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On May 3, the Hi-Desert Retirees gathered together for their monthly luncheon at *Marie Callender's* on Mariposa in Victorville. Those present were Lee and Annette Henderson, Dave Duesler, Sheila and Joe Ortiz, Bob and Teri Kaufman, Shannique Solaita, Beth Comb, and Chickee and Norman Nelson.

On May 3, the Desert Heat in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, got together for their monthly luncheon at the Lake Havasu Elks Lodge at 11:30 a.m. They eat at noon. Here is the list of attendees at the luncheon: Ed Ryan, Jerry Gillen, Don and Susie Sackett, Joshua Sackett, Gary Muchmore, Doug Muchmore, Steve Root, Kevin Gavaghan, Mike and Leseah Castorina, Joan Day, Richard and Ruth Byrd, George Wilson, Jim Slay, Dan and Billie Grabek, and Shirley Hyler. Come join us the first Wednesday of every month at the Elks Lodge in Lake Havasu City. Thanks, Jerry Gillen (lnx1993@yahoo.com)

On May 3, the Marshals Old Timers held their monthly luncheon at the *San Antonio Winery* in L.A. There was a lot of reminiscing about shutting the winery down and moving outside to the park that is now the parking lot. As usual, we got a few new attendees. Ofelia decorated the tables and our area with memorabilia and pictures, as well as a few poster boards of pictures. Everyone was invited to go through them and take what they wanted. Those attending were Eugene and Mary Swanston, Tom and Teri Aguliar, Rosie Banuelos, Richard Duran, Hal and Kim Richey, Jim Marshall, Carl Nietman, Dick Tinsley, Al Broge, Juan Larramendi, Roger Reaves, Al Barnett, Joe Lott, George Moore, Ronald Rocha, Enrique Acevedo, Leslie Taylor, Sharon Kramer, Ofelia Holquin and Terry Black.

On May 5 and 6, the RFD (Retired Female Deputies) got together in Cayucos, California, which is up by Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo. It is a cute little seaside town right off the 101 Highway. Jean Sysak and Nancy Callanan hosted this event, and we all had a grand time. There were 60 people attending this event. The RFD has two gatherings a year —

normally, one the first weekend in May, which is out of the Los Angeles area, and then one the first weekend in November, which is in town. On Cinco de Mayo, we celebrated at 5 p.m. at the *Sea Shanty Restaurant* on 296 S. Ocean. Cocktail hour included wine, beer and margaritas, plus a taco bar. On Saturday, the luncheon was held at the *Sea Shanty Restaurant* also: 11 a.m. was social hour, and the luncheon buffet was served at noon. They had the meeting after lunch and the drawing. It was cold and windy, but that didn't stop us from partying. At each table setting, there was a jar of strawberry jam that Jeannie Sysak provided for everyone. We haven't opened ours yet, but it looks delicious. Thank you. It is great to see people whom you haven't seen in a long time and to meet new friends. If you worked for the Sheriff's Department for 20 years, whether sworn or civilian, you may join our club. You do *not* have to be retired. You can contact our president, Rosie Banuelos, for more information.



The May 6 Retired Female Deputies luncheon in Cayucos

On May 8, we 22 ROMEOS — Bill Richardson, George Boswell, Mike O'Hara, Robert Pryor, Chickee and Norman Nelson, Frank Matillo, Don Reeves, Sally Harwell, Maria Burwell, Sally Mosely, Ray Mades, Peter Mack, Sandra Escandon, Pierre Nadeau (egads, after an absence of years, too), Dennis Flinn, David Cruzen, *first-timer* Michael Zymkowitz, Ben Hilliard, Ed Dahlstrom, Ron Morgan and Jerry Berry — met for lunch at *Hambone's*

Bar and Grill in Bellflower, where we enjoyed some great barbecue. We were seated pretty fast, and the two servers immediately began taking our orders. The servers split us into two groups to expedite the service *but* one of the groups was *less* than "expedited." Luckily for me, I was in the expedited group so I received my food *fast* while group two was, well, less ... much, much less than expedited. As a matter of fact, the last person served was not fed until almost everybody had eaten and was paying their checks. Poor Jerry Berry, he lamented the fact that regardless of which line he gets in, it is *always* the slowest. There was a lot of conversation, which was so loud that most of us were reduced to constantly saying, "What? What?" Apparently many of us need the kind of hearing assistance that we lack, like background-noise canceling, etc. Anyway the food was great, and there were many positive comments about it. Poor Norman Nelson took a fall while either delivering or escaping with luggage from one of many sojourns

on our magnificent planet. He was perfectly able to get to the table so he could eat, though. I hope Ike Sabean is okay, though. He sent me an email that said, "If I am not 927D, 1015 or 918, I'll be there! Where is it I am going?" Now it's apparent to everybody who knows him that he rarely knows where he's going anyway, but since 1) he *didn't* show up, I fear he's languishing in a jail somewhere, and 2) he's not been 5150'd, so he may be 927D — which, again, everybody who knows him knows that the last one can be kind of hard to determine, at least until he finally moves. Frankly, it's my opinion that he just plain forgot! Our next ROMEOS on July 10 at 11 a.m. is at *Portillo's Hot Dogs*

at the Buena Park Mall (La Palma Street side), so if you want to join in, come on down and we'll save a seat for you. — Bill

On May 16, Fritz Campbell was totally surprised to receive the West Orange County C.E.R.T. (WOCC) Award as the C.E.R.T. volunteer of 2016. He received the chief's commendation in 2014. The

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cities of Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, Cypress, La Palma, Buena Park and Westminster comprise the WOCC. Fritz works as the training lead and safety officer for all events where WOCC participates, and has for the past eight years. So far in that time, he has never had a reportable injury. Great job, Fritz.



On May 17, the Las Vegas Retirees got together for their monthly luncheon at the *Blue Ox*. Ten people attended this luncheon. They were Leona Nelson, Chickee and Norman Nelson, John Essery, John Hooge, Barry Katz, Jim Heslin, Steve and Dora Hernandez, and Hershel Aron. We learned a lot about farm animals because Barry has a wealth of information regarding them, including rabbits, goats, burros, dogs, chickens and horses. If you have any questions, check with Barry! We will be changing our luncheon venue and trying out *Charlie's Lakeside Restaurant and Lounge* on the southwest corner of Decatur and Flamingo this month. The luncheon will be on Wednesday, July 19. We went to this venue for another luncheon, and we were impressed with the food, the pricing and the wonderful service. On April 19, the Las Vegas Retirees had a luncheon, but I was not given the information as to who attended until recently: Hershel Aron, John L. Hooge, Nik McGraw, Ray Walker, Jim Heslin, Harold Winters, Gary Griffith, Carlos Gonzalez and Frank Terkelsen. If you are in the Las Vegas area on the third Wednesday of the month, come on by and have lunch with us. Everyone is welcome to join us.

On May 20, the FLADST Retirees in Texas got together at Jim and Carol Mulvihill's residence in Kerrville, Texas. Attendees: Rick Adams, John and Karen Domen, Mike and Cindy Forte, Ray Grant, Rick and Leona Kendall, Bill and Rachel Leo, Jim and Carol Mulvihill, Jan and Marshall Priest, Bill Saul,

Scott Thompson, Sandy and Karen Tucker, Roy and Jane Williams, and Dan Castillo. Years ago on May 16, 2009, the Mulvihills hosted our annual luncheon. On the drive to Kerrville, we encountered a down-pour of rain. This year, Mother Nature decided to dump her rain in the middle of the night and then move east, south of Kerrville. Chuck Rodriguez was unable to attend due to lingering physical ailments from his fall two years ago. Scott Bryant and Chickee and Norman Nelson had conflicting family obligations that kept them away. Marshall and Melissa Baird had real estate issues to deal with. Dave and Nancy Schriefer were a no-show — need to check on them. Our first-time attendees this year were Bill and Rachel Leo. Bill retired from SSB in 2012 and his wife from Covina P.D. They drove down from Gunter, Texas. Rick and Vicki Adams came down from Dripping Springs. John and Karen Domen are now occupying their new home in Lakeview. Mike and Cindy Forte joined us. Mike advised that he has obtained his Texas-issued HR 218 certificate, which requires an annual firearms qualification. Ray Grant came alone, as Lynn was under the weather. Hope she recovers quickly and can attend next year. Rick and Leona Kendall came down from Georgetown. Jan and Marshall Priest drove down from near the Louisiana border. Bill Saul journeyed alone from Georgetown. Scott Thompson came down from Fort Worth. Sandy and Karen Tucker had a difficult time getting to the luncheon because of traffic accidents requiring them to backtrack to San Antonio and utilize an alternate route. Roy and Jane Williams had to deal with rain coming down from Riesel.

