generally requires a reservation and can be requested online by accessing the * below website once the dates are made available. They also have a general admissions line at each Friday evening parade that they use to fill any unclaimed seats. Seats are released at 8:00 pm each Friday evening and are filled on a first come first served basis. Normally all are admitted however reservations are recommended. To learn more about this free spectacular one hour and 15 minute performance of music, precision marching and drill exhibition, Google: 'USMC Barracks Evening Parade' or check their on-line reservation site: *<http://www.mbw.usmc.mil/RequestReservation.aspx>

MARINE BARRACKS EVENING PARADE & SILENT DRILL TEAM



11 May 2012, 8th and "I" Sts., SW Arrive between 7: 15 - 7:45 p.m.

Metro directions: Take the Orange or Blue line to the "Eastern Market" station.

Walk four blocks south from Pennsylvania & 8th St. to the Marine Barracks at 8th & "I" to check-in area.

Monday, 14 May 2012 (Evening)

Pipe Band March and Service

This May 14th is the 18th Annual Emerald Society and Pipe Band March and Service. It is sponsored by the National Conference of Law Enforcement Societies, Inc. The actual ceremony takes place at the National Law Enforcement Memorial. Various pipe bands from throughout the nation assemble around 4:30 p.m. at New Jersey and F Street NW. They step off promptly at 6:00 p.m. and parade to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, 400 block of E Street, NW for their presentation. Take the Metro Red Line to Judiciary Square station and you'll be right within the memorial. Check out the direction of the parades approach, find a curb along the parade route, grab a curb, sit down and enjoy. A ceremony will follow the arrival of the 2012 host bands at the memorial. Included in the parade are numerous law enforcement pipe bands, restored, antique and new police vehicles with the latest equipment, graphics and much more. Normally, this event takes place rain or shine. The event is free and no reservations are needed.

Tuesday 15 May, 2012

**12 Noon

Main Memorial Service

This is the 31st Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Day Services and the main event of the entire trip. This program takes place on the west end (Mall side) of the United States Capitol Building. The assembly location is on the grassy area in front of the Capitol. If using the Metro rail, take either the **BLUE** or **ORANGE** line and get off at the "Capitol South" station. Once you exit the Metro rail at the Capitol South stop, there will be many other law enforcement agencies in uniform exiting as well. Follow them for the 4-5 block walk to the Capitol Building special entrance area. **Note:** If you are carrying your weapon, you normally have to go through a Secret Service checkpoint. You will need your (retired) police I.D., and possibly your concealed carry I.D. if not in uniform, in addition to your badge to be allowed access into the Capitol area. This is an annual 'required' stipulation by the U.S. Secret Service. Go along with the program, please. All the surviving Gold Star family members are transported to the Capitol on buses, lead by an impressive escort of police motorcycles from all over the country. Upon arrival, they then are escorted down the pathway by their police agency representatives to the steps of the Capitol for the memorial ceremony. Police officers in dress uniforms from throughout the U.S. and as far away as Mexico, Puerto Rico and England line that entry path to the Capitol steps as a sign of honor and respect. All the police agencies normally group together by state in a designated area. Ordinarily, it would be easy to locate our group due to the impressively large amount of CPD members normally in uniform. Due to our situation in 2012, in order to locate our retirees, proceed all the way 'up front and the farthest to the left' as you face the Capitol Building. At this particular location, Chicago traditionally is the 1st police agency the families see on their way in and we are joined by the LAPD as the last out at the conclusion of the program. All particulars relative to our role here will be explained to you when you arrive at the appropriate time. Just look for our fellow officers and join in. You can bring your camera and take pictures throughout the day. You will be able to meet police officers from all over the nation here as once the families are seated and the program begins, there will be time to casually mingle and converse with the many law enforcement members in attendance. However, later when the names from our state are being read, we will fall in as a group and then hold a salute while all the names from Illinois are read as a final farewell and sign of respect. Since this is the main event and the culmination of Police Week, we ask for your compassion, especially at this ceremony. While Chicago always has an impressive turnout at this ceremony, the 'true test' of our dedication and commitment is how many of us, remain to the end. The member's names are read alphabetically in order by State. It's important that the member's family from Wyoming that lost their loved one witness the same amount of police officers in attendance, as does the family from Alabama when their loved one's names are initially read. When the ceremony has concluded, the family members are again escorted out down the same pathway that we lined upon their arrival. Over the years, Chicago has teamed up with the LAPD who line up across from us as the last law enforcement agencies the families see as they retreat from the Capitol ceremony. We hold true to this recently honored tradition as a group effort annually. This last act of sacrifice and brotherhood shows that we are all part of that, 'Thin Blue Line' and hold true to our commitment to those that lost their loved ones that "*We Will Never Let Them Walk Alone!*" Depending on the weather, you will possibly be out in the open with little or no shade so prepare yourself for your own personal needs as required, such as water, sun block, rain gear, etc. Many officers extend their stay and leave the following day to give themselves time for a final dinner or sightseeing that afternoon or perhaps the following morning if they book a late flight out. It is suggested that if you drive to D.C. that you seriously consider leaving on the following day (16th) especially if you are the lone driver as the ceremony on the 15th is physically and emotionally trying. It is in your best interest to hit the road for the drive back... fully rested. At app. 3:30 the flowered wreath completed at the Capitol with individual flowers placed by each of the family members that lost loved ones that year is then transported and deposited at the main memorial wall in a short ceremony sponsored by the FOP.

