

BUDDY RAY HERRON MEMORIAL CHALLENGE COIN

On 11/29/2011 at approximately 4:50am, I received a call I wish I would never have received. One of our own in Oregon was taken by a brutal felon as he was reporting for work.

Officer Buddy Ray Herron of the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton, Oregon, was reporting for work 1st shift when he saw what he believed to be a motor vehicle accident and a motorist in need of help. Buddy was a neighborhood watch organizer and a volunteer fire fighter in his home town of Helix, Oregon, a sleepy rural community in northeastern Oregon, about 20 miles north of Pendleton. Buddy stopped to offer his help. Buddy was in uniform as he was reporting for work. He did not know that the motorist he was about to offer his help was a felon, who had just burglarized a home and stolen a vehicle.

As Buddy stopped to help, the motorist brandished a knife and brutally stabbed Buddy, stealing Buddy's truck and leaving Buddy along highway 11 to die. Correctional Officer Buddy Ray Herron called 9-1-1 on his cellphone, and EMS arrived and took him to St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. Efforts to save Buddy's life were not enough. Buddy passed away, leaving behind his wife Kim, and their 4 children James – age 20, Joshua – age 16, Jacob – age 14, and Jenna – age 11.

The Buddy Ray Herron Memorial Coin will be available to help raise funds for Buddy's family at a cost of \$15 per coin.

Front



Back



size: 1.75"

- raised brass metal
- recessed brass metal(sandblasted)
- raised silver metal
- recessed silver metal
- black
- 356 c
- reflex blue c

- raised brass metal
- recessed brass metal(sandblasted)
- black
- 186 c
- 731 c
- 422 c
- white