

Following Missouri mass shooting, new fundraiser honors slain hero

Shield Republic Charities to run 'Hold the Line' apparel fundraiser for family of Springfield police officer Christopher Walsh



Raleigh, Mar 17, 2020 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Amid the chaos of the global coronavirus pandemic forcing shut-downs everywhere, a shooter went on a rampage at a gas station in Springfield, Missouri, killing four. Among the casualties were police officer Christopher Walsh, a 32-year-old Army veteran and active Army reservist who had served with the Springfield Police Department for more than three and a half years.

At 11 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, a car crashed into a Kum & Go on East Chestnut Expressway. Shortly after, a gunman opened fire inside the store, killing Officer Walsh, who with another officer had raced to the scene to stop the shooter. The shooter later died by a self-inflicted gunshot wound after killing Walsh and three others in the store.

To honor Officer Walsh's sacrifice, the American lifestyle brand Shield Republic will run a "Hold the Line" fundraiser including a line of honorary tees, long-sleeved shirts, hoodies, ladies' tank tops and decals made in the USA and available for purchase at shieldrepublic.com. All net proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Walsh family, including his bereaved wife and daughter.

"It's especially troubling to lose a hero like Officer Walsh during such a turbulent time for our world," said Charlie Romero, spokesperson for the Shield Republic. "Our Hold the Line fundraiser for this young hero reflects our desire to honor a noble public servant who laid down his life in the line of duty. We wish our sincere condolences to the Walsh family and to Officer Walsh's team at the Springfield Police Department."

Learn more about the Hold the Line fundraiser for Officer Walsh at <https://www.shieldrepublic.com/collections/charity/products/100-donation-hold-the-line-officer-christopher-walsh>.

Shield Republic's Hold the Line fundraisers have raised more than \$100,000 for the families and units of fallen first responders, police officers and K9 police dogs since inception.

For more information about the Shield Republic Charities, contact charities@shieldrepublic.com.

About Shield Republic

Established in 2016, Shield Republic is an American lifestyle brand based outside Raleigh, North Carolina. The company offers creative, fresh apparel and merchandise embodying American pride. Everything sold by Shield Republic is designed and manufactured in the United States. Shield Republic appeals to patriotic Americans passionate about personal strength, second amendment rights and military strength. Through Shield Republic Charities, the company shows appreciation to soldiers, first responders and their families.

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