

WE REMEMBER

On Memorial Day we honor and remember those who died in the service of our Country. A few short weeks ago the KCPD Community gathered to honor and remember the 120 officers of the Kansas City Police Department who gave their lives in the service of the people of Kansas City. Each and every officer was remembered by name, beginning with Officer Fred B. Houghton, 1881, down to the last name spoken, James M. Muhlbauer, 2023. Fifty years from now, and beyond, and each year between now and then, KCPD will gather on a day in May to remember, and to sound again the names of those who have died in the line of duty.

We Remember – we consciously bring to our **awareness** that which has happened in the past, and, on this occasion, to bring the past into the present, name by name;

We Remember – we do that which is **necessary** to do – for it is so very necessary that we never forget those whose names are etched in stone;

We remember – we **emphasize the importance** of that which we do, for nothing is of greater importance than to keep alive in our hearts and minds the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and to affirm that they have not died in vain and that we will never allow them to disappear into the mist of history.

And so we do our duty – We give thanks to God for those servants who gave their very lives for others, and who now rest in a place of honor, with God.

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