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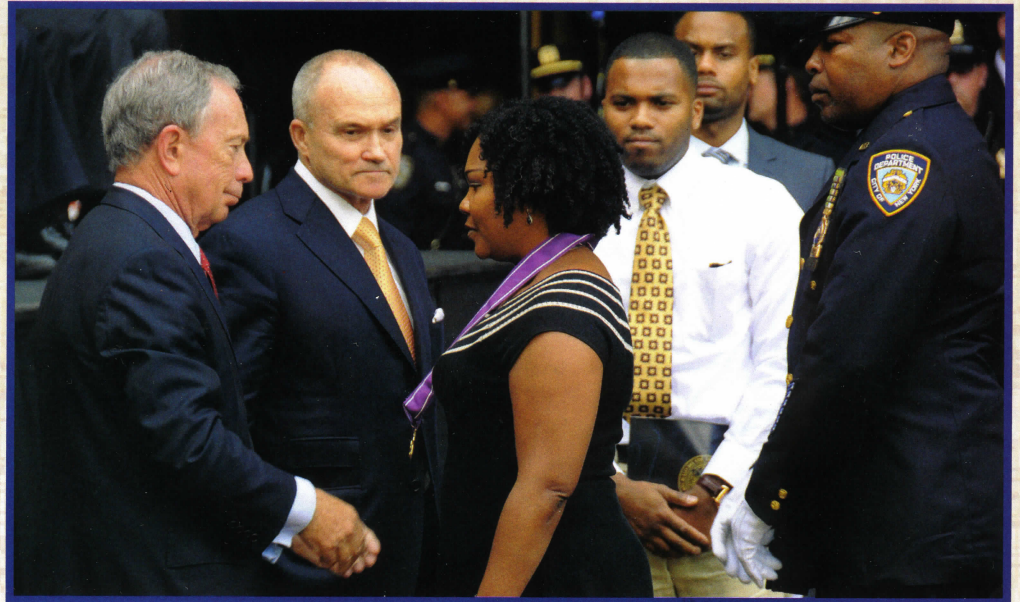


2013 MEDAL DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS



PURPLE SHIELD Awarded Posthumously

The Purple Shield, which was first awarded in September 1995, was designed by retired Lieutenant David A. Kondrup as a police version of the United States military Purple Heart. It is awarded to members of the service who have suffered extreme serious physical injury, permanent disfigurement, protracted or permanent impairment of health, or any bodily function, or to their next of kin in the event of a line of duty death while performing an official act either on-or off-duty.



Mayor Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Kelly present Detective Archer's wife, Amanda, with the Purple Shield, as family members look on.



Detective First Grade **Fermin Archer** Warrant Section

On July 13, 2011, Detective First Grade Fermin "Sonny" Archer, 48 years old, succumbed to complications arising from a torn aorta he suffered during a patrol-related automobile accident on June 17, 2011.

Detective Fermin Archer joined the New York

City Transit Police Department in July 1985, and began his career in Transit District 3. He also served in Transit District 2; the Warrant Section; the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Operations; the Police Commissioner's Office; the New York County District Attorney's Office; and the Warrant Section's Regional Fugitive Task Force. He was promoted to Detective in December 1990, Detective Second Grade in December 1995, and Detective First Grade in December 2000. Detective Archer made more than 100 arrests during his 26-year career. He was a 1991 Combat Cross recipient for his heroic actions during a gun battle, saving his partner's life, who had been shot in the head. He was also recognized twice for Excellent Police Duty, once for Meritorious Police Duty, and is the recipient of a Commendation. He is survived by his wife, Amanda; children: Fermin Michael III, Tiffany, Orlando, and Angel; and father, Fermin Sr.



Commissioner Kelly (center) with (l-r): Det. Fermin Archer's former partner, Det. Wendell Stadford; Det. Archer's wife, Amanda; son, Orlando; sister-in-law, Evy and son, Fermin Michael III.