

## Compatriot John Liles Receives the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for Career Service

John Liles was born in Marlin, Texas on March 19, 1939. His father T.L Liles went to work for Dow Chemical during WWII in 1941 after moving to Brazoria, Texas where John was raised and attended Brazoria Elementary. John graduated from West Columbia High School in 1957. After graduation, he went to work for Mrs. Bairds Baking Co. in Houston delivering bread to stores.



Figure 1 John Liles receives Law Enforcement Medal from Chapter President Win Avera 10 Dec 2016

John later transferred to Bay City, Texas to work on a bread route. On December 1962, while living in Bay City, John was accepted into the Houston Police Department Academy as a police cadet. Mr. Liles graduated from the academy in March, 1963. In March of 1966, he was transferred to the narcotics division. He remained with this division, working organized crime, until 1978 at which time was reassigned to the Criminal Intelligence Division specializing in organized crime. In 1981, John was assigned to Dignitary Protection, and was assigned to Vice-President George Bush when President Reagan became President. This assignment was necessary because Mr. Bush kept his residence in Houston.

John coordinated with the United States Secret Service on all of the President's movements when he would return to Houston. When Vice-President Bush was not in Houston, John was instrumental in coordinating all visiting dignitaries who came into Houston with the Secret Service. These included heads of State, Presidents of other countries, Prime Ministers, Kings, Queens and etc.

John retired from the Houston Police Dept. in 1984, as Lieutenant of Personnel. In 1988 he moved back to Brazoria County and went to work for the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department retiring from there in 2004. John became a Compatriot of the Cradle of Texas Chapter #33 of the Sons of the American Revolution in July 2000. John's patriot ancestor was his 5<sup>th</sup> great grandfather Major John Liles born 1755 in South Carolina who fought in the battles of Stono Ferry, Hanging Rock, Cowpens and Eutaw Springs.

His hobbies include singing in a barbershop quartet, growing roses and watching birds.