Individual Meritorious Community Service Award – Philadelphia Police Dept.

Officer Castro is a Forensic Composite Sketch Artist who uses his artistic talent to honor fallen heroes. He creates beautiful portraits of officers who died in the line of duty and presents them as gifts to their families. His first portrait was of a fellow officer who had been promoted to sergeant and received the Medal of Honor following his death. Since the officer’s family would never have the opportunity to see him dressed according to his new rank, Officer Castro included the additional stripes and medal in the portrait. Since then, Officer Castro has painted over a hundred portraits of fallen officers from all over the U.S., and internationally. He creates these paintings on his own time and never accepts payment.