



2023  
Letter of Award  
Chief's Citation



To: Rae Anna Victor  
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police  
Date: October 10, 2023  
Re: Chief's Citation Award

Captain Tracie Meidl nominated Rae Anna Victor to receive the Chief's Citation Award. This award is intended to recognize members of a team or unit for participating in an incident, event, or series of events, or project which has a substantial, positive impact on the community or police department. It must be superior in nature and further the department's mission and overall effectiveness. When the Special Awards Committee reviewed this nomination, it was clear that Rae Anna is most deserving of this award. Captain Meidl wrote:

"For the past **55 years**, Rae Anna has worked in various law enforcement capacities either learning, volunteering or in paid positions. Rae Anna began her law enforcement journey in 1968, studying Police Science at WSU. From there, she worked as Campus Security at WSU, a Reserve Officer for SPD, Eastern State Hospital, Crime Check/911, EWU Campus Security, Adams County Sheriff Communications Matron, SPD Records, Spokane County Communications Officer/Supervisor, and Gonzaga Security Communications Coordinator until 2020.

Rae Anna's desire to memorialize the legacy of law enforcement, and its officers, have been apparent in the many books and articles she's written, the memorials she has helped create, fund, and build, and the projects and committees she works with to ensure officers and notable community members are honored for their work, service, and/or sacrifice.

Rae Anna has authored 19 books, to date, covering historical topics ranging from law enforcement to pioneers, to the Daughters of the American Revolution. She has also contributed to numerous magazines and publications over several decades.

Rae Anna's work serves as historical legacies that will never be forgotten. Her book "At Peace with Honor" outlines all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty in the state of Washington. This book, which Rae Anna continues to research and update, is also donated to all families and agencies who have lost local, county, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement officers. Her passion for history and research show through these works, as does the service she provides on her various committees.

Rae Anna donates her time to serve on committees for the Spokane Regional Law Enforcement Museum, Law Enforcement Memorial Officers Project, and Spokane's Fallen Officer Project. She also serves as the Historical Liaison for the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Foundation, Officer Down Memorial Page, Behind the Badge Foundation, and Concerns of Police Survivors organizations. Rae Anna is also responsible for many projects and contributions that led to 31 historical monuments dedicated at Fairmount, Riverside and Greenwood cemeteries. Rae Anna's contributions to the law enforcement community and the broader community are immeasurable and she is absolutely deserving of this award.

Rae Anna, I am honored to present you with the Chief's Citation Award.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. N. Meidl".

Craig N. Meidl  
Chief of Police