

Fallen deputy remembered with challenge coins

(KNZA)--Challenge coins are being made available to support a scholarship that honors a fallen Brown County Sheriff's Deputy.

According to a release from Brown County Sheriff John Merchant, the limited run of 150 coins are being offered to support the "Deputy Todd Widman Memorial Scholarship."

March 1, 2020 marks the 20th anniversary of Widman's line of duty death.

Merchant, in the release, said 100-percent of the \$25 per-coin cost will be used to fund the scholarship which will be awarded to a 2020 Brown County high school senior. The funds received by the student are payable to the college of the student's choice.

Those wanting more information should contact Cynthia Linck at the Sheriff's Office at (785) 742-7125 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

According to odmp.org, Widman had been employed with the Sheriff's Office for two years when he was shot and killed on March 1, 2000, after responding to a call about a transient walking along U.S. Highway 36, in Brown County.

One of the challenge coins, as well as information regarding Widman, was sent to the Whitehouse, and President Donald Trump. Merchant said the President replied with a letter acknowledging Widman's sacrifice.

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