



# POAT Newsletter

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**On January 2, 2009, Huber R. Parsons III, Retired, U.S. Army,** was honored in appreciation of his service to the country we love, and remembrance of the soldiers that have died making the ultimate sacrifice. He is a West Point graduate, as well as his two brothers. Huber Parsons III was severely injured serving in Iraq as an explosive device struck his vehicle killing several soldiers inside. The Huber family are long-time residents of Coral Gables and have supported law enforcement through the years.



An M-1 Rifle was presented to Huber at the Coral Gables Police

Department, by Coral Gables Police Chief Richard Naue. The Miami-Dade Police Department's Operation Support our Wounded Warriors Program, which POAT strongly supports, facilitated M-I for Vets to ship the rifle for the presentation.



POAT is embarking on an endeavor to erect a K-9 Memorial to honor and recognize police K-9 work dogs that have died in the line of duty and served the Miami-Dade County community. The K-9 Memorial will be located in close proximity to the Law Enforcement Memorial. Visit <http://www.poaat.org> for more information



**Beckham, James**  
EOW: Feb 3, 1928  
Miami

**Fritz Jr., Edward**  
EOW: Feb 3, 1953  
MDPD

**Johnson, Earl Lee**  
EOW: Feb 3, 1962  
MDPD

**Nichols, William**  
EOW: Feb 4, 1936  
Miami Beach Police

**Vargas, Robert**  
EOW: Feb 7, 1997  
MDPD

**Barnett, Elmer**  
EOW: Feb 14, 1978  
Florida Highway  
Patrol

**LaFleur Sr., Leroy**  
EOW: Feb 16, 1951  
Miami

**Marchbanks, John**  
EOW: Feb 16, 1926  
Miami

**Hardison, Luther T.**  
EOW: Feb 17, 1951  
Coral Gables

**Butler Jr., Victor**  
EOW: Feb 20, 1971  
Miami

## Upcoming Events

Looking ahead to the New Year, there are several upcoming events:

**The second Crops for Cops scrapbooking event will be held on February 7, 2009**, at the Miami-Dade Police Headquarters from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. For \$60 you will receive scrapbooking materials, instruction, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Last June, this event filled up fast with the attendees, known as scrapers, giving this event high ratings. For more information/tickets contact Annette McCully @ 305-471-3272, Candy Loftus @ 786-337-4454, or the POAT office @ 305-594-6662.

**The Ninth Annual LEO Awards Gala will be held on Saturday March 7, 2009.** The Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police and the Law Enforcement Officers Foundation, with some of the proceeds being donated to POAT, sponsors this event. The awards ceremony will recognize distinguished law enforcement officers and civilian personal that performed their duties in an exemplary manner. The event will be held at the Miami-Beach Convention Center. Tickets are \$150. per person. For tickets, or further information, contact Annette McCully at (305) 471-3272.

**On Saturday, March 21, 2009, the Walk to Cure Diabetes will be held.** This walk starts at 8:30 a.m., with registration beginning at 7:00 a.m, at Miami-Metrozoo. All of the money raised goes to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to fund research to find a cure for this terrible disease that affects over 22 million people in the United States, directly affecting many officers in Miami-Dade County. The walk brochures and POAT flyers should be out to all of the police departments and districts. This is a fun family day, with a nice morning walk through the zoo. If you are not able to walk, then sponsor someone who is walking. The best way to register is by going to [JDRF.org](http://JDRF.org) Miami walk at Miami Metrozoo, and register under the POAT team. Everyone planning to walk needs to register and raise money for this worthwhile cause. We hope to see you there. Call the POAT Office (594-6662) for further information.

**On Saturday, April 25, 2008, the March of Dimes-March For Babies Walk will be held at Crandon Park, Key Biscayne.** Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and the walk will start at 8:30 a.m. Contact Allison Bishop-Cooner (305) 471-1931 or e-mail [Abishop-cooner@mdpd.com](mailto:Abishop-cooner@mdpd.com) for further information. The PBA has supported this charity for many years, which provides assistance and research in dealing with infants born prematurely. Take the time to support this worthwhile cause by walking or sponsoring a walker.

**Kramer, Donald**  
EOW: Feb 25, 1984  
Miami Beach Police

**Brigman, James**  
EOW: Feb 28, 1951  
Miami

## Service Legacy Brick

The Service Legacy Bricks for retired officers would make a great Christmas gift for that special retired officer in the family. The Service Legacy Brick is placed in the walkway at the new Law Enforcement Memorial in Tropical Park. You can get a brick in the walkway by completing the application that is on our website at POAT.org and making a \$50 donation to POAT. The funds raised from the brick donations goes towards maintaining the Law Enforcement Memorial and funding the annual Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony.

## POAT Scholarships

The POAT has two scholarships that we offer to students getting ready to attend a university, college, or vocational school and are the children of a sworn officer, federal, state, county, or municipal, serving within the boundaries of Miami-Dade County. The deadline for both scholarships has been extended to June 30, 2007. **The Paul Janosky Art Scholarship** is offered to students majoring in visual, graphic or computer arts. **The Mike Byrd Crime Scene Scholarship** is offered to students majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Forensics, Pathology, or any major affiliated to Crime Scene Investigation. Applications for these scholarships can be obtained by downloading them from the POAT web-site at <http://www.POAT.org> or calling the POAT office at (305)594-6662.

## www.POAT.org

POAT has updated its web-site at <http://www.POAT.org>. A great way to keep informed of POAT's events and fundraisers or scroll through the roll call of honor.

## Thanks for your support and stay safe!

### Make a tax deductible donation:

**Mail to: Police Officer Assistance Trust**  
**1030 NW 111 Avenue**  
**Miami, Florida 33172**

POAT offers assistance to all sworn officers in Miami-Dade County from federal, state, county, and municipal agencies. **Your contributions make these efforts possible!** Checks should be made payable to the Police Officer Assistance Trust or POAT. If you wish to make a donation to a specific area of assistance (educational, general, holiday gifts, police memorial, Paul Janosky Art Scholarship, Mike Byrd Scholarship), please notate the information in the memo area of your check

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