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## When Heroes Salute

(NAPSA)—Each year, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) salutes a man or woman who has made a significant contribution to its mission or to the law enforcement profession as a whole. On October 18, the 2006 Distinguished Service Award was presented to the former President William Jefferson Clinton.

The Distinguished Service Award, the NLEOMF's highest Honor, has been presented in past years to former President George H.W. Bush, former Attorney General Janet Reno, the United States Mint Police and Motorola.

In presenting the award, NLEOMF Chairman Craig Floyd commended President Clinton for supporting the law enforcement community during his tenure. In addition, Mr. Floyd cited legislation signed by President Clinton that honors the men and women of law enforcement and their families. Passed into law during his presidency were bills that would lower the American flag on all federal buildings on May 15th, Peace Officers Memorial Day, as well as authorize the United States Mint to issue the NLEOMF commemorative coin, a program that raised \$1.4 million for the Memorial's long-term maintenance fund.

President Clinton was also honored for his successful efforts to significantly increase the number of law enforcement officers serving across the country, to improve law enforcement safety



**Former President Clinton received the Distinguished Service Award from the NLEOMF.**

and to substantially reduce violent crime.

However, NLEOMF says one of President Clinton's most meaningful contributions to date is his signature on the public law that established a National Law Enforcement Museum on federal land in the nation's capital.

Past winners of the NLEOMF Distinguished Service Award include:

- Former U.S. Sen. Claiborne Pell, honorary chairman and co-founder of the NLEOMF;
- DuPont, for its work to provide law enforcement officers with bullet-resistant vests and to promote their use;
- Former U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi, founder of the NLEOMF;
- Former U.S. Sen. Benighthorse Campbell, author of a law to establish a National Law Enforcement Museum;
- John Walsh, host of the television show "America's Most Wanted."

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