The luncheon took place in the Mulvihill hangar. They live adjacent to a private airfield. Jim's airplane



The Texas luncheon in Kerrville on Saturday, May 20: Jim Mulvihill's airplane and Jane Williams

is a former military aircraft that was used during the Vietnam War. We were treated to a Mexican meal from *Mamacita's* in Kerrville. I must publicly apologize to Carol Mulvihill for making her luncheon nametag with Nancy instead of Carol. I ask each of you who read this message to keep reminding me that it's Carol Mulvihill, not Nancy. Mark your calendars for the FLADST 2018 Luncheon, May 19, 2018, location to be determined. — Dan

On May 26, all of us, except two, arrived by 7 a.m., so after the usual greetings we got down to having the morning repast. Conversation subjects were the usual thing — reminiscing of years gone by, our health, motorcycle riding and war stories. Attending the breakfast were Fred McNutt, Dan Gilmore, Curtis Clifton, John Ament, Kent Anderson, Jay Seibert, Dennis Papp and me, Carlos Valdez. Until next time, be safe and enjoy retirement, which brings to mind that next July, I will have been retired for 28 years. — Carlos

On May 28, we went to visit retired Deputy Yolanda Duran Pinel Regalado at *Sirens Java and Tea* at 356 West 7th Street in San Pedro. We have been trying to get by there for two years. She was named by the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce as one of the honorees at the Women's History Month Celebration, "Celebrating Women ... Celebrating Giving Back." The chamber selected Yolanda because of her commitment in her professional and personal life to improving the economic prosperity of the San Pedro community by opening *Sirens Java and Tea* in the heart of historic downtown San Pedro. The Women's History Month reception took place in March in San Pedro. She gave us a tour of the restaurant and a history lesson.

We are at the end of our article for this month. Just remember to enjoy your retirement, as you earned it! Until our next adventure, take care. — Chickee and Norman ☆



Retired Deputy Yolanda Duran Pinel Regalado at Sirens Java and Tea



By Tony Del Pinto
Lomita Station

CAMELOT KNIGHTS

Sergeant Mark Moffett heads the Lomita Surveillance and Apprehension Team (SAT), and it seems that he had a little trouble dealing with a suspect recently. Mark handled a recent use-of-force incident and after he interviewed the suspect, the suspect wanted to shake hands. Mark, not knowing his own strength, shook the suspect's hand and as he did, the suspect yelled in pain (all captured on video). The suspect then claimed that his hand was injured due to Mark's "kung fu" grip and requested medical treatment. Needless to say, the suspect is shopping around for a shady lawyer.

GREAT WORK

Crime Crusher is at it again with some excellent hooks. Recently, a pair of career criminals were caught in front of a closed supermarket with all the essential tools to commit a robbery, including a replica handgun. After their arrest for conspiracy to commit robbery, among other charges, Crime Crusher wisely put them in the back of a radio car and let them get their stories straight while being recorded. The DA was very happy with the evidence and each was charged with conspiracy. Two down and two to go. A few days later, two burglars were taken into custody after a lengthy investigation. One had just committed a burglary as the other sat in the getaway car. A large amount of stolen property, tying them to several burglaries, was also recovered. As always, great job!

Deputy Angel Ochoa, aka "the Checkspert," made two great arrests recently. Both were the result of traffic stops, and both resulted in the booking of nearly 100 pieces of evidence each. Each resulted in numerous counts of mail theft,

identity theft, forgery and several other charges. The postal inspector was ecstatic and even took the handle on one of the incidents due to the large amount of stolen U.S. mail. Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds. These two mail thieves stopped them, though, and it's a good thing Deputy Ochoa stopped them.

AROUND THE STATION

EM Shift recently had a barbecue that was quite the team-building experience. Burgers, links, dogs, the best tater salad west of the Mississippi and all of the accompaniments were on the menu. The event was capped off by the busting of a piñata by Deputy Virgilio Vito. Sergeant Mike Ong, the chef of the event, organized the event and insisted that everyone take five spins before getting in their swings. As Deputy Vito stood blindfolded, Sergeant Ong twisted him around in circles. Although he could not see, Vito pointed up at the moving piñata, reminiscent of Babe Ruth in Game 3 of the 1932 World Series. The event was in the fifth inning, Vito pointed up to center field and Sergeant Ong pulled the rope. Vito swung with all his might and busted the piñata wide open. As Sergeant Ong went to congratulate him, everyone scattered to recover the

itch cream, muscle rub and other goodies (!!) that were stuffed in the piñata. The picturesque duo, Vito and Ong, stood side by side grinning wildly as Deputy Taylor Wells commented that Ong appeared to be a proud father admiring his son after he hit a homer in Little League.

DOUBLE TAKE

Which Lomita deputy starred in the "hit" movie *Battleship*? None other than our very own Michael Sampson. Although he was in the U.S. Air Force, he played a deckhand for the U.S. Navy in the movie. Deputy Andy Gill played Ben Stiller's father-in-law in *Meet the Parents*, and have you seen the trailer for *Fast and Furious 9: Dom on an Eating Binge*? Our very own Sergeant Paul Cervantes is taking over as Dom, and he says the script is going to be better than the first eight movies combined. He also said that he had to gain weight for the role.

Stay safe! ☆



Men's Central Jail participated in several law enforcement memorial events during the month of May.

Sergeant Steve Wyatt, Senior Deputy Nicholas Martinez and Deputy Raymond Kimmel represented Men's Central Jail in Washington, D.C., during National Police Week. Steve and Ray drove cross-country with the semi and van to assist in the Police Unity Tour. Nick flew to Washington,

D.C., and met up with Steve and Ray. The pictures all over Facebook and those sent back home of the representation from Los Angeles County were impressive. This was very heartfelt, as we remembered Sergeant Steve Owen and Sergeant Alfonso Lopez. Let's not forget all of our brothers and sisters who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

On May 19, many of us ran the Memorial Run, representing our brothers and sisters who lost their lives. Men's Central Jail participated in the run starting off at HOJJ and ending at ELA Station: Lieutenants Dave O'Sullivan, Tonya Edwards, Anthony Haynes and Andrew Bedogne; Sergeants Larry Villareal, Keith Rickell and Mike Hernandez; Deputies Analleli Romo-Martinez, Xavier Alvarez and Jesse Cerritos; Custody Assistants Ava Lopez and Edward Soto; Secretary Adora Greig; and my very own daughter, Annalise Belmares. A huge thank-you to Keith Rickell for bringing his military truck for us to use as transportation. Keith is a huge (understatement) collector of military vehicles. Sergeant Marlon Williams drove this military truck to ELA Station with Sergeant Marvin Smith (who took pictures)





and me navigating. This looked like a scene out of *M*A*S*H*. Thank you to all who participated.

Weddings are in the air at MCJ. Congratulations to our newest couples (that I know about): Deputy Greg Onofre and C/A Cecilia (Alvarado), Deputy Rafael Gonzalez and Denise, and Deputy Garret Bowdry and the new Mrs. Bowdry. Congratulations to all the newlyweds this past year!

Patrol schools are never-ending, and once again we say goodbye to Deputies Cameron McDonald, Dean Mendoza, Stephen La Riccia

II, Cesar Sahagun and Garrett Burson. Good luck and stay safe out there.

We have had some changes in our Operations once again. Captain Sergio Mancilla landed at our back door on June 4, and Lieutenant Tonya Edwards returned to MCJ as one of our Operations lieutenants. Welcome to MCJ.

Everyone knows that Lieutenant Dave O'Sullivan prides himself on his physical fitness and is in the gym every morning. Like any other day, Dave was in the gym one morning when his arm went snap, crackle, pop. "Training" Sergeant Marlon Williams just happened to be working out as well, which was a good thing. Marlon saw what Dave did and the pale look on his face. Immediately Marlon's training skills went into effect. He assessed Dave's situation, called for main control to get 902R, and sent a deputy to get a blue sheet to sign the first-aid roster as a training exercise. Dave's little chicken wing now has a big owie on the left elbow; get-well wishes for a healthy recovery. Deputy Lance Moorman is waiting to have cosmetic surgery for a cute nose job after being hit in the face during a fight. In all seriousness, Lance has to have his nose reset. Too many others out IOD; well wishes are sent to you, too.

A belated happy Father's Day to all the dads out there. I hope you had a wonderful day! Congratulations to all those who graduated, from kindergarten to college, and their parents. Last, but not least, have a happy 4th of July!

Until next month, stay safe, and go home and hug your No. 1 fans! ☆



POLICE UNITY TOUR



By Sheldon Rocker

Last week I participated for the first time in an event called the Police Unity Tour. It was one of the most significant events of my career as a reserve for 21 years. I have never written anything for our Department, but after being part of this amazing tribute to our fallen brothers and sisters, I felt compelled to write about it.

I received a phone call from one of my partners asking me if I wanted to join him on this bucket-list adventure. He said he was signing up to ride a bicycle for 300 miles in three days to support the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (NLEOM) in Washington, D.C. He said it was called the Police Unity Tour and that for 20 years now, they have been riding this event with participants from many different law enforcement agencies. He said all the money received through my donation page would go to support the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial where all of our fallen brothers' and sisters' names are etched on the wall.

The ride would start in Somerset, New Jersey, and finish in Washington, D.C. There are 2,500 riders from chapters across the country, and we would be riding with 440 riders from the Southern California Chapter. Our chapter would ride to D.C. and meet all 2,500 riders, who would ride into the memorial together. My immediate reaction was, "Ride a bike 300 miles? Are you crazy?" After he explained to me why we were doing it and what the ride motto was ("We ride for those who died"), I responded with a resounding yes. The only problem was that I needed a bike, and I needed to learn how to ride it. Of course, I knew how to ride a bike, but I had never ridden a real road bike where you clip in with special shoes and wear funny outfits.

