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## OnStar Announces Facebook “Like” Campaign to Raise \$250,000 for FOP

### *Brave On Campaign Honors Everyday Heroes and Supports Families of Fallen Soldiers*



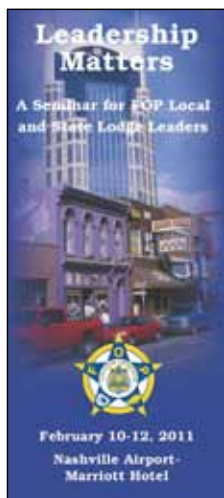
OnStar’s Brave On Facebook “Like” campaign honors the heroism and charitable practices of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). During the month of November, OnStar will donate \$1 to the Fraternal Order of Police Foundation for each person who likes the OnStar Facebook Fan Page. With a target goal of a \$250,000 donation, OnStar will help FOP’s foundation provide services to the families of fallen soldiers during the holiday season.

“Providing assistance when people need it most is the essence of the OnStar brand and the public service community is critical to how we are able to execute dire safety and security services,” said Chris Preuss, president, OnStar. “It is our pleasure to support the Fraternal Order of Police Foundation as they support the families of officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice. This is one way that we’d like to show appreciation to everyday heroes.”

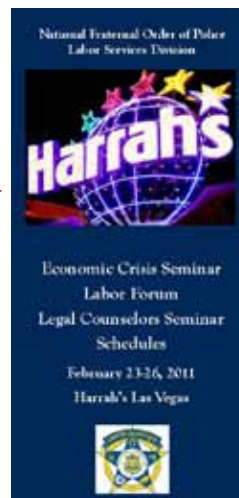
OnStar will launch the Brave On campaign by pledging \$40,000 on the behalf of its existing Facebook fans on November 1. Through November 30, or until OnStar acquires 250,000 “Like” pledges, existing fans will be encouraged to click the “Suggest to Friends” button to raise awareness for the cause. Facebook fans will also be encouraged to share their Brave On stories about the everyday heroes in their lives.

“The simple gesture of clicking “Like” on the OnStar Facebook page will have a big impact on the families of fallen officers over the holiday season,” said David Hiller, National Vice President of the Fraternal Order of Police. “At the FOP, we are committed to improving the safety and working conditions of law enforcement officers and, during the holiday season, we are just as dedicated to ensuring the families of our departed officers do not go forgotten. We appreciate OnStar’s support in these efforts.”

To pledge \$1 to the Fraternal Order of Police Foundation, simply visit [www.facebook.com/onstar](http://www.facebook.com/onstar) and click “Like” to become a fan of the OnStar Facebook Fan Page. Through December 1, OnStar will post updates on donations through Facebook and Twitter, search #braveon.



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**ATF Agent Acquitted in Virgin Islands Murder Case!**  
*see full story on the next page*

# ATF Agent Acquitted!

National President Chuck Canterbury hailed news of the acquittal of William G. Clark, a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) who was been unjustly charged for actions he took in defense of his life and that of another citizen.

“It’s definitely a case of justice prevailing,” Canterbury said. “I am sure he is relieved, as many Federal law enforcement officers are, but he never should have been charged in the first place.”

The case against Special Agent Clark rested on a curious interpretation of law in the U.S. Virgin (USVI) Islands. The territorial court ruled that “not every provision of the Constitution is applicable in the Virgin Islands” and that, therefore, Special Agent Clark was not to be granted immunity as a Federal agent for the actions he took in the line of duty. This ruling allowed the USVI authorities to prosecute him despite the fact that the shooting was ruled justifiable.

“The court’s interpretation on this point is farcical,” Canterbury said. “And it is one that has hurt the citizens of the Islands, as ATF withdrew all of its agents and other Federal law enforcement officers were reluctant to render aid for fear that their law enforcement activity could get them charged with a crime.”

Canterbury, along with thousands of members of the Fraternal Order of Police, wrote in to support Special Agent Clark. The National FOP urged Congress to examine the Federal laws governing the territories to assure that the full force of the Constitution is applied so that no future law enforcement officer will face these circumstances.



## FOP Member and Neighbors Create Their Own Military and Police Memorial

KC Blodgett, FOP member from Kansas found an opportunity to turn a vacant piece of land into a memorial garden honoring military and law enforcement heroes. Last year KC and his neighbors got together and determined what they wanted to do and then started working on it.

Across the road from where KC and his wife live in Mayetta Kansas is a large hayfield that is owned by the Prairie Band Indian Tribe. When the tribe decided to fence off the land, they left a “turn around” spot for the school buses and trash haulers. With the turn around quite a bit of “green” space was left. KC’s neighbor received permission to maintain the area and the decision was made to create a little memorial site. The Blodgetts gathered the rock for creating a rock garden. Two neighbors took on the job of putting together a wooden sign with the words “Freedom is NOT Free” and setting it up. Then KC found two statues of a Revolutionary War soldier and an Iraqi War soldier and painted them. Memorial tags are being made for display that will have the information on the number of our military who were killed in World War I, World II, Korean War, and Viet Nam War.

There is also a space dedicated to the 9-11 tragedy, that includes small statues of an eagle and “Little Boy Policeman” on the sign. A lion statue in the rock garden represents the lions at the National Memorial.

This is a great example of what a little creativity and thoughtfulness can accomplish in turning otherwise “wasted space” into something honoring our heroes.