** Please arrive "a minimum of ½ hour" earlier to assure CPD our annual prime location up front.

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Getting Acclimated

Directions: Downtown Washington DC is divided into 4 quadrants. You'll need to know what quadrant an address is in before you attempt to locate that address. All quadrant locations follow the address, i.e. NW, NE, SW and SE. To get your bearings while downtown, simply locate and face the Capitol Building from the "mall" side. The mall is the grassy area with the Capitol Building on one end and the Lincoln Memorial on the other, and the Washington Monument (the tallest structure in DC) in the middle. As you face the Capitol you will now be facing EAST. Therefore, SOUTH is to your right and NORTH to your left, with WEST directly behind you. Now, imagine the Capitol Building itself as the midpoint, or axis. The center of the building would be like our State and Madison. All addresses go out from this central location in their respective directions.

Streets are identified by *alpha-letters* as they go out NORTH and SOUTH (left or right) as you face the Capitol from the mall as A,B,C,D, Streets etc. in that particular quadrant.

Streets are identified *numerically* as they go out EAST and WEST (front or rear) from the same Capitol center point as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc. all the way to the other end of the mall with the Lincoln, Viet Nam and Korean War Memorials at app. 23rd Street.

It sounds more confusing than it is but once you locate the Capitol Building for reference and remember which 'quadrant' you need to locate an address in, just count out in appropriate letter and number directions to find that address. Maps are available for printing on line for reference. Any street that runs *diagonal* in the quadrants are named after states for distinction. Once you look at a map it should make sense. (A picture is worth a 1000 words) If in doubt, follow two simple rules....."Real" men don't ask for directions and "most" cab drivers will get you there!

Transportation: 1) **WALK!** Most points of interest in downtown are within reasonable walking distance, depending on condition, age and sobriety.

2) **Metrorail (Metro)** Their subway system is remarkably safe, efficient and exceptionally clean and close to most points of interest. **NOTE:** During "Police Week" all Law Enforcement Officers ride for free, after showing some id's. At times, there were some varying interpretations by 'a few' of the Metro employees who would only let those in uniform ride for free. Again, this appeared to be an isolated incident and since then it appears that they have reinstated or clarified this perk and since then there has been minimal reported misunderstandings of this 'privilege' during "Police Week." Again, as a 'privilege' this may also be subject to change. If necessary, you can buy and carry a Transit Pass with you to play it safe. The procedure is simple. Every Metro, or subway station as we know it, has a fare transit card dispensing machine. All one needs to do is insert cash (they may also accept credit cards) into the machine in the desired amount of credit. You will receive a Metro Transit Card for use on their system. (The subway stations are identified at street level by a sign containing the letter 'M' in boldface.)

