



In Memory



SERGEANT MARK DUNAKIN
JANUARY 7, 1969 - MARCH 21, 2009



OFFICER JOHN HEGE
JULY 29, 1967 - MARCH 23, 2009



SERGEANT ERVIN ROMANS
AUGUST 29, 1965 - MARCH 21, 2009



SERGEANT DANIEL SAKAI
APRIL 6, 1973 - MARCH 21, 2009

SWAT

Heroes Live Forever



Sgt. Erv Romans



Sgt. Dan Sakai

SERVICE

WELCOME

Father Jayson Landeza
OPD Chaplain

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Patten University Singers,
First Covenant Church, and
Cornerstone Baptist Church

OPENING PRAYER

Father Jayson Landeza

WORDS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Howard Jordan

SPEAKERS

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
Attorney General Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Captain Edward Tracey



REMEMBERING SERGEANT MARK DUNAKIN

Lieutenant Anthony Banks

EULOGY

Chris Dunakin

Home

Song by Michael Bublé

REMEMBERING OFFICER JOHN HEGE

Retired OPD Lieutenant Lawrence Eade

EULOGY

Janet Saalfeld

Free Bird

Song by Lynyrd Skynyrd

REMEMBERING SERGEANT ERVIN ROMANS

Captain Rick Orozco

EULOGY

Sergeant Rich Vierra

Rock and Roll Jesus

Song by Kid Rock

REMEMBERING SERGEANT DANIEL SAKAI

Robert York

EULOGY

Toshi and Tim Kempkes

Over My Head

Song by The Fray



FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY

Oakland Police Honor Guard and
United States Marine Corps

**PRESENTATION OF FLAGS AND
BADGES TO THE FAMILIES**

Chief Howard Jordan

TAPS

CLOSING PRAYER

Father Jayson Landeza

ESCORTING OF FAMILIES TO THE FINAL SALUTE

PALLBEARERS

SERGEANT MARK DUNAKIN

Dominique Arotzarena
Christopher Dunakin
Dave Manzeck
Robert Tim Nolan
Scott Olthoff
Daniel Royal
Allan Steinberger
Jeffrey Stutz

SERGEANT ERVIN ROMANS

Cameron Brown-Lawson
John Fukuda
Arthur Romans
James Romans
Justin Romans
Frank Uu
Randell Wingate

SERGEANT DANIEL SAKAI

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William Burke
Cesar Garcia
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Tim Kempkes
Christopher Sansone
Rob York
Jim Yu

OFFICER JOHN HEGE

Teddy Chu
Jason Cummings
Lawrence Eade
Lawrence Green
Jason Sena
Blain Wells

OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

HONOR GUARD

Sergeant Jimmy Wong
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Officer Lisa Ausmus
Officer Sylvian Brewster
Officer Judy Byer
Officer Mark Castillo
Officer Brad Chun
Officer Daniel Kemmitt
Officer Frank Mendoza
Officer Seth Neri
Officer David Wong



SERGEANT MARK DUNAKIN

Sergeant Mark Dunakin, 40, was an 18-year veteran of the Oakland Police Department.

A graduate of Chabot College in Hayward, CA, Mark began his career with the Oakland Police Department in May 1991. He was assigned to several units, including the Patrol Division, Crime Prevention Unit, Robbery Section, and the Homicide Unit. Mark was promoted to the rank of Sergeant of Police in March 1999.

His colleagues respected his competence. On the street, when Mark handled a homicide, they knew things would go well. He was just that type of individual. While serving in the Homicide Unit, Mark was one of the lead investigators of the “Nut Cases” gang, a group that terrorized Oakland in a 10-week crime wave in 2002 and 2003, killing and robbing simply for the thrill. Mark’s tireless work paid off. The gang was successfully arrested.

In January 2006, Mark transferred to the Traffic Operations Section. An avid motorcyclist, Mark loved patrolling the streets of Oakland on his Harley-Davidson. Mark was a proud member of the Oakland Police Department motorcycle drill team, which performs all over the state of California. He also enjoyed participating in police motorcycle competitions.

Mark lived in Tracy with his wife Angela and three children, ages 15, 13 and 8. He loved sports and was a huge Ohio State fan. He also had season tickets for the Stockton Thunder, a minor league hockey team, and enjoyed taking family and friends to games with him. Mark would give you the shirt off his back. Everyone who knew him will miss his kindness, his calming presence and his genuine, sincere smile.



OFFICER JOHN HEGE

Officer John Hege, 41, was a 10-year veteran of the Oakland Police Department.

John graduated from St. Mary's College in Moraga, CA. Prior to joining the Oakland Police Department, he worked as a teacher in Hayward, CA.

John started his career with OPD in 1993, serving as a volunteer reserve police officer. In 1999, he was hired as a full-time police officer. John was assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations upon graduating from the Oakland Police Academy. After patrolling the streets of Oakland for 10 years, he was transferred to the Traffic Operations Section and assigned as a motorcycle officer, fulfilling a lifelong dream.

