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Additional Pasco deputy to be honored at annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service

DADE CITY – A Pasco deputy will be honored for the first time at this year's annual law enforcement memorial, 100 years after he was killed in the line of duty.

The Sheriff's Office will join city police departments and state and federal agencies to honor seven officers at the 2009 Pasco Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Service, Friday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. The event will be conducted at the historic courthouse in Dade City, 37918 Meridian Avenue. The public is encouraged to attend.

The addition to this year's memorial is Sheldon S. Nicks, (1886-1909). According to newspaper accounts from the time and from recollections of family members, Nicks was a deputy sheriff who was killed by a man he and his father attempted to arrest at the Pasco settlement of Fivay on May 8, 1909. Sheldon's father, Henry Robert Nicks, was the town constable at the time, and was searching for an escaped convict named Henry Wilson. When the two lawmen found him, Wilson fired upon them. Sheldon jumped in front of his father and was killed by the round. The bullet supposedly passed through him and into his father, who never had the bullet removed. It is unknown if the killer was ever caught.

Amateur historian Jeff Miller brought the incident and Nicks' sacrifice to the attention of the media and the Pasco Sheriff's Office last year.

Port Richey resident Francis Fair Mallett, Nicks' niece and oldest surviving relative, is expected to be at the ceremony with several other family members to honor him.

Memorial

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The following officers will be honored at the ceremony:

Deputy Sheriff Sheldon S. Nicks
Pasco Sheriff's Office
End of Watch: Saturday, May 8, 1909
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Deputy Sheriff Arthur "Fleece" Crenshaw
Pasco Sheriff's Office
EOW: Wednesday, October 4, 1922
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Special Agent John Van Waters
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives
United States Department of Justice
EOW: Wednesday, October 4, 1922
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Deputy William "Henry" O'Berry
Pasco Sheriff's Office
EOW: Friday, June 1, 1926
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Deputy John Herbert "Bert" McCabe
Pasco Sheriff's Office
EOW: Saturday, June 26, 1948
Cause of Death: Traffic Crash

Trooper James Bradford-Jean Crooks
Florida Highway Patrol
EOW: Tuesday, May 19, 1998
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Captain Charles "Bo" Harrison
Pasco Sheriff's Office
EOW: Sunday, June 1, 2003
Cause of Death: Gunfire