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All one needs to do is insert the transit card into the turn style where it will be returned to you after electronically recording starting point and providing you access through. When you arrive at your final destination (you may have to switch lines at a transfer point on occasion) you simply insert your card into the exit turn style and the amount will automatically be deducted from your card, according to distance traveled. Your card will print out a running total of deductions indicating the amount you have left on your card for future use. Twenty bucks should get you through the three days based upon past experience. We were told that they have a liberal expiration time limit on them and we can attest to using left-over credit on Transit Cards from the previous year as an example. IF an agent recognizes you or your group as the police and waves you through, after showing I.D., consider it a bonus and always say, "Thanks!"

3) **Tourmobile or Trolley.** Tourmobiles and trolley tours are available to almost all of the points of interest for a fee that covers the whole day and allows one to get on/off and spend as much time at a particular site, as necessary, before reboarding to continue the tour or return to the point of origin. The service makes continual loops to most of the important attractions in the D.C. area. This appears to be the "typical tourist" mode of transportation.

4) **Taxicab** Within the 'downtown' DC area, all cabs work on zone rates. Predetermined rates apply from one zone to another as opposed to a meter that registers the distance. Additional charges may also apply. (i.e. additional passenger fees, am/pm rush hour rates 0700-0930 & 1600-1830 and radio dispatch extra fee) 'Outside' of the DC downtown area, all the cabs are metered. It works out about the same with a zone cab ride to Georgetown for example, within a buck or two of a metered ride back. TIP: When about to board a zone fare taxi in downtown DC, ask the driver (if he understands English) how much to get to (state) a particular address/destination. This has a tendency to alert the cabbies that you appear knowledgeable of fare prices and are checking his honesty. Most of the downtown taxis are independently owned and on slow days a driver might shoot you (relax, it's just an expression, read on) a low ball fare when asked, just to get your business. For the most part, taxis in DC based upon our experience are pretty reliable. Unless you're taking the Metro to a specific location for cost/convenience, taxi fares are not all that expensive with the average fare around \$20.00. If you split the fare or take turns paying the cabbies you'll find it's not all that expensive. During late night excursions, especially after drinking, taxi transportation is highly advised.

13-16 May 2012

TENT CITY

Daily until 0200 hrs.

Where: The exact location for 2012 is the large parking lot, somewhat elevated from street level, located at 2nd and H Street, NW. The events start at 11:00 a.m. for three days and goes till 2 a.m. The location is within reasonable walking distance from the National Memorial in Judiciary Square. The (Red Line) Metro stops directly in Judiciary Square. The FOP sponsors the 'beer tent' within tent city and their hall is two blocks from Judiciary Square and on the walking route to tent city. In 2006-11, FOP had a few small tents set up in front of their hall where they sold FOP related items, however this is not to be confused with the exceptionally larger Tent City itself. Stop by the FOP hall to view their wares and ask for the 'Tent City' directions to this year's location, if necessary.

