



The Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society Museum

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

The Roll Call Newsletter

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Are you up for the challenge?

Our Gift Shop's **Deborah Klug Lawhorn** issued the following challenge to anyone who receives this newsletter: commit to visit the museum over the next 30 days and bring along someone who's never been here before. It's a great way for you to get reacquainted with our displays and artifacts and to introduce someone else to the fascinating legacy of our regional law enforcement community.

(Plus, Deb has some great new stuff in the gift shop she's certain you'll love.)

Follow us on Instagram!



Your police museum is extending its reach into the digital space with Instagram. For those who may not know about Instagram, it's an online mobile photo-sharing site that allows users to share pictures and videos. Since so many of our artifacts and displays are visual, what better way to let people know what we're all about?

Now you can follow us and see all the interesting and unusual things we have on display. It's easy - just download the Instagram app on your phone (free for Android and Apple devices) then follow **Cincinnati Police Museum**.

Come support us in the community

Greetings!



Once again, I'm coming to you after a longer-than-usual absence. Know that we have been extremely busy upgrading

and promoting the museum and its mission during that time. And it's particularly timely that I write to you now because we need your help.

Roland A. Reaves, having been convicted of the execution murder of Cincinnati Patrolman **David L. Cole**, is scheduled for another parole hearing during March 2017.

We strongly object to this career criminal being paroled for the following reasons:

- Reaves entered adulthood as a violent career felon. Before coming to Cincinnati, he murdered his wife in the cruelest way that he could imagine.
- His next plan was to cowardly do violence to an innocent and unsuspecting United Dairy Farmer's night manager. The extent of violence in his plan is not known, but his willingness to end the manager's life is certain.
- To escape capture,

Retired Cheviot Police Officer **Ken**

McDowell has a painstakingly restored 1990 Chevrolet Caprice Classic police car that he takes to parades and community events. You can check out this labor of love at the following events coming up this Spring:

- Saturday, March 11 - Cincinnati St. Patrick's Day parade
- Monday, April 3 - Cincinnati Reds Opening Day parade
- Sunday, April 30 - Sharonville Classic Car Show



Meet your Police Museum Staff

*This month we present **William Beuke**,
Police Museum Facilities Director.*



Bill was born July 25, 1944 in Cincinnati to Cincinnati Patrolman Leo T. Beuke and stay-at-home-mom Anne (Montag) Beuke. He attended Resurrection grade school and Central Vocational High

School, graduating in 1962. He attended a one year Industrial Drafting Course at the Ohio College of Applied Science in 1964 and earned an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement from Cincinnati Technical College in 1993.

After high school, Bill worked for Gable Electric and Arthur Ehlers electrical warehouse. While working at Gable Electric in 1965 he enlisted in the Naval Reserve during the Vietnam War. He was called up and stationed aboard the USS Tallahatchie County in Naples, Italy for two years. He continued in the Reserves and after 24½ years retired as an Electrician's Mate First

Reaves eagerly and cowardly ambushed Patrolman Cole, using his accomplice as a foil and then as a shield. He shot Patrolman Cole three times, deliberately aiming at his face and chest. After running from Patrolman Cole's returned fire and then thinking that Cole was no longer capable of doing him harm, he coerced his partner, under threat of death, to assure Patrolman Cole's death with two more shots to the face and back.

- Exhilarated with the murder of the patrolman, Reaves screamed his intent to kill all police officers. He bragged to his friends and family that he had killed again and this time it was a police officer.
- When arrested, he refused to consult with his own defense or to acknowledge the authority of the Court.
- When convicted, he angrily showed contempt for the Judge and demanded a death sentence. While his attorneys and Supreme Court justices intervened against his and all of society's desires, Reaves has been a consistently violent, manipulative, and disruptive prisoner.

Please join us in sending a strong message that Roland Reaves should never be allowed to walk this earth a free man again. Go to the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Parole Watch site and register your objections [here](#).

If there are any questions you want to ask, if you want to volunteer, or if there is something you'd like to see in a future issue, please contact me [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support.

Class during 1990.

He returned home from Naples and worked as an electrician for Maher Electric, Pleasant Electric, Day Heights Antenna and Electrical Company. During 1971, Bill's father retired from the Police Department. During June 1972, Bill married Beverly Piccirillo, She thought she was marrying an electrician, but what she got was a cop.

Three weeks later, Bill followed in his father's footsteps and joined the Cincinnati Police Division as a Police Recruit on July 30, 1972. On Dec. 17, 1972 he was promoted to Patrolman, issued his father's Badge Number 103, and assigned to District 5 (Ludlow Avenue). During April 1974, Patrolman Beuke was transferred to District 3 (Warsaw Avenue). He was promoted to Specialist Jan. 20, 1990 and issued Badge PS-103.

As computers were entering law enforcement, Bill, the Crime Prevention Officer, studied up on them and became the district's computer geek. During January 1993, he was promoted to Sergeant, issued Badge S-21, and reassigned to District 5. Within 10 months, he was assigned as the District Commander's Administrative Assistant and held that position for the rest of his career. Sergeant Beuke retired Aug. 17, 2002 with 37 years of service to his country and community and an astounding 56 letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

Bill spent over 20 years on the board of the Espy Boys and Girls Club in Lower Price Hill, with two years as its president. To date (at 71!) he still runs marathons and has run 13 so far. He also rode in five Police Unity Tours (300-400 miles each) during National Police Weeks and two Police Memorial Rides from Cincinnati to Indianapolis and back.

After law enforcement, he enjoyed retirement with his hobbies of running and biking, but felt he hadn't served enough. When the Greater Cincinnati Police Museum opened, Sergeant Beuke was one of the charter Museum Volunteers and soon took over and now serves as its Facilities Director.

Lt. Steve Kramer, RET

For members only

Cincinnati Police Division SGT Thomas A. Lind RET is continuing to improve our website (www.police-museum.org)

He added a restricted page called www.volunteers.police-museum.org. It is not so much a secret site as it is a site which is restricted by interests - things that are generally only of interest to us and which we try not to burden the public with.

For Museum Volunteers, it is where they will go to sign up for working at the Museum. For those Volunteers that work outside the Museum, the Board of Directors, and Members, it's a place for them see what's going on at the Museum internally.

Sergeant and Mrs. Beuke (*at right*) have been married 44½ years and have a son, daughter-in-law, and an eight year-old granddaughter.



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