I had to take the accelerated class on how to buy a bike and ride a bike. It was November, and I had to be ready to ride by May. I did exactly that. I bought



a bike (they are not cheap) and started riding with experienced riders. Many of my partners were rookies like me, so I didn't feel so bad. After falling numerous times on my first time out and suffering some nasty bruises, I figured it out, and I was off and riding. I hit the streets every weekend to make sure I would be ready and not have to quit on the long ride.

My first real challenge was to participate in the overnight training ride. We would ride together from LAPD Devonshire Station and finish in the city of Ventura. We would then spend the night and ride back the next day. This ride was 80 miles each way, so if I could complete this I felt confident I could complete the ride to D.C. The ride was challenging (especially the climb up Sepulveda to the valley), but I completed it and felt I had a good chance to be successful when we got to New Jersey.

I continued my training right up to leaving for our trip and on May 7, we boarded a plane to New Jersey. We spent a few days sightseeing in New York, but on May 10, 440 riders suited up and clipped in to begin our ride. The first thing that I noticed was how many different agencies were being represented (we

all sewed our patches on the back of our jerseys). We rode with cops from numerous agencies, including Detroit, New Jersey, Utah, Connecticut and even two from Australia. Of course, our Department had the most riders, including 10 riders from my station (Carson) and 10 Carson alumni. Our first leg would be from Somerset to Philadelphia along one of the most beautiful, scenic routes I have ever seen. We traveled through small towns along the Delaware River and whenever we saw people, we were met with loud cheers and applause. The first day was the best riding day, because the weather was perfect and the scenery was beautiful. We arrived in Philadelphia and after a little dinner and some well-deserved cold beers went to sleep early to be ready for the next day's longest ride (108 miles).

Day 2 was the complete opposite of Day 1. We left Philadelphia in cooler weather under cloudy skies, and after a brief stop to honor a very ill Philadelphia police officer (a former ride participant), we were on our way to Baltimore. The first few hours of the ride went pretty well, but then we were advised to break out our rain gear. It started raining shortly after the

advisement and for the next 70 miles, we rode in freezing rain. The rain gear kept some of the water off of us, but basically everyone was soaking wet and freezing. There was no way to get warm, but we were determined to accomplish our goal and we kept going, no matter what. We all arrived in Baltimore and separated into our respective hotels (it's hard to get over 200 rooms in one hotel). To my delight, this hotel had a Jacuzzi and after riding for many hours in the rain, I just wanted to get warm. The Jacuzzi was glorious and after a nice dinner, we hit the sack early again to prepare for the last day where my family would be waiting to greet me as we rode into the memorial.

Day 3 would be our shortest ride but still had its challenges, with some significant hill climbs. The good news was that it stopped raining! We rode through the back streets of Baltimore and into the Washington, D.C., area. Our peloton was a mile long, so we were a sight to see wherever we went. The greetings continued from many people who came out to see us. Of course, the sound of 30 motors (24 from LAPD and six from San Diego P.D.) and local agencies like the Maryland State Police (our personal escort and safety team) attracted a lot of attention as well. We finished our ride after six more hours on the road at RFK Memorial Stadium (formerly Redskins Stadium) and waited for all the other chapters to arrive. Once all 2,500 riders were assembled at the stadium parking lot, we formed in pairs and prepared to ride the last few miles to the National

Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. The sight of our nation's Capitol Building was our first glimpse of the D.C. area, and it was quite emotional. We arrived at the memorial and even though it started to rain again, our spirits were so high we didn't even feel it.

Riding into the memorial and being met by 20,000 cheering people is a spectacle that will stay with me the rest of my life. To know a good majority of the people waiting for you and cheering for you are surviving family members makes you feel like every bit of discomfort you experienced on the ride was all worth it. We were basically walking our bikes at this point, handing out patches and challenge coins, and as we went through the memorial we were met with hugs and handshakes and tears. The Police Unity Tour is the primary financial contributor to maintain the memorial. I know how important this memorial is to all of the fallen peace officers' families, and this was their way of saying thank you to us.

After we finished riding through the memorial, we gathered together with all of the LASD participants to take a photo with the Owen and Lopez



families. We all rode to honor the memory of Sergeant Steve Owen and Sergeant Alfonso Lopez. We carried their memorial wristbands with us as well as other fallen peace officers whom we personally honored on the ride. Some of the riders had pictures and patches on the front of their bikes, and most of us wore memorial wristbands we would give to the family members at the memorial. Our final reward to finish the ride was receiving our ride participation medallion. Once we received that, we were on our way to our final hotels in the D.C. area. We would go to the hotels and pack up our bikes, and retrieve our uniforms and Sam Brownes (they were transported in the empty bike boxes) to prepare our bikes for shipment back to the West Coast and to get our uniforms for the next day's memorials.

Our ride was now concluded, but our duties with our Department would now begin — on Saturday laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery and later attending the candlelight vigil on the Capitol Mall. Both ceremonies were extremely emotional, but it was inspiring to

know that what we did helped preserve the memory of not only the 143 fallen from 2016, but the 20,000 names that are inscribed on the walls of the memorial. The speakers at the vigil recognized the ride participants for their commitment and financial contributions (the riders collected over \$2.5 million). I had to leave on Sunday, but on Sunday the rest of the Department members attended the memorial at the Capitol Building where President Trump expressed his support for the law enforcement family and shook the hands of all the surviving family members attending.

In my over 20 years on this Department, I had never heard of the Police Unity Tour and interestingly, most of the other first-timers had not heard about it either. This is too important an event to not be well known or well participated in. I would hope that someday this event is as well known as Baker to Vegas and creates the same interest. I hope by reading my experience, it inspires you to want to also participate in a life-changing experience. We all became cops to help people, and who better to help than the families of our fallen partners? The Police Unity Tour welcomes full-time, reserve and retired peace officers. To learn more about the Police Unity Tour, log on to the Southern California Police Unity Tour website at www.socalput.com. ☆

PROTECTING SIRHAN SIRHAN, Robert Kennedy's Killer

Part 3

By Chris Miller
Los Angeles Sheriffs' Museum

CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGH-SECURITY CELL

The plan was to construct a special, secured cell area that was self-contained for Sirhan at the Hall of Justice Jail. In order to do this, the female module on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice Jail was removed and replaced with a self-contained area for Sirhan so that he wouldn't have to leave his cell area for anything except court appearances.

Deputy Henry Villanueva was the logistics deputy who was assigned to draw up plans for Sirhan's new cell area. He drew out a plan for the security area on graph paper. The plan that he submitted to his sergeant included three cells with an enclosed area around the front of the cells commonly called the freeway. The plan was approved by the command staff at the Hall of Justice Jail and forwarded to the Los Angeles County Mechanical Department.

When the Mechanical Department began construction on the new high-security area, all personnel except those involved in the construction were restricted from this area. Construction of the high-security area took approximately six months. Craig Carpenter was the captain of the Hall of Justice Jail and oversaw the construction of this high-security area, known as module 1310. The entire area of module 1310 was enclosed with walls. There was only one entrance to the cell area.

Once all three jail cells in module 1310 were completed, the first cell

was converted into a shower. The Hall of Justice was built in 1925 and did not have hot water, except in the shower area on the 11th floor. There was no shutoff for the water in that 13th floor area without turning off the water to the entire building. In order to complete plumbing work to install hot water to Sirhan's shower, it was necessary to use dry ice to freeze the water in the pipe so that it could be cut and rerouted to a water heater.

After the ordeal at the Ambassador Hotel just a few months before, Deputy Paul Harman had graduated from the Sheriff's Academy and was

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Sheriff Pitchess demanded that everyone who entered module 1310 be searched, including him.

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Module 1310, where Sirhan was jailed

now working the Hall of Justice Jail. Deputy Harmon was called into Captain Craig Carpenter's office. The captain was handpicking deputies to provide security for Sirhan at the Hall of Justice Jail after he was transferred from Central Jail. Captain Carpenter asked Deputy Harmon if he wanted to be part of the team to provide security for Sirhan. When Harman said yes, Carpenter told him that he needed a commitment to work the security team until the end of Sirhan's trial. He said that once the trial was over, Harman could transfer wherever he wanted on the Sheriff's Department.

SIRHAN SECURITY TEAM

When Sirhan was transferred from Men's Central Jail to the Hall of Justice Jail, the highest security in the history of the Sheriff's Department was in place. In the Hall of Justice Jail, there were two jail elevators and a freight elevator that had access to the 13th floor. All of the elevators had exterior locks on them. Two armed deputies were assigned to the elevator landing area. When an elevator came to the landing, a deputy would look in the elevator through a small window on the elevator door. If everything looked normal in the elevator, the deputy would unlock the lock on the elevator door and allow

people to exit. Anyone who was going to enter module 1310 where Sirhan was housed had to be searched. The two armed deputies at the elevator landing searched anyone who was going to enter and removed anything that could be used as a weapon. Sheriff Pitchess demanded that everyone who entered module 1310 be searched, including him. Deputies said that Sheriff Pitchess would put his hands on the wall in the prop position so that deputies could search him. If deputies tried to get away with not searching the Sheriff or didn't conduct a proper search, the Sheriff would reprimand them.

