



# COUNTY OF TULARE

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### Honoring our Heros

May is nationally recognized as Military Appreciation Month and for all Americans this month serves as a great opportunity to honor the commitment and sacrifices of our Armed Forces whose determinations continue to guarantee the liberties and freedoms often take for granted.

Many of our returning servicemen continue to play an essential part in protecting our liberties by enrolling in law enforcement and other public safety agencies throughout the country. Not coincidentally, the week of May 15th is officially recognized as National Police Week. National Police Week encourages all residents to recognize the achievements of our local sheriff and police departments. In 2021 alone, the Tulare County Sheriff's Office received 340,000 calls for service, of which 95,000 were 911 calls. The Sheriff's Office strives to provide exceptional service to the 60 plus unincorporated communities throughout the county.

Like our veterans protecting our nation overseas, law enforcement continues to protect the most vulnerable at home. National Police Appreciation Week concludes with a tribute to law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice or have been injured in the line of duty. In Tulare County, we honor this solemn occasion at the Peace Officers Memorial. In 2001, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors dedicated the park at the corner of Burrel Avenue and Woodland Street, in Visalia, as the official permanent Tulare County Peace Officer Memorial. The memorial is made of granite and etched onto the surface are two badges representing the Tulare County Sherriff's Department and our local law enforcement. On May 4th, my supervisorial colleagues and I will be joining the Tulare County Sheriff's Office for a ceremony to honor our own fallen officers.

I encourage everyone to participate in honoring our Veterans and Law enforcement officials this month. If you would like to donate, you can visit the Friends of Tulare County's Veterans Services Office fund or visit the Tulare County Sheriff's Foundation to see what you can offer for our hometown heroes.

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