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An Invitation to all Mounted Units:

The National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (NPOMS), sponsored by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police and its Auxiliary, will be commemorating the 45th Annual Memorial Service this year. The Memorial Service has grown from 125 attendees to over 20,000. The NPOMS has also grown to include all aspects of law enforcement as participants.

The NPOMS has always included a large contingent of mounted units, at attention along Peace Circle and Garfield circle, where the procession of Survivors starts. The officers present a magnificent picture as they close ranks and provide a security backdrop for the Survivors as they enter the Capitol grounds for the Memorial Service. This is also their first impression, which assists in calming nerves and providing a sense of unity and peace.

The National Memorial Committee extends an invitation to all mounted units to attend the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15th, to represent their departments during the Procession of Survivors. You are also encouraged to attend and participate in all the events during Police Week, including the Candlelight Vigil on May 13th. The presence of the mounted units is a site worth beholding.

The United States Park Police and Manassas National Battlefield, in conjunction with the North American Police Equestrian Counsel Inc. will be coordinating the events for the mounted units on May 12-17, 2016. The officers attending will receive a certificate of training as May 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th will be training days, as well as participation in the Memorial Service activities. Please contact Pat Berkery (Ret.) Philadelphia Police Mounted Patrol at (215) 313-8373 or via email at patberkery@gmail.com.

Thanks for your continued support and dedication during the humbling days of National Law Enforcement Memorial Week. Be safe!

Fraternally,

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