





HONORING THOSE WHO "SERVE AND PROTECT"

Wow, another Quarter has passed already! We now have Blue Chevalier Decals available. See the last page for description and details. Patches and pens are also available and we can take orders now.

We need to seek out more Law Officers and Organizations for recognition this year. We have retired Officers as members who I hope will link up with their colleagues and find great candidates.

If ever there was a reason or a need for the Blue Chevaliers the recent event in Nashville, Tennessee drives the point home! The two Police Officers that took out that school shooter ended a threat by a heavily armed coward that had killed 6 innocent people while they themselves were under fire. They responded quickly, professionally, and without hesitation and showed what trained law enforcement personnel are capable of doing to protect the public. Fourteen minutes from receiving the 911 call to the end of the threat. It also shows why we are dedicated to honoring those who "protect and serve" in ways and in situations that we can only visualize in nightmares. SEE THE FOX ARTICLE ON LAST PAGE Robert "OB1" Cearlock

Project Manager

For those planning on attending Nationale, we will have a great selection of Blue Chevalier merchandise for purchase to show your support of what we hope to be a great program within La Société. I particularly like the patches which are already sewn onto two jackets and look great. But shirts, decals, patches, pins/pens and soon ballcaps do not replace actually awarding those great officers who deserve it. Each of us should strive to find at least an annual officer or group of officers to support - in three easy steps, find a deserving recipient(s), fill out the form and then do the presentation. Hopefully, the selection process is ongoing for La Société's Special Awards Law Officer of the Year. Blue Chevalier already has budgeted a personal \$2,000.00 honorarium for the recipient. Finally, one last effort will be made to find a great shirt vendor - we are humbled by our failure but appreciate your faith in us. Keep our law officers in your prayers and constant thoughts!

Renslar "Renny" Keagle Public Relations Directeur, Nationale

<u>NOTICE!</u>

OUR SHIRT SUPPLIER HAS BEEN CANCELLED. IF YOU HAVE A PENDING ORDER CONTACT RENNY OR BOB TO ARRANGE A REFUND.

AGAIN, A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERS WHO HAVE MADE GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE BLUE CHEVALIERS!

IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR DUES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE DONATIONS ARE ENORMOUSLY IMPORTANT!

You will be able to read the "Roll Call" and the latest Membership reports online at <u>http://www.illfortyandeight.com/</u> (SELECT THE BLUE CHEVALIERS tab) Forms for membership renewal in the Blue Chevaliers and P.A.L.S. are available on the Nationale website at <u>https://www.fortyandeight.org/public-</u> relations/



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BLUE CHEVALIERS' DECALS

DESIGN IS IDENTICAL TO PIN AND SHIRT LOGO

The smaller one is A "STATIC" for inside windows like your	QTY	TOTAL
windshield.		\$
They are easily moveable and/or removed. They are about 3" x 3".		
\$2.00 ea.		
The larger one, about 4" x 4", is a standard vinyl decal	QTY	TOTAL
\$3.00 ea.		\$
DECAL TOTAL	\$	

BLUE CHEVALIERS' PATCHES

BLUE CHEVALIER PATCHES, THEY ARE 3"X 3-1/8"	\$7.00 ea.	QTY	TOTAL	
			\$	

BLUE CHEVALIERS' PENS

BLUE CHEVALIER PENS	QTY	COST	TOTAL	
\$3.00 EACH OR 2 FOR			\$	
\$5.00 FOR IN PERSON				
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ORDER GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

For all orders make check payable to <u>P.A.L.S.</u>

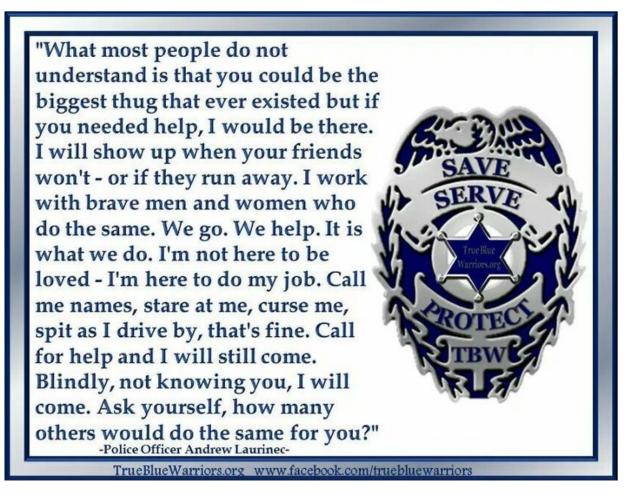


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ROLL CALL

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Nashville cops who shot Audrey Hale were Marine veteran and <u>'precision policeman'</u>

[FROM FOX REPORT OF 3-29-23]

Nashville cops Michael Collazo and Rex Engelbert are being hailed as heroes for gunning down Covenant School shooter Audrey Hale. They've done it before.

