



June 2026 Newsletter

♥ TogetherTuesday is June 23 ♥

TogetherTuesday is a celebration of generosity, service, and kindness, and on June 23, we're asking you to make your kindness go even further with a donation.

Every gift, no matter the size, helps us continue our work and make a lasting impact in the lives of those we serve. While acts of service and kindness are always meaningful, financial contributions provide the resources we need to turn compassion into action.

And while we're celebrating TogetherTuesday on June 23, your support doesn't have to stop there. Donations made any time throughout the year help us continue honoring and supporting the families of our fallen heroes when they need us most.

Visit our website at thefallenheroes.org/donate and help us continue making a difference for those who have sacrificed so much.

We've participated in several exciting events since you last heard from us!

On May 28, we were honored to host the **Walnut Creek Chamber's monthly BASH** event and enjoyed connecting with fellow community businesses, leaders, and supporters.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria, Buckhorn Grill, Chairs for Affairs, Costco, Trader Joe's, Safeway** and **Lunardi's** for their generous donations. As a nonprofit organization, we rely on the support of local businesses and community partners to help make events like this possible.

We would also like to give a huge thank you to our incredible team of volunteers who helped keep the food, drinks, and hospitality flowing throughout the evening. **Kim Vorhauer, Dan Tagliareni, Adzhire Seferova, and Marylou Fracisco** - your hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication helped make the event a success.

A special thank you also goes to **Jason Vorhauer**, whose laser-precision skills and attention to detail helped transform the office, ensuring every picture was perfectly placed and the space looked its very best.



On June 6, we had a blast working one of the ticket booths at the **Walnut Creek Art & Wine**

The festival was a tremendous success, and we enjoyed meeting the thousands of attendees who

Festival.



stopped by our booth throughout the day. Events like these are a wonderful opportunity to connect with our community, share our mission, and have a lot of fun along the way. We are grateful to be part of such a vibrant and supportive community and always look forward to opportunities to engage with friends, neighbors, and new faces alike.

Once again, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible team of volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a success. **Dan Tagliareni, Marylou Fracisco, Mary Rosenberg and Cindy Thompson** - thank you for generously giving your time, energy, and enthusiasm. Your dedication and support helped create a welcoming and enjoyable experience for everyone who visited our booth, and we couldn't have done it without you!

Congratulations to giveaway winner, **Lacey P.!**

On June 18, we had the opportunity to introduce **Police and Fire: The Fallen Heroes** to East Bay Chapter members of the **Chevron Retirees Association**, during their quarterly luncheon.

We were especially pleased to share with them that **Chevron** has been a steadfast supporter of our organization since its founding in 2009. The company's support has taken many forms over the years, including sponsorships and donations for our annual golf tournaments from 2010 through 2019, helping to make those events successful year after year.

Chevron also partners with us through our **Coins For Heroes** program, which allows customers to leave their spare change in donation boxes at participating company-owned stores, with those contributions benefiting our organization.

We are deeply grateful for **Chevron's** long-standing commitment to our mission and for the many ways the company has helped us honor and remember our fallen heroes. Its continued support has made a meaningful difference in our ability to serve first responder families and preserve the legacy of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Congratulations to giveaway winner, **Donna T.!**

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.

Gary LaMusga Board Member and Scholarship Chair

Gary has been an insurance and financial advisor in the Bay Area since 1976. His passion for supporting first responders stems from his brother-in-law who served as a fireman in Napa for several years. Additionally, Gary's early experiences growing up around fire and police departments in Oroville, California, deepened his connection to those who serve.

Since 2014, Gary served on the Board of Directors for **Police and Fire: The Fallen Heroes**, where he is the Scholarship Chairperson. He brings a unique blend of experience, and enthusiasm to the organization, and his strategic vision and commitment have been invaluable to the team.



Outside of **Police and Fire: the Fallen Heroes**, Gary is active in his community as a member of the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce Foundation Board, and Chair of the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. He is also holds various positions in his industry and currently serves on the board of directors of the Diablo Valley Chapter of the National Association of Remodel Inc. (NARI).

In his spare time, Gary enjoys cultivating his Bonsai collection, pursuing landscape and wildlife photography, and enjoys playing golf and pickle ball with his wife Cindy.

As we close this edition of our newsletter, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to **Robert Packer-Couts of Daevara Consulting**, whose continued support and generosity have made a lasting impact on our organization.

Most recently, Robert created a digital memorial honoring the first responders who have lost their lives in the line of duty since 2009. This tribute serves as a powerful reminder of the sacrifice, courage, and commitment of those who answered the call to serve others.

The memorial is displayed in our office, where it serves as a remembrance to the peace officers and firefighters whose lives and service we honor. It also accompanies us when we make presentations to organizations, supporters, and community partners, allowing us to share their stories and ensure that their sacrifices are never forgotten.

We are deeply grateful for Robert's ongoing support and for the care and thoughtfulness he has put into preserving the memories of these heroes. This memorial tribute is a meaningful way to honor their lives, celebrate their service, and keep their legacy alive.

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