John loved his career, and he was a diehard Raiders fan. He was able to combine his love for OPD and the Raiders by working overtime at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum during Raider home games.

John gave his heart, soul and a seemingly limitless amount of time to the Oakland Police Department. Yet he always made time for his family and friends. He loved to bring people together – planning memorable parties, organizing trips, or just meeting friends for dinner.

John was a man who truly cared about those who lived around him. In death as in life, he chose to help those in need. His organ donations have saved the lives of four people and his tissue donation will enhance the lives of as many as 50 others. John will be remembered as a terrific friend, a loving son, and a loyal brother to the men and women in blue.



SERGEANT ERVIN ROMANS

Sergeant Ervin Romans, 43, was a 13-year veteran of the Oakland Police Department.

Ervin was born and raised in Michigan and was a graduate of Luther L. Wright High School. He served as a drill sergeant in the United States Marine Corps for nine years, receiving numerous awards and citations, including Meritorious Masts, a Special Achievement Award and the Navy Achievement Medal. After leaving the Marine Corps, Ervin continued to serve others, joining the Oakland Housing Authority as a police officer.

In January 1996, Ervin made a career move and became a police officer for the Oakland Police Department. Ervin's sense of duty and commitment never wavered. In 1999, he received the Medal of Valor, the Department's highest honor, for evacuating endangered residents from a fire in West Oakland. His expertise and attention to detail served the City of Oakland well when he became a Departmental Range Master. In this assignment, he trained hundreds of Oakland Police Officers as well as officers from other agencies in the ethical and proper use of firearms and less-lethal weapons.

In September 2005, Ervin was promoted to the rank of Sergeant of Police. As a sergeant he supervised one of Oakland's Crime Reduction Teams and served as entry team leader on the OPD Tactical Operations Team. He took this commitment very seriously, striving to keep up with the latest tactical training.

Father of six, Ervin lived in Danville with his wife and two of his children. He was an avid outdoorsman, excellent cook and loved spending time with family and friends.

The men and women in blue who served with Ervin will never forget how committed he was to their safety and well-being. He epitomized the quintessential teacher, mentor, and leader. He will be truly missed.



SERGEANT DANIEL SAKAI

Sergeant Daniel Sakai, 35, was a 9-year veteran of the Oakland Police Department.

After graduating from the College of Natural Resources, University of California at Berkeley with a degree in forestry and natural resources, Daniel worked as a community service officer with the UC Berkeley Police Department for five years.

Daniel began his career with the Oakland Police Department in December 2000. He was the brightest of his class and honored as the 149th Basic Academy class valedictorian. He first served in the Patrol Division where his talents were quickly recognized. He was a member of Crime Reduction Team 1 and also served as a K-9 officer patrolling the streets of Oakland with his canine partner “Doc.”

Daniel was a hard worker who was said to have a “heart for people.” In December 2007, he was promoted to Sergeant of Police where his leadership qualities began to shine. His devotion and dedication earned him the respect of his peers and, through hard training, he was recently named leader of a Departmental Tactical Operations Entry Team. This assignment was in addition to his regular duties as an Area 1 Patrol Sergeant. Despite his major time commitments, Sergeant Sakai was always there to help his fellow officers and frequently offered to spend his own time running and working out with those who were getting in shape for the OPD Tactical Operations Team test.

Daniel lived in Castro Valley with his wife Jennifer and their 4-year-old daughter. (Jennifer is a training officer at UC Berkeley.) Daniel loved all outdoor activities, not just running, but backpacking, camping, hiking, biking, swimming and skiing, too. Friends, family and co-workers will remember him as a great teacher, leader and mentor to all who came in contact with him.





Final Call

An angel in the sky must leave his place of rest,
Gently tucking his wings beneath his armored vest.

For duty has called, there is much work to do.
Little did he know, these ones are dressed in blue.

Arriving on the scene, he knows just what to say:
“Follow me, fallen brothers, I’ll show you the way.
Your duties have ended, your work is now through.
Come hang your hats beside mine. I’m a cop, too.”

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"The men and women of the Oakland Police Department would like to thank everyone who has reached out to us during this sorrowful time. The loss of a single officer is tragic; losing four officers is overwhelming. This devastating event will forever change the lives of the families, friends and colleagues of our four fallen comrades. It is in times such as these that we realize the importance of community, family and friends, and we are grateful for the incredible outpouring of support the people of Oakland, the state, the nation and the world have shown us. We appreciate the countless cards, emails, flowers, acts of service, well wishes and prayers that have been sent our way. Sergeant Mark Dunakin, Sergeant Ervin Romans, Sergeant Daniel Sakai and Officer John Hege will be forever missed and remembered."

Chief Howard Jordan



TRUST FUND INFORMATION

Individual donations for the families can be mailed to c/o OPOA:

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Oakland, CA 94607

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"Romans Children's Family Trust"

"Sakai Family Trust"

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