

Bomb Technician Memorial Dedication

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It was with great pride and admiration that I attended the dedication of the Bomb Technicians Memorial at the Hazardous Devices School, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville Alabama on April 16, 2006.

I am proud that we as a community were able to take the idea for a memorial to honor fallen public safety bomb technicians and see it through to fruition. I am also proud of each and every one of you who contributed to this effort. This includes bomb squads, manufacturers and individuals.

There were many of you who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, almost up until the last minute, to make sure everything was in place and looking perfect. And it was.

On a beautiful day, three hundred in attendance participated in a moving and dignified ceremony that was a tribute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Especially poignant was the participation of family members of the fallen. From the granddaughter of Ron Ball (LAPD) to the daughter of Joseph Lynch (NYPD), their presence was especially meaningful.

I would also be remiss if I did not mention the efforts of Jeff Fuller in this endeavor. Jeff was the driving force that made our idea a reality. He was involved in every aspect of designing, fundraising and construction. His dedication and insight is truly inspiring.

This memorial will serve as a place of remembrance, reflection and solitude for all that visit. It is fitting that it sits at the seat of our training center for all to admire. 🌟

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