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## HEROES FAMILY FUND

### Remembering Police Officer Jonathan Edward Walsh



**Joliet Police Department**  
**End of Watch: Friday, August 20, 2004**

This month, Heroes Family Fund pays tribute to the life and service of Officer Jonathan Walsh, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Officer Walsh tragically lost his life when his patrol car was involved in a crash with a hit-and-run driver while responding to a burglar alarm at the Pilcher Park Nature Center. His dedication to protecting his community never wavered.

Serving with the Joliet Police Department for 3 ½ years, Officer Walsh was an

integral part of the department. He was a certified Bicycle Patrol officer and served on the Gang Violence Suppression Unit. Beyond his duty, he was a founder and member of the Joliet Police Department Softball Team and an active participant in the International Police Mountain Bike Association. His exceptional service earned him multiple commendations and awards of merit.

Before joining the Joliet Police Department, Officer Walsh also served with the Burr Ridge, Palos Heights, and Chicago Ridge Police Departments, leaving a lasting impact everywhere he went.

*Officer Walsh's legacy is one of courage, dedication, and service.*

*As we remember him, we reaffirm our commitment to honoring those who give everything in the name of public safety.*

### **Join Us in Supporting the Heroes Family Fund**

Help us honor Officer Walsh and others like him by contributing to the Heroes Family Fund. Your generosity ensures that we can continue supporting the families of our fallen heroes in their time of need.

**Guardian Sponsor: \$10,000+**

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## UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

### 2025 Heroes Family Fund Charity Golf Outing

*Tuesday, May 6th, 2025*



#### Eagle Ridge Golf Club - The North Course

444 Eagle Ridge Drive  
Galena, IL 61036

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*All proceeds go to the Heroes Family Fund.*

The Heroes Family Fund is a recognized 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization.

#### [Golf Opportunities](#)

Join us on the course for our charity golf outing! Sponsorship opportunities are available—a great way to support a worthy cause while connecting with industry leaders in a relaxed, fun setting.

[Golf Sponsorships](#)

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**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN:**  
2025 PTSD First Responders Retreat  
*June 8 - 11, 2025*



The Abbey Resort  
269 Fontana Blvd.  
Fontana-On-Geneva Lake, WI 53125

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## UPCOMING PENSION TRUSTEE TRAININGS

Certified Trustee Program 25-1  
*March 18 - 19, 2025*



NIU Outreach Campus  
1120 E. Diehl Rd., Room 260  
Naperville, IL 60563

[REGISTER NOW](#)

*Registration closing soon*

**LIMITED SPOTS LEFT!**  
**2025 Illinois Pension Conference**  
*May 7 - 9, 2025*



**Eagle Ridge Resort**  
444 Eagle Ridge Drive  
Galena, IL 61036

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**Conference Opportunities**

Looking to showcase your organization at our conference? Explore our exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities! Gain exposure, connect with key decision-makers, and make a lasting impact. Spaces are limited!

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**2025 MidAmerican Pension Conference**  
*October 1 - 2, 2025*



from a spouse's Social Security record. IPPFA will schedule updates on this law via our [YouTube](#) channel and at our [2025 conferences and seminars](#).

IPPFA TV Interview

## The IPPFA Retirement Guide – 3rd Edition

The best source of information on the newly expanded Social Security benefits is the **3rd Edition of the IPPFA Retirement Guide**

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