

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The NTOA is proud to become the first national law enforcement association to partner with the National Law Enforcement Museum's *Stand With Honor* initiative. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund spearheaded the creation of this first national museum

dedicated to the men and women in blue. The museum is scheduled to open in mid-2018. *Stand With Honor* provides a unique venue to tell your story. The NTOA also is sponsoring the SWAT exhibit at the museum. NTOA Director Emeritus Phil Hansen has been our liaison for this exhibit, ensuring an accurate depiction of SWAT in the display. We are proud to support this endeavor, which provides a safe platform to share the experiences and sacrifices that comprise a career in law enforcement. More information can be found on page 94 of this issue.

We are grateful that you allow us to be your advocate and voice on a national level, and that you look to us to provide you with the best training and education available. Our 2017 Crisis Negotiations and Tactical Conferences in Phoenix will reflect our mission. We promise you will have unparalleled opportunities to train, network and collaborate with your peers. The NTOA and our co-hosts, the Phoenix Police Department and the Arizona Tactical Officers Association, are committed to providing our students with an outstanding training experience. We look forward to seeing you in September!

In the meantime, don't forget to check out the NTOA Academy, which takes the professionalization of SWAT to the next level with a certification course of study for SWAT team leaders and commanders. Enrollment is open, so go to our website and take advantage of this unique program to enhance your training and education.

Hopefully you have recently visited our website to enjoy the latest additions of member services. Individual members now have a personalized landing page under the *Members Only* section, as well as an enhanced training calendar, NTOA resource

documents, Member Tested and Recommended database, article archives, intelligence reports and member discount partnerships. You can renew your membership there, as well as update your contact information, apply for educational scholarships, and download your training records and certificates. We will be adding more features in the future.



Kevan Dugan accepting NTOA appreciation plaque with Directors Emeritus Keith Frakes (l) and Brock Simon (r)

On a closing note, I would like to thank Capt. Kevan Dugan (ret.), who recently left our Board of Directors after several years of service and even more years of instructing. Kevan and I go way back to our Pennsylvania State Police days, where he was an outstanding commander and an honorable and dedicated trooper. We will miss the guidance he provided the NTOA and his commitment to the betterment of the tactical community.

Be safe and God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lomax". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mark Lomax