



UNITED STATES PARK POLICE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

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Regarding the act of vandalism that took place in the early morning hours of July 26, 2013: This type of reprehensible act is unfortunate but it did not permanently damage the memorial and this incident further underscores the need for the National Park Service to provide more funding and more personnel so as to provide a higher level of deterrence through officer presence. We are fortunate that this deplorable act can be remedied but caution that we are lucky that this wasn't an act of terrorism. The F.O.P. has been asking the National Park Service to review its funding of the Park Police and this incident, which we believe is just one of the many potential acts possible, due to the appalling lack of funding, just echoes our call.

Chairman