

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY RISA VETRI FERMAN HONORS POTTSTOWN BOROUGH
POLICE PATROLMAN THOMAS W. CORUM WITH FALLEN HERO PLAQUE**

District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman, together with Pottstown Borough Retired Chief James Rodgers and James Binns, founder of the Fallen Hero Plaque Program, honored Patrolman Thomas W. Corum on October 25th, 2011. Retired Police Chief James Rodgers was a member of the Police Department when Patrolman Corum died in the line of duty on January 20th, 1964.

On the day of his sacrifice, Patrolman Corum encountered two brothers, Paul and Charles Davis. Charles was armed with a club. Patrolman Corum attempted to arrest the brothers for assault charges and a struggle ensued. During the struggle, Patrolman Corum suffered a fatal heart attack and later died. He was fifty eight years old at the time of his death and had served eighteen years at the Police Department. At the time of his death, he was survived by his wife, Rose, his son, Thomas, Jr., and his daughter, Elise May.

Patrolman Corum joined the Pottstown Borough Police Department on June 5th, 1945. Prior to joining the Police Department, he was employed in manufacturing and worked for Flagg's in Stowe, Pennsylvania. He was a volunteer and active with the Local Boy Scouts and was recognized by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement. Patrolman Corum's nephews, James Corum and David McDonald, attended the ceremony.

District Attorney Ferman said, "It takes a special kind of person to assume this position. We are grateful and appreciative of the sacrifice our law enforcement officers make for us on a daily basis. The significance of public service does not lie with the matter through which we lose an officer, nor does it lie with how he or she makes that ultimate sacrifice, rather, we remember them for their heroism and courage, for their service and commitment, and we honor them. Patrolman Corum's plaque will serve as a reminder of his dedication and duty, and will serve as a token of our appreciation for law enforcement, as a community."

Approved for release:

Risa Vetri Ferman