During shift change, the deputies coming on duty would be searched individually by the deputies going off duty. First, the deputies working the elevator landing would search incoming deputies with a pat-down search. Then, the deputies were searched one at a time by the corridor deputy with the metal detector wand to ensure they weren't carrying any items made of metal.

Sirhan's attorneys were also searched. They went through the same pat-down search and metal detector wand search as everyone else. Deputies also searched any items that were brought with the attorneys, such as briefcases.

Cooks would come in to cook Sirhan's meals and they would be searched before they could enter. Once they were searched, one of the deputies would knock on the hard door leading into a corridor which led into module 1310.

A high-security solid metal door was at the entrance to the corridor leading into the module. In the door was a small window of heavy-duty glass. On the inside of the corridor was a solid metal door that was hinged to open so that the deputy could see who was attempting to enter and if it was safe to open the door. Once the corridor deputy opened the door, the people would enter and the deputy would have them stand on a platform



A deputy going off duty searches a deputy coming on duty

sitting inside Sirhan's cell was there to ensure that Sirhan did not commit suicide, and if he tried, the deputy was to stop him. Captain Carpenter was concerned that deputies would get bored or complacent if they had to perform the same job for an eight-hour shift. To prevent this, he required the deputies on the Sirhan security team to rotate jobs every half hour.

Deputies were instructed not to initiate a conversation with Sirhan. If it became necessary to speak to Sirhan, all dialogue had to be documented and submitted to the supervisor. Although deputies didn't initiate conversations with Sirhan, sometimes he would talk to them. He told them that he wasn't sorry that he had killed Kennedy. It seemed that he wanted to have a conversation with someone. He would talk about the weather or about an article in the newspaper. Deputies knew that they would have to write down everything they said to him and everything he said to them, so they tried not to engage in any conversation with him.

A kitchen was located next to the senior's desk and was used by the cooks to prepare Sirhan's meals. Sheriff Pitchess was so concerned that someone was going to try to kill Sirhan that all of the raw food that was prepared for him had to be removed from sealed cans. The senior deputy watched the cook prepare the food and once it was cooked, the senior had to taste it to make sure it wasn't poisoned. A cook entered module 1310 to prepare Sirhan's breakfast, lunch and dinner.

HIGH SECURITY

No guns were ever to enter the security area of module 1310. All guns belonging to the deputies working inside were kept in gun lockers outside the module area. Senior Deputy Scutter, who was assigned to the Hall of Justice Jail on PM Shift, bragged that he could sneak a gun through security into module 1310. One day he was preparing to enter module 1310 and was searched on the elevator landing, where search deputies discovered a gun hidden under his pants leg inside an ankle holster. It was reported and an intensive investigation followed. After the investigation was complete, Scutter was fired.

This story will be continued in the August issue. ☆

“ **A deputy sat inside Sirhan's cell to ensure that Sirhan did not commit suicide; deputies rotated every half hour.** ”

while he waved a metal detector wand over their clothing to make sure that they weren't hiding anything made of metal under their clothing. Once everyone was checked with the metal detector, the corridor deputy would knock on the door leading into the module area. The deputy in the officer's area outside of the cell area would unlock the door and let the people in.

Inside the module area was a senior deputy who sat at a desk and was able to observe the deputies to make sure that all the rules were being followed. A deputy was assigned to the outside officer's area to observe Sirhan and to make sure that the deputy who was inside the cell with Sirhan remained safe. All of the security positions were manned 24 hours a day. The deputy



By Mark Bollman
Cerritos Station

Yes Cerritos

Sleepy Hollow has been anything but “sleepy” lately. Having an integrated public safety plan is helping. Having alert residents that “see something, say something” is another resource that helps us be more effective. We have also doubled our efforts to increase activity with Neighborhood Watch programs in order to enhance awareness and help reduce crimes.

Deputy Welby Cham, special assignment officer (SAO team leader), has the Neighborhood Watch program as one of his collaterals. He has been making the rounds throughout the city by meeting with block captains (BC) and residents. He recently had a citywide BC meeting attended by 41 BCs and covered the concept that Norwalk Station effectively utilizes — dividing the city into segments and widening the circle of engagement by having BCs team up and cover greater geographical areas. This, in conjunction with the “Coffee With the Captain” and our town hall meetings, is part of our tactics in suppressing crimes and partnering with our residents and businesses.

Explorer Post 23 was previously managed by Deputy Stephanie Reber, school resource officer (SAO), who has since transferred to



Explorer Nunez (foreground) is awarded captain bars by Deputy Reber, and Explorer Velasquez (background) is presented with his lieutenant bars by Deputy Kwon.

another unit. She proved to be a valuable asset at Cerritos Station during the 16 years that she served the community. We wish her the very best at her new assignment. Deputy Nancy Kwon now serves in that assignment. She has wasted no time in learning the nuances of her new position. The Post consists of five active Explorers with three

more soon to graduate from the Explorer Academy.

Sergeant Mandujano, volunteer on patrol (VOP) coordinator, has seen programs at various stations and credits the successes to the tireless commitment by those involved with the program. They utilize a VOP steering team that meets regularly with Sergeant Mandujano and Emely Merina, City of Cerritos liaison.

One example is working with Cerritos College’s Administration of Justice professors to recruit their top students into our VOP program. VOP Rich Johnstone (2014 Cerritos VOP of the Year) created this concept and implemented the plan. Below left is a photo of VOP Lily Menjivar and her sons at her recent commencement ceremony. We are proud of her and her personal accomplishment.

Our 2015 VOP of the Year, Norma Astengo, passed the torch to VOP Mickey Christiasson, our 2016 recipient. He not only has served Cerritos as a VOP with multiple duties over the years, he also serves with the Marine League and Woody Car Club.

Mickey is a true patriot with a heart of gold, always willing to help others.

And speaking of passing the torch, when Norwalk Station brought the Memorial Torch to Cerritos, we were ready to carry it forward to Lakewood Station. Our team assembled at the Cerritos Sculpture Garden for reflection on those lives lost in the line of duty.

To end with a quote by an erstwhile lieutenant, “Good times!” ☆



Our “before” photo of the entire Cerritos team



Seated: Explorers Velasquez and Nunez. Back row: Deputy Kwon; Explorers Gomez, Anderson and Ortiz; Sergeant Mandujano; and adult advisor/VOP Margaret Johnson



“After,” at Lakewood Station

When Deputy James Arens recognized that he was behind a Rolls Royce from a “417 on firefighter” call earlier in the week, he went code 9 and coordinated units from Lost Hills, TSB, CHP and Aero. The felony stop occurred in LAPD’s area with the weapon still in the back seat!



Not to be outdone, FTO Steve Bohnert and his trainee arrested a horse (see below).

LATE WELCOMES

Lucy Lusine Baregham-yan is a station clerk who arrived at Lost Hills seven months ago. She



is a journalism major from UC Irvine who enjoys writing poetry.

Ron Alvarez has been with us for two years. He is a station clerk II who came to us from Marina del Rey. He is a 14-year employee of the County who greets everyone with a warm “How do I get out of here?”

NEW DEPULET (BABY DEPUTY)

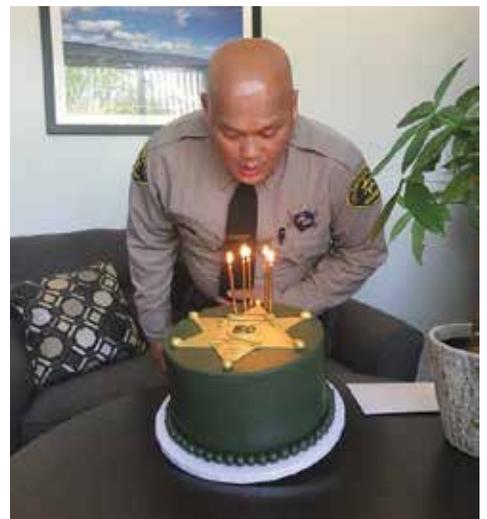
On January 16, Ray and Breanne Hicks became the proud parents of 7 pound, 7 ounce Caymen Ray Hicks. Mother and son are both doing fine. Always tactically sound, Ray says when the baby cries, he simply takes a position of advantage and yells, “Stop resisting! Get down!”

OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Sam Poursaleh received the Volunteer of the Year Award from Lost Hills. Sam started with the Station in 2013 as an Explorer and this year logged around 250 hours of service while attending college full time in Bakersfield. Usually this amount of service is court ordered.

Ops Sergeant Rodney Loughridge, a 20-year Department member and 30-year Navy veteran, was recently mobilized as a reservist to augment active security forces. He will be leaving in June for a 13-month deployment to Djibouti, Africa. Sergeant Loughridge is a lieutenant commander in the Navy and participated in Gulf War I as well as Operation Desert Shield. We wish him Godspeed and a safe return to us.

And, finally, Captain Thai turned 50!
 — Giggity! ☆



What's Cooking?

