



REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN FIRE FIGHTERS

by Scott Mellott, Retired

List of the line-of-duty death anniversaries for the month of May:

June 8, 1932

RUSK, CHARLES ROLAND
Fire Fighter - Station 14

June 13, 1902

JOHNSON, CLIFFORD W.
Driver - Station 8

June 22, 1929

HENDRICKS, RUDOLPH "RUDY"
Fire Fighter - Station 25

June 30, 1962

HOPKINS, CLAUDE JACKSON
Chauffeur - Station 2

See the list of our brother Fire Fighters who have died in 2006 on the back of this publication.

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Simply put, the 6th Annual Houston Fire Department Memorial Service, held on Saturday March 18th, was a success.

As far as I know, we have had an annual memorial service for about the last 15 years. The early ones were held during Fire Prevention Week in early October at the "Fireman's Plot" located in Glenwood Cemetery near downtown Houston. In March of 2001, the service was moved to its new home located at the Memorial Garden on the grounds of the Houston Fire Fighter Pension and Relief Fund.

Politics and disorganization have held the service back for the last several years. I'm sure all that is now behind us and the newly formed memorial committee will make sure the service's future success will move forward.



*Kevin Kulow's father,
Daniel, and son Kyle*

The bottom line here is that all future memorial services are only about keeping attendance up and getting the families of our deceased members together once a year to honor their memory.

In the spirit of "a picture is worth a thousand words" here are some of my favorite shots taken during this years memorial service.

All of these pictures were taken by my great friend, HFD Arson Photographer, Matt Milam.



Jordan Stewart



*Laverne
Ludwick,
widow of
Jackie Ludwick,
son Tracy and
granddaughter
Karson*



Jay Jahnke Family Members



Laying of the Helmets



UP COMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

October 7, 2006 - Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fundraiser - Houston Fire Fighter's Pension

October 22, 2006 - 2006 Annual Fire Fighter Mass

October 28, 2006 - Medal Day Ceremony

March 17, 2007 - 7th Annual Memorial Service

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HFD Bag Pipes and Drums



Saluting the "Colors"



HFD Honor Guard



Chief Boriskie