



May 2026 Newsletter



In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we share the loss of **Detective Randy Hoppert**, a six-year veteran of the Tulare County Sheriff's Office and former Navy corpsman who served from 2010 to 2015.

Detective Hoppert was recently honored with a Letter of Commendation by the Tulare County Sheriff's Office for using the training he received during his Navy service to help save the life of a two-year-old girl. He was a proud husband and devoted father.

Please keep the Hoppert family, his colleagues, and all who knew him in your thoughts during this difficult time. ❤️

End of Watch: April 9, 2026

There's Still Time to Apply for a Scholarship

Scholarship applications are being accepted through June 1. Visit thefallenheroes.org/scholarships to review eligibility requirements and access our scholarship applications.

Visit us at the Walnut Creek Art and Wine Festival

We're excited to share that Police and Fire: The Fallen Heroes will be part of the Walnut Creek Art and Wine Festival on Saturday, June 6!

Stop by and visit us at our ticket booth located at the entrance to Civic Park. We'll be selling tickets throughout the day, and our board members and ambassadors will be there to greet you, answer questions, and share more about our mission and the work we do to honor and support our fallen heroes and their families.

Whether you're attending the festival for the art, wine, or community spirit, we'd love for you to take a moment to say hello and learn more about how you can get involved.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Introducing Our Board of Directors

Our mission is guided by seven dedicated board members who are deeply committed to supporting the families of fallen peace officers and firefighters. Each month, we'll introduce you to one of the leaders making this work possible.

Patty Harris Treasurer



Patty has spent more than 30 years serving nonprofits through volunteer work and leadership roles. She currently serves as Treasurer for three nonprofit boards, including Police and Fire: The Fallen Heroes, and also advises a fourth board. Her work reflects a long-standing commitment to supporting her community.

Her involvement with Police and Fire: The Fallen Heroes comes from a deep respect for first responders who have lost their lives in the line of duty. She is dedicated to helping surviving families and supporting agencies affected by tragedy through both financial and emotional assistance.

Patty also volunteers with the California Highway Patrol, where she serves in a variety of community support roles. Her connection to first responders is personal as well - she is the mother of two firefighter medics, which further strengthens her commitment to the cause.

Through her leadership and volunteer service, Patty continues to make a meaningful impact in her community.

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