DID YOU KNOW?

After almost eight months, the Men's Central Jail's officer dining room was finally reopened! The asbestos removal project and floor replacement were a success, and after more than 50 years of continuous operations, the time was right for some much-needed upgrades. So please come by, take a look at the improvements, and enjoy a good meal!

NOTEWORTHY

Congratulations to Senior Cook Jackeline Castro on her 20 years of service to the County of Los Angeles' Sheriff's Department!

FOOD OF THE MONTH

Ever wonder what the difference is between different styles of barbecue across the country? Well, here's a brief synopsis of them. There are dozens of variations of barbecue throughout the United States, but there are generally four main barbecue styles in the U.S. Here are the main differences.

Memphis

- Meat of choice: pork
- Wood of choice: hickory (oak, pecan, apple and cherry are also used)
- Famous dish: pork ribs, "wet" (slathered with sauce after smoking) or "dry" (no sauce, just dry rubbed with seasonings and smoked)
- Sauce style: tomato-and-vinegar base

Texas

- Meat of choice: beef
- Wood of choice: oak
- Famous dishes: sliced beef brisket, link sausage
- Sauce style: spicy and tangy tomato-based sauce with some sweetness

Kansas City

- Meat of choice: mix of all meats (KC has influences from all other regions because of geographical location)
- Wood of choice: mix
- Famous dishes: chicken, ribs
- Sauce style: sweet tomato-based sauce with molasses

Carolinas

- Meat of choice: pork
- Wood of choice: hickory; oak also used
- Famous dishes: pulled pork, whole hog
- Sauce style: vinegar-based in the east; tomato-based in the west; mustard-based is also served in Georgia and South Carolina

FOOD SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

Summer is a time for family vacations, backyard barbecues and plenty of outdoor activities with food as the centerpiece. But before those steaks and burgers go on the grill, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) wants to remind consumers to keep their family and themselves safe from foodborne illness by using a food thermometer to ensure meat and poultry is cooked to the correct internal temperature.

"The best and only way to make sure bacteria have been killed and food is safe to eat is by cooking it to the correct internal temperature as measured by a food thermometer," says FSIS Administrator Al Almanza. "It is a simple step that can stop your family and guests from getting foodborne illness."

Recent research by the USDA and Food and Drug Administration found that only 34 percent of the public use a food thermometer when cooking hamburgers. If you don't verify your burgers' internal temperature, pathogens may still be present. When eaten, those hamburgers can make your guests and your family sick.

In fact, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 48 million people suffer from foodborne illness each year, resulting in roughly 128,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths.

So how do you avoid becoming a part of those statistics? Follow the USDA's four easy steps to food safety this summer.

- 1) **Clean:** Be sure to always wash your hands and surfaces with soap and warm water for 20 seconds before cooking and after handling raw meat or poultry. If cooking outside or away from a kitchen, pack clean cloths and moist towelettes for cleaning surfaces and hands.
- 2) **Separate:** When taking food off of the grill, use clean utensils and don't put cooked food on the same platter that held raw meat or poultry.

3) **Cook:** Always use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature of meat and poultry. Place the food thermometer in the thickest part of the food.

- Hamburgers, sausages and other ground meats should reach 160° F.
- All poultry should reach a minimum temperature of 165° F.
- Whole cuts of pork, lamb, veal and beef should be cooked to 145° F as measured by a food thermometer placed in the thickest part of the meat, and allowed to rest for three minutes before eating. A "rest time" is the amount of time the product remains at the final temperature after it has been removed from a grill, oven or other heat source. During the three minutes after meat is removed from the heat source, its temperature remains constant or continues to rise, which destroys pathogens.
- Fish should be cooked to 145° F.
- Meat and poultry cooked on a grill often brown very fast on the outside, and by using a food thermometer you can be sure items have reached a safe minimum internal temperature needed to destroy any harmful bacteria that may be present.

4) **Chill:** Place leftovers in shallow containers and refrigerate or freeze immediately. Discard food that has been sitting out longer than two hours. ☆

SHERIFFS' RELIEF GENERAL ELECTION

The Sheriffs' Relief Association General Election of officers will be held in November 2017. Four trustee positions of active members will be selected by vote of the membership. Incumbents Mike Abdeen, Joe Badali, Kerry Carter and Liza Vera will be running for re-election.

Those members desirous of becoming candidates for this election may obtain nominating petitions from the Sheriffs' Relief Association office. All valid petitions, with a statement and photo, must be filed at the Sheriffs' Relief Association office before the close of business at 5 p.m., Tuesday, August 1. The term of office for trustees is three years.

44 YEARS OF SERVICE

Congratulations to Diana Vigil of the Religious and Volunteer Services Unit. On Thursday, June 1, Diane celebrated 44 years of County service. In commemoration of this special occasion, RVS staff presented Diane with a handmade certificate. Diane's 44 years of County service include:

- 1973–1978: LCMC, Pharmacy Department and Patient Services
- 1979–2004: Edward Roybal Health Center, Procurement and Pharmacy Department
- 2004–current: LASD Religious and Volunteer Services Unit

Congratulations on your 44 years of County service!



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Brother Dennis Gibbs was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Community Law Enforcement Partnership Program (CLEPP).

Brother Gibbs has served as the senior chaplain for the last 12 years in Custody Division. He routinely donates 60-plus hours a month to the Men's Central Jail (MCJ), Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) and the Inmate Reception Center (IRC). In addition to leading church services, he facilitates a program titled Sacred Journey, a spiritual formation program for inmates. But he has truly distinguished himself as the leader of the Inmate Reception Center Chaplaincy Program, which exists to offer spiritual and emotional support to incoming inmates. Brother Dennis also supports the Department during cell extractions, oftentimes bringing peaceful resolution to difficult moments. Finally, Brother Dennis also

provides ministry and support to custody personnel.

When asked what it means to be a County volunteer, Brother Dennis replied, "I truly live by the idea that no matter who you are, where you have been or what you have done, no one is beyond the grace and love of God. Being a volunteer chaplain with the County gives me the opportunity to bring that philosophy to life every day with the men and women who need that grace and love the most."

Congratulations, Brother Dennis, on your well-deserved recognition.

STREET SYMPHONY

Men's Central Jail's EBI Unit hosted a street symphony concert Tuesday, May 2. Members of the band Mostly Kosher played for well over 100 inmates housed at Men's Central Jail. Mostly Kosher's Yiddish music was stylishly intertwined into songs from all different time periods and cultures. One inmate told me that hearing the stories behind the musicians' lives made the music more meaningful and real.



LITERARY WORK

College of the Canyons in Valencia and Senior Deputy Lee presented EBI student inmates with a certificate of appreciation for their literary work that was published in *Cul-De-Sac* literary and arts magazine. These students submitted poems and stories to a contest, and theirs were chosen as some of the best work.

FIVE KEYS ART SHOW

Five Keys Charter School hosted the "Fourth Annual Five Keys Art Show: Contrast" at the Belasco Theater in Los Angeles. Current and former students of the charter school performed songs, stories, poems and dancing for a packed crowd. The amount of participation in changing lives through art and education is overwhelming. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible!

We hope this article finds you and your family well, God bless and be safe! ☆



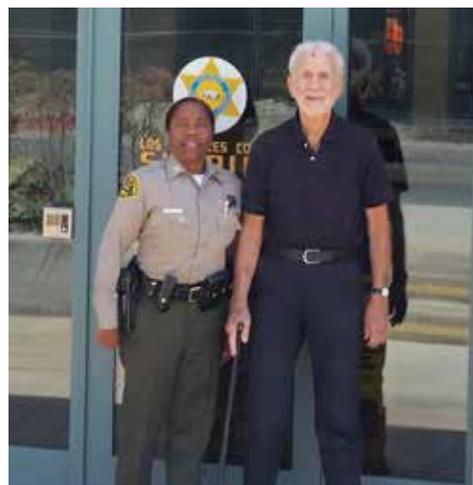
L.A. COUNTY PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL

By John Stanley

L.A. County Peace Officers' Memorial

On May 24, David Burwell — who at 91 has longer and deeper roots and connections to Altadena Station than any man or woman currently serving there — made his annual trek to pay homage to one of Altadena Station's fallen deputies at this year's Los Angeles County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony. As personnel approach the dispatch center or guests are let into the Altadena Station from the lobby, they pass by the portraits of the two deputy sheriffs who died in the line of duty in service to the people of Altadena: David Stout Larimer and Charlene Rottler. While familiarity makes it easy to pass by these portraits without a second thought, for the families of all of LASD's fallen, not a day passes when the memory of their loss doesn't linger. That is even true of a family member whose loved one died in the line of duty more than 75 years ago, as did Mr. Burwell's.

Mr. Burwell is the grandson of Deputy David Stout Larimer, for whom he is named. He was 15 on Christmas Eve, 1941, when his grandfather was struck and killed by an impaired driver as he assisted an elderly woman crossing Colorado Boulevard at Lotus Street on the rain-slicked roads under wartime blackout conditions. Mr. Burwell makes every effort to attend the Los Angeles Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony each year to honor his grandfather's memory. This year, along with so many other surviving family members, he saw his grandfather's name on the new memorial at Biscailuz Center in East L.A. for the first time.



