

# <u>CAPTURING OSWALD</u> Character Overview



# Jim Leavelle, Homicide Detective (Ret.), DPD

A WWII veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor, Leavelle joined the Dallas Police Department (DPD) after the war. As a top homicide detective assigned to investigate the shooting of Officer J.D. Tippit, Leavelle was the first person to interrogate Oswald and the last to speak to him before his untimely death. Leavelle defends the DPD's investigation and reflects on life long-bonds with his fellow brothers in blue.

# Elmer Boyd, Homicide Detective (Ret.), DPD

Boyd was Captain Fritz's right-hand man during the investigation of JFK's assassination and one of the first detectives to search the Texas School Book Depository, where Oswald worked. He was assigned to guard Oswald while he was being held at the Dallas Police headquarters and also witnessed a number of the interrogations that took place in the first 48 hours.





# **Hugh Aynesworth, Reporter, Dallas Morning News**

An accomplished newsman and investigator, Aynesworth has 65 years of experience reporting for major organizations like Newsweek, ABC's 20/20, Dallas Times Herald, and Washington Times. In 1963 he was working for the Dallas Morning News, when he found himself with a front-row seat to the three pivotal moments of that weekend. He witnessed the assassination of JFK in Dealey Plaza, Oswald's arrest in the Texas Theater, and the shooting of Oswald by Jack Ruby.

# Paul McCaghren, Lieutenant (Ret.), DPD

A veteran of the Korean War and one of the *The Chosin Few*, in 1963 McCaghren served as a lieutenant under Captain Fritz and was part of the pre-planning team before President Kennedy arrived in Texas. McCaghren was one of five officers assigned to investigate Oswald and Ruby.





#### Jim Ewell, Reporter (Ret.), Dallas Morning News

After covering the arrival of President Kennedy at Love Field, Ewell, a police beat reporter for the *Dallas Morning News*, rushed to the Book Depository right after shots were fired. From the upper balcony of the Texas Theater, Ewell witnessed Oswald's capture and arrest.

#### John Brewer, Witness and Shoe Store Manager

Vigilant citizen, John Brewer, is credited as the man who brought the manhunt for Oswald to its final climactic conclusion in the Texas Theater.



# Other Characters Include:

Jimmy W. Courson, Motorcycle Officer (Ret.), DPD
Ray Hawkins, Investigator (Ret.), DPD
Jack Davis, Detective (Ret.), DPD
Temple Bowley, Witness and Dallas Citizen
Dave Perry, JFK Assassination Consultant
Oliver "Buck" Revell, Associate Deputy Director (Ret.), FBI