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Carmichael



RECREATION AND
PARK DISTRICT

To: Advisory Board of Directors

From: Alaina Lofthus, Recreation Services Manager

Date: September 20, 2018

Subject: Wall of Honor Nominee

BACKGROUND

The District recently received an application for the Wall of Honor at Patriots Park. The Wall of Honor was planned to provide a lasting monument to residents of the Carmichael Recreation and Park District to memorialize and honor those who gave their life for their Country/ Community and lived or worked within our District.

Howard Schmidt, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Susan Peters, submitted a nomination on behalf of Sacramento Deputy Sheriff Robert "Bob" French.

Deputy Sheriff French served with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department for 21 years and was assigned to the North Division of the American River including Carmichael. He had been a patrol deputy since 2000 and prior to his death, he was a member of the Auto Theft Task Force addressing auto theft problems for the Sacramento's County's suburban neighborhoods including Carmichael.

On August, 30, 2017, Deputy Sheriff French responded to shots fired on officers at a hotel on Auburn Boulevard in nearby Arden Arcade. He engaged the armed suspect with gunfire as the man attempted to enter a stolen vehicle in the hotel's parking lot. Deputy Sheriff French was mortally shot but continued to engage the subject to allow other officers to seek cover. Deputy Sheriff French, in his final courageous act, engaged the suspect, in disregard to his own personal safety, and helped make the suspect's capture possible.

Staff reviewed the nomination and agree that Deputy Sheriff French meets the criteria for this honor. The annual Wall of Honor ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2018.

RECOMMENATION

District staff recommend that the Advisory Board of Directors approve Sacramento Deputy Sheriff Robert "Bob" French for the Wall of Honor memorial at Patriots Park.