One of the hero Nashville cops who gunned down school shooter Audrey Hale on Monday is a Marine Corps veteran who once rushed into action after a Christmas morning terror bombing. Michael Collazo, a nine-year veteran of the police force, was among the first responders at the 2020 bombing that injured eight in the Tennessee capital, Fox News reported.

"[He's] obviously very brave, braver than I ever imagined," his sister, Deanne Collazo DeHart, told the outlet. "He really does love his job.

"When I sit and think about all the training and all the different classes that he does, and all the family events that he's had to miss because of training or leaving to go through this training or this class," DeHart said, "it all really does pay off."

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Collazo, 31, and fellow cop Rex Engelbert, 27, are both being hailed as heroes after dramatic bodycam footage captured them rushing into the Covenant School and taking down Hale.

Collazo, who was born and raised in Nashville, joined the Marines out of high school and also served as a SWAT team paramedic, Nashville Police Chief John Drake told Fox.

In 2020, he rushed to the scene after Anthony Quinn Warner, a demented 63-year-old conspiracy theorist, detonated a bomb in his RV around 6:30 a.m. Christmas Day.

The blast killed Warner and damaged dozens of downtown buildings, including an AT&T facility that took out power over large swaths of Nashville.

Meanwhile, Engelbert, a four-year police department veteran and one of the first officers on the scene Monday, received a department commendation just one week earlier for "precision policing" after two busts that recovered dozens of stolen credit cards and took a handgun, meth and fentanyl off the streets.

"The seizures took two dangerous felons who had multiple outstanding warrants off the streets of downtown Nashville," We are so thankful for their dedication to keeping our city safe."

The two cops' swift response to Monday's school shooting was so precise and effective, one expert called the bodycam footage "a training video."

"Look at the minute they heard shots fired," veteran police trainer Betsy Brantner Smith, spokesperson for the National Police Association, told Fox. "What did they say? 'Shots fired! Shots fired! Move, move, move!' They went faster, rifles first.

"They're in there, patting each other on the back," Smith said. "They're doing all the right things to encourage each other, knowing they're putting themselves in harm's way, running toward gunshots to stop that shooter."

Hale, 28, who was transgender, was shot and killed by the two officers.

Smith called Collazo "a person of selfless service.

"Marine, firefighter, cop," she said. "It doesn't get any more heroic than that."

She called Monday's response to the school the "antithesis" of the controversial slow police response to last year's massacre at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, that left 19 children and two adults dead.

Dave Katz, a former DEA special agent and now CEO of Global Security Group, said Collazo and Engelbert should both be hailed for their actions.

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"These guys need to be recognized and honored," Katz said. "Our president should bring these guys both to the White House and put a medal on their chests."

Voyageurs and Chevaliers, A FINAL THOUGHT

As I was reviewing the Grand d' Illinois website for updates, the George Washington quote that has always appeared on the front page sparked a revelation in my mind.

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of other wars were Treated and Appreciated by their Nation."-George Washington-

If you take a moment to think about this statement, I think you will agree that the same thought applies to our Law Enforcement Officers today. Today they are treated much the same as I remember being treated upon returning from Vietnam deployments. They are retiring and/or resigning in record numbers because of the treatment they receive every day on the job. The failure of their leaders to back them up and the turnstile court system that releases offenders before the ink is dry on the arrest report.

I cringe every time I hear someone say that they don't watch the news anymore because it is all bad and depressing. Let's be honest, it doesn't go away because you ignore it! Remember the absolute truth of Edmund Burkes quote, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing".

I remember when all of the Veteran Service Organization shunned or denied membership to Vietnam Veterans. Many years passed before that was corrected.

What can we do? Well as a minimum we should do everything possible to let our Law Enforcement know that we have their back.

I am proud that we now have the Blue Chevaliers as a conduit for that purpose but, it is a hollow effort if we don't carry out its mission.

We have to seek out outstanding Officers, Programs and Units and honor them for their contributions to protection and service to their communities.

As the Blue Chevaliers enter our second year, I hope all of you will have a prosperous and happy 2023 and actively pursue candidates for honors in your local Law Enforcement.

Robert OB1 Cearlock

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