



International Union of Police Associations

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Statement of President Sam A. Cabral regarding the passing of Robert “Bob” Kliesmet

On October 25, 2023, we lost former I.U.P.A. President Robert Kliesmet. He was aged 91 at the time of his passing.

Bob was an Army veteran and former Milwaukee Police Officer. He was key to the creation and development of the Milwaukee Police Association and led the I.U.P.A. from 1982 until 1998, expanding our membership and enhancing the services we provided. He was active in Washington, D.C., fighting for Federal Legislation that favorably impacted America’s Law Enforcement Officer, something that has continued to this day. I was his Vice President at that time and learned a lot from Bob. He was a mentor and a friend.

Bob later became the Milwaukee County Sheriff and was a recognized expert on police stress, tactical techniques, and community policing.

His life was one of service, to his nation, to his community, and to law enforcement officers across this great nation.

He will certainly be missed. I am proud to have known him and strive daily to live up to his legacy.

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NOTE:

*Originally chartered in 1979, the **International Union of Police Associations** is the only chartered labor union that exclusively represents law enforcement personnel. The I.U.P.A. represents active-duty, rank and file law enforcement professionals and emergency medical personnel nationwide – including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The I.U.P.A.’s mission is to protect and advance officers’ wages, benefits, and work conditions. Membership includes officers from agencies throughout the United States, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.*

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