



# MEMORIAL

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An update from the Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation welcomes 10 new members to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees helps guide the vision and mission of the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, and its members are tireless ambassadors for the Memorial and its programs.

#### INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS 2009

- Randy Allen**, Mid-Con Data Services  
**Lance Benham**, The Benham Group  
**Tom Hall**, Survivor, General Services Administration  
**Thomas Hill**, Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon  
 Kimray, Inc.  
**Chancellor Glen Johnson**  
 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
**Amy Petty**, Survivor, Allegiance Credit Union  
**Dennis Purifoy**, Survivor  
 Social Security Administration  
**Brad Scroggins**, Family Member  
 Machine Direct and Golf Car, Inc.  
**Mike Turpen**, Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison  
 & Lewis  
**Stephen C. Vaughan**, Sonic, America's Drive-In



The turning of the leaves makes autumn an incredible time to visit the Memorial.

"We are very excited to bring this group of people onto the Board of Trustees for the Memorial," said Bill Scheihing, Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation Chair. "They bring with them an incredible array of talent and expertise, as well as a passionate belief in the mission of the Memorial. They will contribute greatly to moving the mission of the Memorial forward."

### REFLECTIONS OF HOPE AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Nominations for the 2009 *Reflections of Hope Award* are now being accepted. Established in 2005 as part of the 10th anniversary commemoration of the Oklahoma City bombing, the *Reflections of Hope Award* honors a living person or currently-active organization whose conduct exemplifies in an extraordinary fashion two core beliefs of the Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation: that hope can survive and blossom despite the tragedy and chaos of political violence and that, even in environments marred by such violence, peaceful, nonviolent approaches provide the best answers to human problems.

"There are many deserving organizations and individuals around the world whose works are changing lives in positive ways through peaceful avenues," said Justice Jerome Holmes, 10th Circuit Court of Appeals and *Reflections of Hope Award* selection committee chair. "The selection committee will have a difficult task in choosing just one deserving honoree."

Nominations for the international award can be submitted online at [www.reflectionsofhopeaward.org](http://www.reflectionsofhopeaward.org) and are due January 9, 2009.



### MEMORIAL MVPS HONORED FOR THEIR SERVICE

Oklahoma City National Memorial volunteers were honored for the contributions of time and talent they have made to the Memorial in the last year. Volunteers were feted at a "Big League" basketball dinner, featuring keynote speaker Sam Presti, General Manager of the OKC Thunder.

More than sixty-one volunteers gave 8275 hours of time to the Memorial in 2008, a contribution equaling a monetary gift of \$161,445. Volunteers provide assistance in the Museum, greeting visitors, providing guidance through the exhibits and answering questions. They also work to preserve and catalog collections in the Archives, help in administration as well as talk to groups and individuals on the Outdoor Symbolic Memorial.

#### SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS WERE

**Jenny Crane** – Outstanding MVP

**Bob Bish and Marguerite Christman** – MVP Above and Beyond Awards

**Dr. Ellie Lottinville** – June Ranney Special Service Award

"The time and talent these individuals give to the Memorial are crucial for us to be able to operate the Memorial and Museum to the standard we have set in terms of visitor service," said Joanne Riley, Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum Operations Director. "They are always here with a smile and great information for the hundreds of thousands of visitors who see the Memorial as part of their Oklahoma experience each year."



## Follow this link for information on the 2009 Memorial Essay Contest

### MEMORIAL MARATHON WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon was named the Best Amateur Sports Event of the Year by *SportsTravel* magazine at a national sports travel conference in Pittsburgh, Pa. The magazine, based in Los Angeles and generated by Schneider Publishing, has an annual travel events and sports management show in a different city around the United States each year.

"The people of Oklahoma City should take great pride in knowing that an event held in their city is being recognized for its excellence," said Timothy Schneider, publisher of *SportsTravel* magazine, which organizes the TEAMS Conference & Expo. "*SportsTravel* readers are the leaders of the sports-event industry and they really know what it takes to execute a high-quality athletic event. The *SportsTravel Awards* program is an opportunity for them to honor their peers that host sporting events for a job well done."

Awards were given for best single-sport event, best multi-sport or multi-discipline event, and best sports event series or circuit in amateur, collegiate and professional categories. Voters also picked a best new sports event and an overall Sports Event of the Year from among the nominated events.

"We are excited that the readers of *SportsTravel* magazine see in the Memorial Marathon what we know to be true, that there is no other sporting event as inspiring or as uplifting," said Kari Watkins, Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum Executive Director. "This award is a testament to the hard work, dedication and passion of Thomas Hill, Chet Collier, our sponsors and the 6000 volunteers who make the marathon so amazing."

