



# 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.

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*



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



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*Jay Jahnke Family Members*



*Laying of the Helmets*



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**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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# 6th Annual Houston Fire Department Memorial Service

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*HFD Bag Pipes and Drums*



*Saluting the "Colors"*



*HFD Honor Guard*



*Chief Boriskie*