



*“The Ultimate Sacrifice”*

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National EMS Memorial Service Releases Names of 2008 Honorees

Oilville, Virginia - The National EMS Memorial Service today released the names of the 73 individuals to be honored at the 2008 National EMS Memorial Service to be held Saturday, May 24 in Roanoke Virginia.

The National EMS Memorial Service has, since 1992, been honoring America's EMS providers who have given their lives in the line of duty. The 73 individuals being honored this year join 350 others previously honored by the National EMS Memorial Service.

Each year, at a service held in Roanoke, members of the honoree's families are presented with a medallion, symbolizing eternal memory; a U.S. Flag which has flown over the Nation's Capital, symbolizing service to the country; and a White Rose, symbolizing their undying love.

The 2008 National EMS Memorial Service will be conducted at the First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia.

In addition to the presentations made during the Service, each honoree's name is engraved on a bronze oak leaf which is added to the "Tree of Life," the National EMS Memorial.

Additional information on the National EMS Memorial Service is available from its web site at <http://nemsms.org>

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## National EMS Memorial Service 2008 Honorees

**Joe Alvarez, Jr** of East Texas Medical Center EMS, Waco, TX, who died in the line of duty in an on duty motor vehicle collision on September 13, 2006.

**James C Archer** of North Mississippi Medical Center, Tupelo, MS, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on January 5, 2005.

**Michael Baker** of Air Evac Lifeteam, West Plains, MI, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on December 30, 2007.

**George Beeler** of Slater Ambulance District, Slater, MO, who died in the line of duty of an on duty cardiac arrest on August 17, 2007.

**Louis Berra** of West County EMS & Fire Protection District, Ballwin, MO, who died in the line of duty of an on duty cardiac arrest on January 18, 2008.

**Lee W Bothwell** of Airlift Northwest, Seattle, WA, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on September 11, 1995.

**Lance Brabham** of Lifeguard Alaska, Anchorage, AK, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on December 3, 2007.

**Allan W Bragwell** of Air Evac Lifeteam, West Plains, MI, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on December 30, 2007.

**David Eric Spencer Brooks** of Aeromed, Kennewick, WA, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on January 8, 1996.

**Michael Timothy Browne** of Acme Delco Riegelwood Fire-Rescue, Riegelwood, NC, who died in the line of duty of injuries received in a tornado while responding to a call on November 16, 2006.

**Christa Dawn Burchett** of City of Paintsville Fire-Rescue-EMS, Paintsville, KY, who died in the line of duty when struck while operating on scene of a call on January 22, 2008.

**Ricky Byers** of Air Evac Med Services, Sierra Vista, AZ, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on August 5, 2007.

**Cameron Casey Carter** of Lifeguard Alaska, Anchorage, AK, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on December 3, 2007.

**Janez Case** of Clayton OK EMS, Oklahoma City, OK, who died in the line of duty of injuries sustained in an ambulance involved motor vehicle collision on January 22, 2007.

**Jack Chase** of AIRHeart - Sacred Heart Health System, Pensacola, FL, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on October 20, 2004.

**Timothy H Clowers** of Emergency Ambulance Service, White Hall, AR, who died in the line of duty in an ambulance involved motor vehicle collision on February 15, 2006.

**Vicki Collman** of Aeromed, Kennewick, WA, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on January 8, 1996.

**Tennille Annette Davis** of Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority, Charleston, WV, who died in the line of duty in an on duty motor vehicle collision on January 14, 2007.

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**Dana Dedman** of **Eagle Air Med, Blanding, UT**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on October 4, 2007.

**Darcy Lynn Dengel** of **Benefis Healthcare Mercy Flight, Great Falls, MT**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on February 6, 2007.

**Craig Dorsey, II** of **Ghent Fire Department, Ghent, WV**, who died in the line of duty when caught in a propane explosion while operating at the scene of a call on January 30, 2007.

**Diane Elaine Efaw** of **FlightSource, Morgantown, WV**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on December 26, 2006.

**Brien Patrick Eisaman** of **Hawaii Air Ambulance, Honolulu, HI**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on March 8, 2006.

**Brian Ellicott** of **New York City Fire Department EMS, New York, NY**, who died in the line of duty of complications of toxic exposure while operating at the WTC site on November 26, 2007.

**Paul J Erickson** of **Benefis Healthcare Mercy Flight, Great Falls, MT**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on February 6, 2007.

**Marna Bloom Fleetwood** of **Airlift Northwest, Seattle, WA**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on September 11, 1995.

**James Earl Travis Fryman** of **Nicholas Co. EMS, Carlisle, KY**, who died in the line of duty in an on duty motor vehicle collision on January 26, 2008.

**Billy A Gafford, Jr** of **Birmingham Fire-Rescue, Birmingham, AL**, who died in the line of duty of an on duty cardiac arrest on April 25, 2007.

**James Kent Goodman** of **Emergency Ambulance Service, White Hall, AR**, who died in the line of duty in an ambulance involved motor vehicle collision on February 15, 2006.

**Albert Tracy Gunter, Sr** of **Williston Rescue Squad, Williston, SC**, who died in the line of duty in an on duty motor vehicle collision on February 7, 2007.

**Lisa Hansen** of **OSF St Francis Hospital, Escanaba, MI**, who died in the line of duty in an ambulance involved motor vehicle collision on March 6, 2007.

**Robert D Heighton** of **South Walton Fire Department, Santa Rosa Beach, FL**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on October 20, 2004.

**Ronnie Helton, Jr** of **Eagle Air Med, Blanding, UT**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on October 4, 2007.

**Michael Hendricks** of **Southwest Ambulance, Mesa, AZ**, who died in the line of duty in an ambulance involved motor vehicle collision on June 24, 1992.

