



The Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society Museum

"Preserving the history of law enforcement in the Greater Cincinnati area"



Message from the President

Greetings!

It has been a whirlwind few weeks. The national focus on law enforcement has put yours truly and our cause front and center in the local media as we seek to understand and make sense of the current events involving police interactions with citizens. I think it speaks to the credibility of our mission when we are invited to take part in interviews and panels on this subject.

It has also been a very busy time for the museum. We are really feeling at home in our new location - finding many things that were misplaced in the move, adding to our collections and improving our back-office technology to better serve our visitors and members.

Speaking of being busy, your museum and historical society exists because of volunteers, and we're adding more every day. If you've thought about volunteering with us, please let us know. Even if you think you don't have a skill or ability that we can put to use, let us be the judge. Just contact me at director@gcphs.com to offer your services.

Finally, today is Sept. 11. Take a few moments to honor the first-responders who ran into the smoke, flames and chaos to help their fellow human beings, and reflect on those who didn't make it back.

Please feel free to forward this email so we can widen our reach, and let me know if there is anything you'd like to see us report on in future issues. You can email me [here](mailto:director@gcphs.com).

Museum helps bring closure to police family

Museum Historian Ed Zieverink is a natural detective, particularly when it comes to honoring police officers killed in the line of duty. We reported on Patrolman Karsch in an earlier edition, but now we have the rest of the story.

Frederick Karsch was born in Prussia in 1844 and immigrated to United States with his family, settling in Nashville TN. In 1871 he married Louise Buddeke and they had two children together, Mary and Joseph. However, after a difficult marriage, Louise and the children left Fred to move in with her parents as their religion prohibited divorce. By 1978, Fred had moved to Cincinnati by himself and kept a bar at 269 Vine Street. Within a year he joined the Cincinnati Police Department.

On Nov. 3, 1880, Patrolman Karsch and his partner were called to quell a disturbance at 6th and Broadway. One of the rowdies pulled a gun and shot Patrolman Karsch twice. He died the following day. He had a very impressive funeral with a procession that traveled from



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City Hall to Vine Street Hill Cemetery (VSHC) where he was buried.

While doing research for this line of duty death (LODD,) The Greater Cincinnati Police Museum learned that he was buried without a headstone. Working with the VSHC, the museum purchased a headstone for Patrolman Karsch's grave, which has now been installed by the cemetery. There will be a dedication of this memorial on Nov. 4, 2015 at noon at VSHC, exactly 135 years after his death.

The museum did further research trying to locate any surviving family members of Patrolman Karsch. Family was located through a genealogy website. The family was unaware of Fred's fate, did not know he became a policeman, and was unaware he was killed in the line of duty.

Also while working with VSHC on this project, the museum found out that their cemetery has a monument dedicated to police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty that are buried there. Unfortunately, that monument had been vandalized and the names of the officers and firefighters were removed. The museum worked with the cemetery to recreate the list of names of the LODD's. The cemetery has repaired the monument and it, too, will be re-dedicated on Nov. 4, 2015 after the ceremony for Patrolman Karsch.

Let's acknowledge this LODD properly, even if it's 135 years late. Save the date and plan on being present at this re-dedication. And special thanks to Historian Zieverink for his dogged investigative techniques.

Mark your calendars for the Fall fundraiser

Be sure to attend our Fall fundraiser on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015 at [Take Five Bar & Grill](#), 6957 Harrison Ave. (513.353.9400.)

Come out for the food, fun and fellowship **AND** the chance to win two fabulous raffle prizes:

- A Glock 26 handgun, including case. This firearm has become a favorite among concealed-carry license holders for its small size and attention to quality.
- A week in a 3-bedroom condo on the beach in a gated community on Fripp Island, South Carolina. Fripp Island is a 3-1/2 mile barrier island 21 miles from Beaufort, 96 miles south of Charleston and 65 miles north of Savannah. Voted "Best Southern Town " by Southern Living. Included in Field and Stream's top 25 Fishing Towns. Home of two of South Carolina's best 36 hole golf courses. Famous for Vietnam Scenes filmed there for "Forest Gump." Legend says this is where Blackbeard buried his treasure.

Tickets are \$10 each and all proceeds support the GCPHS. We hope to see you there!

In Memoriam

This regular monthly feature lists those in local law enforcement who have passed away. Please send recent news to director@gcphs.com. And as always, keep these individuals, their families and friends forever in your prayers.

- [Deputy Jean Marie Chenault](#) (1924-2015)
- [Deputy Dennis Dittman](#) (1954-2015)

- [Specialist William James King](#) (1929-2015)
- [Director John Osborne](#) (1949-2015)
- [Police Chief Michael Piccirillo Jr.](#) (1957-2015)
- [Major John F. Reece Jr.](#) (1924-2015)
- [Officer Robert E. "Coke" Reinhart](#) (1927-2015)
- [Patrolman Eugene Risen](#) (1926-2015)
- [Deputy Robert Seger](#) (1940-2015)
- [Police Officer William Stroup](#) (1924-2015)
- [Police Officer Robert Sturgil Sr.](#) (1935-2015)
- [Police Officer Thomas Ulmer](#) (1941-2015)

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