

AIRPORT POLICE

Commendation for Officer Dye

Airport Police Officer Thomas Dye awarded for honoring fallen soldiers.



From left: Los Angeles World Airports Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey, Officer Thomas Dye and Los Angeles Airport Police Chief George R. Centeno after he presented the Chief's Commendation to Officer Dye.

Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Public Information Officer; Photos courtesy Airport Police Officer Shrode and Officer Smith.

Airport Police Officer Thomas Dye of the Patrol Services Section was recently commended for his efforts to establish the Airport Police Honor Guard Detail for the return of fallen soldiers. He was honored in early March during the Westchester Elks Lodge's Law Enforcement Appreciation Night. Officer Dye, a seven-year veteran of Airport Police, also received a commendation from Airport Police Chief George R. Centeno, recognizing Dye's efforts before the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners.

The Airport Police Honor Guard Detail began in May 2005, following the loss of Airport Police Officer Tommy Edward Scott, the first Airport Police officer to die in the line of duty. Relying on his prior training as a U.S. Navy mas-



From right: LAPD Detective I Axel Delcon, Councilman Bill Rosendahl, LAPD Officer II + II Willie Durr, LAPD Officer III Larry Johnson, Airport Police Officer Thomas Dye, LAPD Officer III Jeffrey Lovick, LAPD Sgt. I Dennis Beacham and LAPD Detective I Damon Hogan, Club Member.

ter chief petty officer, Dye organized and trained fellow officers to provide an Airport Police Honor Guard for Officer Scott's funeral services.

Soon afterward, with remains of U.S. soldiers killed while serving in the Middle East conflicts and at other locations around the world arriving at LAX, Officer Dye received authorization from Airport Police senior com-

mand to coordinate with the airlines at LAX to provide the Honor Guard Detail's uniformed field-side honors and escorts for the

Officer Dye organized and trained the Honor Guard Detail in the disciplines and protocols of a military detail in order to be sanctioned by the U.S. Department of Defense to perform these honors at LAX.



Bottom row, from left: Officer Angela Yang; Officer Thomas Dye; Los Angeles Airport Police Chief George R. Centeno; and Sgt. Belinda Nettles. Middle: Officer Deluca, Club Member; Officer B.G. Davis, Club Member; and Sgt. Robert Richardson. Back: Sgt. George Holt III.



From left: Westchester Elks Lodge No 2050, Master of Ceremony Dan Baccelliere; Honoree Officer Thomas Dye; and LA Airport Police Chief George R. Centeno.



From left: Officer Ocon; Officer Maturi; Officer Thomas Dye; Officer Gonzalez; and Sgt. Masis Sossikian after the LAWA Board of Airport Commissioners Meeting.



At the Podium: Councilman Bill Rosendahl, District 11, presented officers with an award from his district.

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