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Tent City, continued

What: A 2-3 square block area, within a contained parking lot, set up with tents in which various vendors sell unique police related items and other souvenirs. Also contained within is a large free-standing beer tent sponsored by FOP. There are also food vendors, music and spontaneous visits by various pipe bands. The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation and CPD Honor Guard have shared a booth there in the past. Kindly stop by and patronize 'our' Finest. The city makes sure that the alcohol portion is in a controlled environment and off-duty DC coppers make sure no one enters or leaves the fenced in area of Tent City carrying any liquid for liability and permit compliance. This is an outdoor event and dress is casual. It has a tendency to be the most crowded after the Candlelight Vigil on the 13th. NOTE: Again, the Metro station closes around 10 or 11pm, so consider taking a taxi back to the hotel, especially if you've been drinking. There are many unique items for sale there. Often times near the end of Police Week, vendors put some of the items on sale so they don't have to pack and carry the items back, especially those that are representative of Washington DC or dated "Police Week 2012" that would be hard to sell away from DC. You should visit tent city to check out the wares if you want a police souvenir. You should also visit tent city before you visit the (Official) Memorial Visitors Center and Gift Shop within a few blocks of the Memorial at 400 7th Street NW if you are looking for t-shirts, sweats etc as tent city prices are sometimes near 50% less than the National Store. Visiting tent city first will allow you to make an educated purchase of souvenir items and save some money. While the hours of tent city vendors are usually until closing, 0200 hours, the Memorial Visitors Center and Gift Shop hours for 2011 were: *tentatively, 12th, 9am-9pm, 13th, 9am-4pm then 9pm-12 mid., 14th, 9am-9pm, 15th, 9am-9pm, 16th, 9am-9pm. (*Call to verify hrs. 866 569 4928) While the Gift Shop could be rather pricey, they have the 'National Memorial' logo items and the profits go to support the Memorial. The National Memorial also discounts various items so shop around at both locations. In 2010, for the first time, the National Memorial gift shop moved to within a ½ block of the National Memorial, renting space in the nearby church basement for convenience.

Who: This area is intended for Peace Officers and guests. This is not the place for young children at night, especially on the 13th after the Candle light vigil when it's the most crowded. It is suggested that if you want to bring your younger children into tent city to view the many hats, t-shirts, souvenirs, pins and thousands of some very unique items for sale, you should do so during the daytime hours, preferably before noon when alcohol is served.

When: Open daily around 11 a.m. during our entire visit.
Beer sales do not start until 12 noon. The area closes at 2 a.m.

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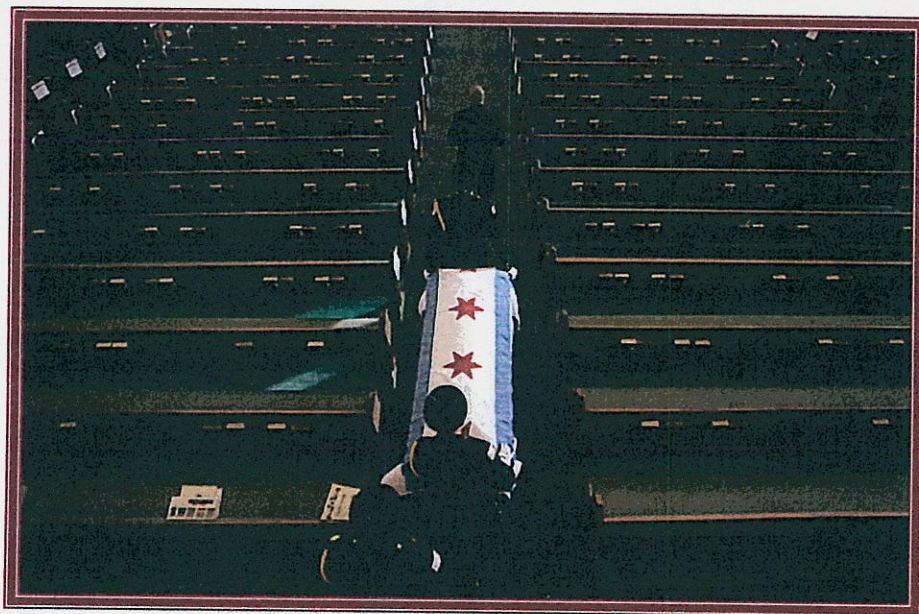
”Doing The Right Thing.”

As stated throughout this guide, the above theme will be our guiding light this year at the 2012 Washington D.C. National Memorial.

A feeling of pride will again shine upon you as you experience the outpouring of emotion in this truly humbling experience.

To this end, your time and sacrifice will be rewarded, not by wealth moreover by the fulfillment of ‘Doing the Right Thing.’

We will always hold true to our commitment to our Gold Star Families



“We Will Never Let Them Walk Alone”

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