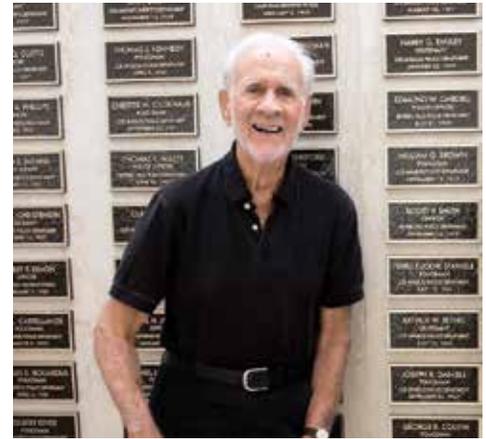
Mr. Burwell's close friendship with the personnel at Altadena Station began on the 67th anniversary of his grandfather's death, Christmas Eve, 2008. That year I found a phone number for a David Burwell living in Carlsbad. Knowing this

was the name of one of Deputy Larimer's grandchildren, I called him on the chance he might be Deputy Larimer's grandson. Not only did he confirm this, he insisted on driving up from Carlsbad on Christmas Eve to join us. We learned a lot from his visit that first year. The biggest revelation: The man in the photograph identified as his grandfather for many years was not Deputy David Larimer. We still don't know who this man was. Fortunately, Mr. Burwell provided us with a proper photograph of his grandfather in uniform.

Over the years, Mr. Burwell has returned to Altadena Station often. In 2009, we ensured that Deputy Larimer was added to the state memorial (he was already on both the L.A. County and national memorials, but was overlooked in Sacramento), and Mr. Burwell traveled there with Altadena Station personnel to represent his family in the ceremony. In 2010, his grandfather's badge number, 510, was laid in tile in the lobby during the Station remodel. The following year we paid for a new headstone at Mountain View Cemetery for Deputy Larimer, which included his Sheriff's star, and in 2012, the Station memorial honoring both Deputies Larimer and Rottler with their portraits was dedicated.

Following this year's ceremony, I took Mr. Burwell to the Colorado Boulevard and Lotus Avenue intersection where his grandfather died in 1941. Despite his many visits to the Station, this was the first time he had been to that location in decades. Mr. Burwell's memory is remarkable, and his retelling of the account included the detail that in 1941, no signal controlled the Colorado and Lotus intersection. This compounded the danger Deputy Larimer faced as he walked Mrs. John Girvan across the street in the rain and darkened streets.

Mr. Burwell then shared with me an odd fact about the aftermath of his grandfather's death. The man who killed Deputy Larimer, 41-year-old Franklin Usrey, admitted he was drinking at an office Christmas party prior to the collision. David's uncle and Deputy Larimer's son, David Bower Larimer, was an attorney. Uncle Bower, as



Mr. Burwell called him, conducted his own check into the man who killed his father and discovered that Franklin Usrey had a sterling reputation among his friends and co-workers. All of them insisted he never drank and only consumed alcohol at the Christmas party out of obligation. David Bower Larimer offered to represent Franklin Usrey

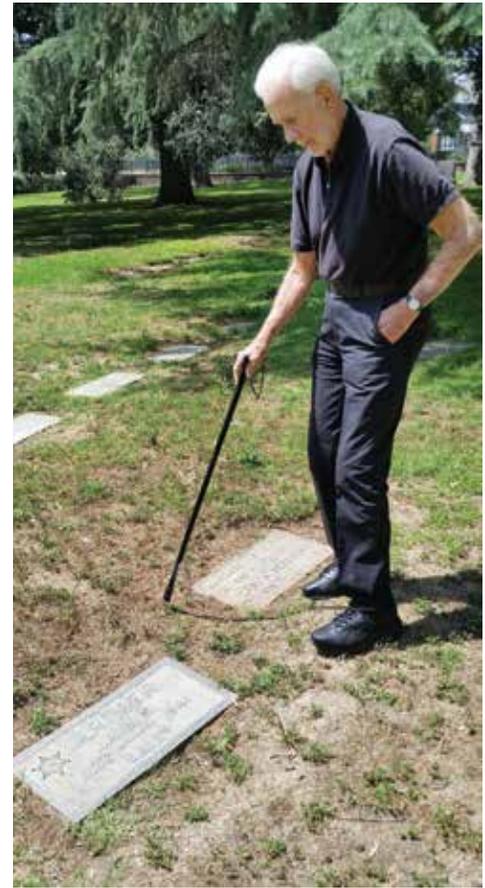




death, and one is left to wonder how much Deputy Larimer's son's willingness to forgive Usrey came out at trial and factored in the jury's decision.

After taking Mr. Burwell by Altadena Station, where he met Captain Stuckey and reacquainted himself with Station personnel, we took one more emotional trip to Mountain View Cemetery. Most of Mr. Burwell's family, and both Larimer and Burwell, are buried here. This includes one of Mr. Burwell's own sons, who died as an infant. After visiting various family headstones, Mr. Burwell lamented that the headstone of his Uncle Bower and his Aunt Helen appeared to have been lost. His aunt and uncle both died in 1945 from illnesses. David Bower Larimer was only 41, the same age as Franklin Usrey the year he killed Mr. Burwell's father; Helen was only 39. I suggested we inquire at the office, and a staff member joined us to aid our search. He took us to where the headstone should be and then summoned a groundskeeper when we could not locate it. After decades of neglect, the headstone of David Bower and Helen Larimer had become covered over with inches of soil and sod. The groundskeeper dug it out. After a few solemn moments standing over the unearthed headstone of his aunt and uncle, we headed back to Union Station so Mr. Burwell could catch his train back to San Diego County.

A wide range of emotions no doubt poured over all the surviving family members who attended the first ceremony at the new memorial wall in East Los Angeles, but David Burwell's experience showed that no matter how far in the past the death of a



loved one is, the pain of the loss never completely leaves. The names on the memorial wall are the ones we promise never to forget, but it is the surviving friends and family members whom we should be even more careful to always remember. ☆

☆ IN MEMORIAM ☆

RAYMOND M. ALERICH	RETIRED 07-05-84, DECEASED 04-29-17	DEPUTY/HOJJ DET DIVISION
CHRISTOPHER L. BONOMO	RETIRED 02-02-05, DECEASED 05-16-17	DEPUTY/TST
RUDY CAMPOS	RETIRED 12-30-04, DECEASED 05-15-17	DEPUTY/ELA
JOHN C. CHARACKY	RETIRED 02-04-99, DECEASED 05-18-17	DEPUTY B-1/NORTH
JOSEPH G. DE LABY JR.	RETIRED 03-22-91, DECEASED 05-26-17	SERGEANT/SBI
ROBERT J. DEARMORE	RETIRED 03-29-04, DECEASED 05-26-17	SERGEANT/SAN DIMAS
ARTHUR GUERRA	RETIRED 02-07-95, DECEASED 05-26-17	SERGEANT/LOMITA
SIDNEY B. HICKOX	RETIRED 04-17-85, DECEASED 04-27-17	SERGEANT/LYNWOOD
BRUCE D. MILROY	RETIRED 02-07-03, DECEASED 04-29-17	DEPUTY/CRDF
BLANCA N. PENA	ACTIVE, DECEASED 05-15-17	ADMIN SERVICES MANAGER I/ ADMIN SERVICES DIVISION
BRUCE E. THOMPSON	RETIRED 12-06-99, DECEASED 04-27-17	SERGEANT/PDC SOUTH
DEE O. TOLMAN	RETIRED 08-01-87, DECEASED 05-08-17	DEPUTY/FORGERY FRAUD
GABRIEL TODMIA, SPOUSE OF ACTIVE MEMBER EMMA E. TODMIA,	DECEASED 05-11-17	
BETTY JEAN VANDER WENDE, SPOUSE OF RETIRED MEMBER CHARLES M. VANDER WENDE,	DECEASED 03-15-17	



By Mark Slater
Crescenta Valley Station

Happy summer and happy 4th of July, everyone! I realized that Crescenta Valley Station has not had a *Star News* article in a while, so I have a lot to get caught up on.

WELCOME, CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER BLASNEK!

First of all, we have a new unit commander, Captain Christopher Blasnek, who came to us from Reserve Forces Bureau. Captain Blasnek is settling into his new assignment, and he recently admitted that he did not know how vast Crescenta Valley's area was until he started to drive around. I have never seen one's eyes so widely open. Welcome to Crescenta Valley Station, Sir!

BRAKES ON THE CRIME WAVE

A lot of burglars also wanted to welcome the captain, as we had a rash of residential burglaries within the past few months. Of course, the captain wanted to put an end to the crime wave and, through the hard work of the Station personnel and some support from Major Crimes Bureau, patrol personnel were able to arrest five suspects for residential burglary. This was a good start to putting the brakes on the crime wave, and it made Captain Blasnek feel a little more at ease during his first month.

