

WSP Honor Guard Historical Timeline

- 1984** - Honor Guard is designed, created, and officially implemented.
- 1985** - Eight M-1 Garand rifles purchased for ceremonial use during 21-Gun Salute.
- 1985** - First 21-Gun Salute rendered at funeral of Trooper Glenda Thomas. Riflemen were Veliz, King, Stewart, Brown, Foster, Price, and Pryzocski.
- 1986** - First official rifle routine conducted, using synchronized movements and marching, for recruitment video.
- 1987** - Tunic designed and implemented by Chief George Tellevik and Captain Edward Crawford.
- 1989** - Rifle drill and ceremony first implemented.
- 1991** - Trooper Robert Veliz assumed tactical command of the Honor Guard in 1991 and fostered the development of new equipment, routines, and music.
- 1992** - Several new members were recruited with an emphasis on rifle drill experience. What followed was the development of a Silent Drill Team.
- 1992** - First Advanced Rifleman (*Trooper Bob Jones*)
- 1993** - First two-man rifle show performed at WSP Memorial Foundation Dinner (*by Troopers Bob Jones and John-Paul Sager*)
- 1994** - Chief George Tellevik first refers to the Honor Guard as "the flagship unit of the State Patrol".
- 1996** - Trooper Ted DeHart has streamers added to the Honor Guard colors, each bearing the name of one of the WSP Troopers that have been killed in the line of duty.
- 1998** - Drum, trumpet, a highland piper, and two Marine Corps NCO Swords were added to lend professionalism to the unit.
- 1999** - Motto of "DUTY and HONOR" implemented by Sergeant Robert Veliz.
- 1999** - Last streamer added to WSP Honor Guard Colors for Trooper James E. Saunders (*End of Watch: 10-07-1999*)
- 2000** - Honor Guard contingent sent to Washington DC for the National Law Enforcement Memorial Week.
- 2004** - WSP Honor Guard competes at the Canadian-American Police/Fire Games in Spokane, WA (*places 2nd*).
- 2005** - WSP Honor Guard is officially moved to become a division of the Office of the Chief. Advanced Rifle Pin (*Gold Crossed Rifles*) implemented by HG Commander, Captain Robert Veliz.
- WSP Guidon Flag is designed and created by Trooper Erik Wickman.
- 2006** - Current Honor Guard Logo is designed and created by Sergeant John-Paul Sager.
- 2006** - Honor Guard is first referred to as "The Governor's Own" by Governor Christine Gregoire (*during the visit of President Fox of Mexico*).
- 2006** - Chief John Batiste creates new policy to allow selected retirees to serve with Honor Guard. Ret. Trooper Craig Anders is first selectee.
- 2007** - Honor Guard contingent sent to Washington DC for National Law Enforcement Memorial Week (*places 5th in the Nation at the HG Competition*).
- 2008** - Chief John Batiste officially designates the Honor Guard as "The Flagship Unit" of the Washington State Patrol.
- 2008** - Eight-man team sent to Washington DC for National Law Enforcement Memorial Week. WSP Honor Guard finishes as the National Silver Medalists for 2008.