**Joe A Jones** of **Pilot Mountain Rescue, Pilot Mountain, NC**, who died in the line of duty of an on duty cardiac arrest on February 12, 2007.

**Cheryl Lynn Kiefer** of **Jackson Community Ambulance, Ann Arbor, MI**, who died in the line of duty after being struck and pinned while operating at the scene of an MVC on January 26, 2008.

**Woodford Woody King** of **Richland County EMS, Lexington, SC**, who died in the line of duty of a cardiac arrest while responding to a call on August 5, 2006.

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**Vince Leo Kirof** of **Benefis Healthcare Mercy Flight, Great Falls, MT**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on February 6, 2007.

**Katrina J Kish** of **Mercy Air Ambulance, Englewood, CO**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on December 10, 2006.

**Matthew Lamb** of **Empire State Ambulance, Fishkill, NY**, who died in the line of duty in an ambulance involved motor vehicle collision on November 8, 2007.

**Paul G Latour** of **Mercy Air Ambulance, Englewood, CO**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on December 10, 2006.

**Michael James Latta** of **Patriot Ambulance, Chelmsford, MA**, who died in the line of duty of an on duty cardiac arrest on April 26, 2007.

**Ron Laubacher** of **Hawaii Air Ambulance, Honolulu, HI**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on January 31, 2004.

**Wilford Livingston** of **Cole County Sheriff First Responders, Jefferson City, MO**, who died in the line of duty of a cardiac arrest while treating a patient on November 28, 2007.

**Scott Lofgren** of **Mutual Aid Response Service, San Francisco, CA**, who died in the line of duty when stuck while laying flares on the scene of a call on December 18, 2005.

**Natala Rose Lowery** of **AAA Medical Transport, Crofton, MD**, who died in the line of duty at the scene of an ambulance involved motor vehicle collision on April 17, 2006.

**Heidi L McDougall** of **Antwerp EMS, Antwerp, OH**, who died in the line of duty in an ambulance involved motor vehicle collision on July 20, 2007.

**Maureen Mary McGee** of **FlightSource, Morgantown, WV**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on December 26, 2006.

**Tim McKeown** of **Mat Su Medical Transport, Wasilla, AK**, who died in the line of duty of a cardiac arrest while responding to a call on September 1, 2006.

**Tiffany Crowson Miles** of **Air Evac Lifeteam, West Plains, MI**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on December 30, 2007.

**Brian Miller** of **Air Evac Med Services, Sierra Vista, AZ**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on August 5, 2007.

**Jerald W Miller** of **Mercy Air Ambulance, Englewood, CO**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on December 10, 2006.

**Peter A Miller** of **Hawaii Air Ambulance, Honolulu, HI**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on March 8, 2006.

**Richard Albert Miller** of **Eagle Air Med, Blanding, UT**, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on October 4, 2007.

**Tammy Renae Mundell** of **Southwest Ambulance, Chandler, AZ**, who died in the line of duty in an ambulance involved motor vehicle collision on April 28, 2004.

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**Joseph E Murawski** of Raritan Bay Medical Center MICU, Perth Amboy, NJ, who died in the line of duty of a cardiac arrest while treating a patient on June 17, 2007.

**Joseph Newsome** of Chesterfield Fire-EMS, Chesterfield, VA, who died in the line of duty of an on duty cardiac arrest on April 23, 2007.

**Tom Palcic** of AIRHeart - Sacred Heart Health System, Pensacola, FL, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on October 20, 2004.

**Deanna Palmer** of Air Evac Med Services, Sierra Vista, AZ, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on August 5, 2007.

**Robert Antonio Paoli** of American Medical Response, Santa Rosa, CA, who died in the line of duty of a cardiac arrest while treating a patient on November 7, 2006.

**Allan D Parsons** of Northern Oxford Regional Ambulance Service (Med-Care), Mexico, ME, who died in the line of duty in an ambulance involved motor vehicle collision on July 5, 2007.

**Richard H Powers** of Beauport Ambulance Service, Gloucester, MA, who died in the line of duty of an on duty cardiac arrest on July 30, 2007.

**Kelly J Rager** of Antwerp EMS, Antwerp, OH, who died in the line of duty in an ambulance involved motor vehicle collision on July 20, 2007.

**Amelia Daws Tomecko Riebe** of Airlift Northwest, Seattle, WA, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on September 11, 1995.

**David Aaron Sauder** of Leola Ambulance Association, Leola, PA, who died in the line of duty in an motor vehicle collision while responding to a call on February 16, 2007.

**Mandy Takeshi Shiraki** of Hawaii Air Ambulance, Honolulu, HI, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on January 31, 2004.

**Sammy Ray Smith** of Antwerp EMS, Antwerp, OH, who died in the line of duty in an ambulance involved motor vehicle collision on July 20, 2007.

**John Edward Stumpff** of Lifeguard Alaska, Anchorage, AK, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on December 3, 2007.

**James W Sutherland** of Highlands Ambulance Service, Lebanon, VA, who died in the line of duty of a cardiac arrest while on duty on October 14, 2006.

**Joseph Daniel Villiaros** of Hawaii Air Ambulance, Honolulu, HI, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on January 31, 2004.

**James J Vincent, Jr** of County Rescue EAGLE III, Green Bay, WI, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on April 13, 2006.

**Rose Ann Woodbridge** of Hanover Fire Department, Hamilton, OH, who died in the line of duty in a motor vehicle collision while responding to a call on July 28, 2006.

**Marlena Lee Yomes** of Hawaii Air Ambulance, Honolulu, HI, who died in the line of duty in a medical aviation accident on March 8, 2006.