Speaking of the burglary suspects, on the night of the arrests, it took a lot of teamwork to locate and arrest all five suspects. We want to thank all the Crescenta Valley Station personnel, Altadena and Temple Stations deputies, and Aero Bureau personnel who made the arrests possible. The residents of La Cañada Flintridge say *thank you!*

NEW CV PERSONNEL

We also welcome Lieutenant DeMarkus Smith from Personnel Bureau and Lieutenant David Holwager from Employee Relations. In addition, I returned to Crescenta Valley Station after being gone for a few years. As with any new arrivals, some lieutenants recently left: Lieutenant Randy Tuinstra (Lost Hills), Lieutenant Daniel Stanley (Human Trafficking) and Lieutenant Douglas Mohrhoff (Santa Clarita Valley). Lastly, we welcome Sergeant Kimberly Mendoza from IAB.

COMMANDER SONG'S PROMOTION

The Station said goodbye to our previous unit commander, Commander Bill Song. He left us to start his new assignment and promotion to commander at Technology and Support Division. We all know that Commander Song is a techie, so his new assignment is a perfect match.



To say goodbye, the Station held a barbecue for Commander Song, and everyone present wished him well in his new assignment.

RETIREMENTS

Speaking of goodbyes, the Station recently bid goodbye and wished happy retirements to two longtime Crescenta Valley Station deputies, Detective Brian Tibbett and Watch Deputy Randy Forney. Together they totaled 50 years of service at Crescenta Valley Station. They both received numerous accolades from city, county and Department officials. We wish the both of them many years of health and happiness in their retirements. We also said goodbye to Sergeant Booker Hollis, who retired as well. However, Sergeant Booker is a little camera shy, and I was unable to get a picture of him. To Brian, Randy and Booker, enjoy your retirement!



STATION REMODELING

Back when I was here a few years ago, there was talk of remodeling the desk area. Well, I was happy to see that the upgrades have been started and should be completed by the time you read this article. Our desk personnel are looking forward to working in the newly renovated desk area. Now we are onto remodeling the watch sergeant's office. Once all



the renovations are completed, the Station can return to normal and the operator will not be working out of the Community Relations Office, the watch sergeants will not be working out of the community room, and the desk personnel will not be working out of the watch sergeant's office. I think you get the chaos that has been going on for several months.

2017 UNITY TOUR

Lieutenant Marjory Jacobs and Deputy Jasmyn Arredondo participated in the 2017 Police Unity Tour and the Peace Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. They proudly represented the Crescenta Valley Station, the Sheriff's Department and all of law enforcement. Thank you for your participation in this worthy event!



2017 MEMORIAL RUN

On May 21, Crescenta Valley Station personnel ran several legs of the Memorial Run. It is always an honor to be part of such a worthy event. Crescenta Valley Station had four legs, which spanned over 20 miles of the Angeles National Forest. Despite it being 95 degrees, Sergeant Hector Mancinas ran two legs, totaling 11 miles, of a very difficult portion of Angeles Crest Highway. Captain Blasnek also completed



two legs, as did numerous other Station personnel who ran with their families and friends. Once at Crescenta Valley Station, we proudly handed

the torch off to Altadena Station personnel for the final leg of the Memorial Run.

Well, until next month, stay safe and have a great summer! And for those who remembered my closing line from previous articles, buh-bye! ☆



By Ernest Billie
American Legion Star Post 309

TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY HONORING ALBERT LE BAS

On May 26, over 100 veterans, Star Post legionnaires, Department members, family members, friends and supporters gathered to honor the memory and life achievements of Albert E. Le Bas. Mr. Le Bas was a World War II Army veteran, longtime Star Post legionnaire, retired LASD chief, one of PPOA's original members, and the driving force behind the creation of the California Peace Officers' Memorial in Sacramento.

Sheriff Jim McDonnell delivered the keynote address. He spoke of Mr. Le Bas' work in making certain that the honor and memory of our fallen peace officers would never be forgotten. He and our Star Post commander also honored Dottie Le Bas, Albert's widow. Dottie was very happy to be a part of the ceremony and commented later about how good it was to know that she and her husband's memory have not been forgotten.



After the ceremony, guests were treated to a lunch hosted by the Star & Shield Foundation of the Professional Peace Officers Association. During the reception, we took the time to recognize

our oldest living retiree and Star Post member, Harold "Whitey" White. Harold is a veteran of World War II and of the Korean War. At 96 years young, Harold and his wife, Mary, still have the energy to make it out these events. Also in attendance was retired LASD Commander and past Star Post Commander Thomas Vetter. Tom had presided over several tree-planting ceremonies during his tenure. He was very pleased with the Star Post's resurgence and offered his continued support.

During the reception, the Star Post also committed itself to continuing its support of the Young Marines program. Several Young Marines were in attendance and led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance during the ceremony. Star Post also committed itself to supporting the Devil Pups

Youth Program for America. We want to thank Chuck and Pat Norris for allowing us the opportunity to support the Devil Pups. These are but a few of the programs that Star Post is dedicated to supporting.

DODGERS MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

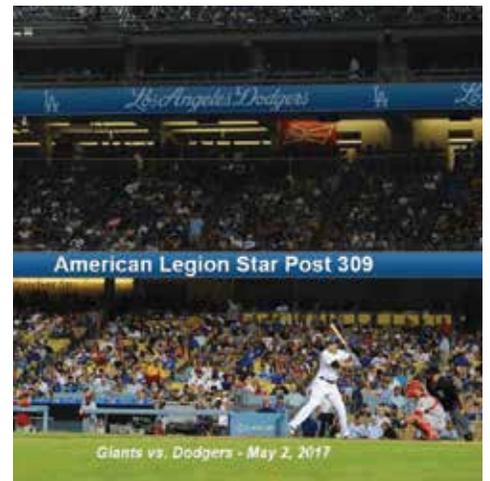
On May 2, the Star Post had a large contingent of veterans, family, friends and supporters attend the Los Angeles Dodgers Military Appreciation Night. In all, there were close to 140 persons directly associated with the Star Post. Several of our distinguished retirees, along with some of our newest members, reveled in the occasion. As an added treat, Star Post was allowed to choose one lucky legionnaire to be honored on the field for the pregame ceremonies.

A drawing was held to choose the winner. Our very own Don Surber won the grand prize. Don is a petty officer second class (E-5) with the United States Coast Guard. He and other veterans and active

service men/women were among the honored guests during the pregame ceremonies. Don is currently a bonus 1 deputy at the North County Correctional Facility.

The Dodgers went on to clobber the San Francisco Giants by a score of 13-5, making the evening even grander. Look for more photographs from the event on our website, www.starpost309.com.

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FROM THE DOCS

COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY GONE WRONG?

By Norm Katz, Psy.D.

We are living in a unique time in history, when communication technology has greatly changed the world and our lives. Some of these changes are viewed as positive and others as negative. Remember when the internet came into existence and everyone was saying, "Emailing will make our lives so much easier?" I have yet to meet anyone who thinks that has turned out to be true. In many ways, technology has created multiple "electronic leashes" that tether us to our work, home life and other entities, e.g., advertising/marketing firms that have access to our email addresses, mobile numbers, and Instagram, Twitter and Facebook accounts, etc.

As a psychologist, I listen daily to a wide variety of problems, stressors and issues that clients bring to their therapy sessions. I often see people bringing several phones with them, setting them down nearby where they can see any texts or messages coming in. They often will

pick up the phone during their therapy session to read something that was sent. In discussing such things, clients will sometimes report that they get and respond to multiple emails, texts and other forms of communication at all hours of the day and night! Typically, they often also report significant stress associated with reading and responding to those communications. One of the goals of therapy might be to help the client set healthier boundaries regarding monitoring or responding to such communications.

How often have you been at a restaurant and observed a family of four or five sitting at the table, all with their faces buried in their cellphones? Whatever happened to communicating using your voice and words? Who can relate to picking up your child or children and the second they get into your car, they have their face buried in their cellphone? How many people are essentially addicted to playing games like Candy Crush on their cellphones?

I sometimes have an individual or couple come in for therapy and one of the issues is that one or the other continually has their attention focused on their cellphone communications. I encourage the couple to try and discuss the issue and hopefully create and agree to some healthy boundaries to address that situation (for example, some type of agreement to not use their cellphones while out on date night so that they are fully present with each other — whether in the car, eating dinner, watching a movie, or whatever other activity they are engaged in). Some families have instituted a "no cellphone usage" rule when sitting at the dinner table or eating out at a restaurant.

If you can relate to any of these or similar situations, and think that a confidential consultation or a counseling appointment to address this issue might be helpful, please feel free to contact Psychological Services Bureau at (213) 738-3500. ☆

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STAR POST MEMBERSHIP — GROWING STRONGER EVERYDAY

Through a combined effort of word of mouth, press in the *Star News*, Moon's List and our newsletter, the *Star Post News*, the word has definitely gotten out about the Star Post 309. We have several retirees joining, transferring from other American Legion posts or coming back to the fold after many years. We want to extend a special acknowledgment to some of our newest retiree members: Michael Crowley, Howard Brookfield, Thomas Nolan from Virginia and John C. White. We would also like to welcome three of our Department executives who recently joined: Captain Rodrick Armalin (USAF), Captain Andrew Rosso (U.S. Army) and Captain John Roberts (USMC).

The statement we hear most often is, "I didn't know we had a post." That statement should never be uttered again. Our post is dedicated to preserving our heritage and history. As we celebrate our 90th year, we will proudly toast at our anniversary celebration, "Here's to 90 more!" That celebration will be on October 14 in Pasadena. Mark your calendars now and save the date.

GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT VETERANS

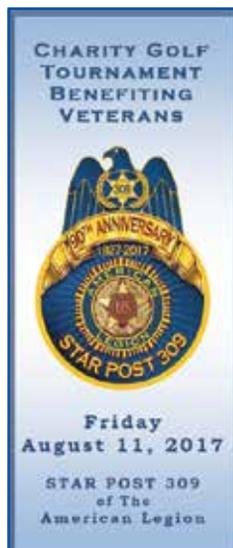
On August 11, Star Post will host its inaugural golf tournament at the San Dimas Canyon Golf Course. The proceeds from the tournament will assist us in continuing our veteran and youth initiatives. The cost to play is \$120 per golfer. Veterans and Star Post members receive a discounted price of \$100 per golfer. There are many sponsorship opportunities available for any person or business that may wish to support our cause. One youth initiative we strongly support is the American Legion Boys State. It is among the most respected and selective educational programs of

government instruction for U.S. high school students. At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county and state governments.

Our veteran initiatives include providing resources to our members and the veterans in the community. One such effort will be to launch a vocational rehabilitation program wherein Star Post members can become educated in real estate. If all goes as planned, the program will be designed so that participants can earn their real estate license.

So come out and support the golf tournament. There will be prizes and gifts available to our participants. If you are not able to play but would still like to donate, please visit our website for sponsorship and donation opportunities. For more information or to download the golf brochure, go to www.starpost309.com. You can also register and pay by credit/debit card online.

For questions about membership or volunteer opportunities, or American Legion, Star Post and veterans events, please email us at info@starpost309.com or visit our website. ☆





By Kathryn Haven
Pitchess Detention Center, North Facility

Greetings from the North!

GOING 10-8

North Facility sent several hard-charging deputies out onto the streets to further their careers as deputy sheriffs.

We would like to wish the best of luck to Deputy Kabrina Borbon (SCT), Deputy Jason Kailany (PLM), Deputy Trevor Moore (LAN), Deputy Larry Terrell Jr. (CPT) and Deputy Kevin Walker (SLA).

Take it one day at a time, and remember to always do whatever it takes to ensure you go home to your loved ones.

WELCOME TO THE NORTH FAMILY

Our North family has grown a little with new personnel. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Deputy Austin Angerhofer, Deputy Tara Crutchfield, Deputy Cindy Fimbres, Custody Assistant Natalie Gonzalez, Deputy Fahri Guliyev, Custody Assistant Alexandria Thorne and Sergeant Joseph White.

We hope you enjoy your time here, whether it be short or long ... so long as you do your best, there's no way you can go wrong.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN AND TIP-A-COP

A huge thank-you to those who participated in the Torch Run and Tip-A-Cop. It looks like you all had a lot of fun. It was a first for the majority of you, and I was so glad to hear that you all want to participate again next year!

We raised over \$2,700 through the Tip-A-Cop event!

Great job, Deputy Jack Archibald, Deputy Daniel Hernandez, Deputy Tiffany Ikahihifo, Deputy Jonathan Mitchell, Deputy Danielle Razo and Deputy Francisco Reynoso Alvarado! I really appreciated you all being there representing our facility.

E-PAL PROGRAM

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department partnered with George Washington Carver Elementary School in a new program. The program is designed to help improve reading and



writing skills. The program involved students writing to an assigned member of the Sheriff's Department on a regular basis through both email and handwritten letters.

In January, 48 third-graders and 13 special education students were matched with Sheriff's

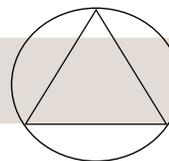


personnel. Over the course of five months, the students communicated with these new friends while also improving their spelling, reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, writing and much more. There was a total of 51 participants!

May 26 marked the day when these e-pals had the chance to meet in person for the first time. Participants from North Facility included Sergeant Maria Abal, Deputy Pearl Cruz, Deputy Steve Erickson, Deputy Travis Fridenstine, Deputy Custody Assistant Kimberly Haberlack, Deputy Evan Malerba, Deputy Megan McCormick, Deputy Salvador Moreno IV and Deputy Ken Picard. ☆



Peace Officer's Fellowship



By Willis Braggs

TAKING A CHANCE

Many of us have had the experience of sitting quietly in briefing while a supervisor reads an account of a co-worker's involvement in an alcohol-related traffic collision incident while off duty. We've sat solemnly and, for a moment, put ourselves in our co-worker's shoes. We have experienced leaving a briefing feeling a little down, and concerned for our friend and how this would work out in the end.

For those of you who have experienced a DUI arrest or Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) interviews related to drinking, briefings like the one described above really hit close to home. We hope it was not a deuce traffic collision where someone was injured and we're looking at possible felony charges. That could cost us our career.

We all know that as law enforcement, we are treated differently than civilians when it comes to DUI arrests and off-duty incidents. The guy who works in retail can get hooked for a deuce and his employer might not ever find out. He goes through the court system, receives his fine and probation, and gets on with his life. We, however, go through the court system, receive our fine and probation, and then stand by to take our lumps from the Sheriff's Department. If our driver's license was suspended and we are required to drive a vehicle for our assignment, we've got a problem. The average investigation takes months to complete, and the deputy may find his work assignment changed. A very hard-earned promotion or transfer to another unit could be canceled.

If you work in retail and get into a fistfight in public and you have been drinking, regardless of the circumstances (maybe you get hooked for 242 or 245), you have not been convicted in court, and your employer cannot discipline you in any way. If a deputy gets in a fistfight in public and he has been

These people have agreed to give up their anonymity so that others who are in need of help can find the POF. Don't worry about bothering us; helping those with drinking issues is one of the ways we stay sober.

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Ray Terhorst	(505) 705-5656	
John Valencia	(909) 599-1160	(951) 316-3633
Marty Weirich	(360) 570-1216	

*Active LASD

drinking, regardless of the circumstances (even if he's never arrested or charged), the Department can discipline the deputy. If the investigation goes to IAB, it will be thoroughly investigated. Discipline could be anything from a suspension to termination.

Just because a deputy gets hooked for DUI or for being automatically involved in an off-duty incident while under the influence, doesn't mean he/she has a drinking problem. But if the deputy does have a drinking problem, the chances of a DUI or alcohol-related incident increases significantly. Why? Because the deputy has alcohol in his/her system frequently. The deputy will likely be legally under the influence (.08) more frequently. That means the deputy with a drinking problem rolls the dice more. It doesn't matter if you're party two in a T/C or if you're deuce; you can get hooked more often than a social drinker.

If you need assistance with a drinking problem, call Psychological Services Bureau (PSB) at (213) 738-3500. We have good psychologists who can assist you, or you can call the substance abuse resources coordinator.

If you are concerned that you're drinking too often or too much, try calling one of the numbers provided here. The Peace Officers Fellowship (POF) is a group of men and women law enforcement officers who have had a drinking problem. It is a self-supporting, nondenominational, multiracial, apolitical group and is available to any law enforcement officer with a desire to stop drinking. There are no educational requirements. Membership is open to law enforcement officers who want to do something about their drinking. POF operates under the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous. Confidentiality and anonymity are absolutes. Members share their experience with others seeking help.

The officers listed here have had a drinking problem and know what it's like to take a chance way too often. The odds caught up with them. Whether it was a DUI arrest or an alcohol-related incident, they know what it's like to face scrutiny from the Department due to their use of alcohol and can lead the way to sober living. ☆

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THE CENTRAL NEWS

By Sheila Brown

Court Services Central Bureau

Greetings from Central Bureau's Stanley Mosk Courthouse. This is my first news article, so go easy on me. This month's article will focus on the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, which is Los Angeles County's main downtown civil courthouse. The courthouse was opened on January 5, 1959, and it is the second-largest courthouse in the world, with 100 courtrooms and up to 8,000 court patrons visiting on a daily basis. It is staffed by 39 deputies, 10 security officers and 20 security assistants. The courtrooms at Stanley Mosk handle complex legal cases, including probate, family law, evictions, small claims, restraining orders and numerous other legal matters.

On behalf of Central Bureau, our heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to Stanley Mosk Courthouse Senior Deputy Kristian Kozelchik and his family on the passing of his daughter earlier this year. Our prayers are with him and his family.

A big congratulations to our own Deputy Sara Pineda for her participation in the Police Unity Bicycle Tour in Washington, D.C., on May 10. We would also like to thank Senior Deputy Russell Moreno and Deputy Paul Casas for their efforts in hosting a very successful taco fundraiser on Cinco de Mayo. The food was great, and all proceeds benefited the Stanley Mosk gym fund.

We are happy to report the birth of a healthy baby boy named Ellis Levi, weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 20 inches long, born to Deputy Jose Sandoval and his wife on April 30.



Deputy Sandoval's wife followed my suggestion and had the baby on April 30, my birthday, the greatest day of the year!

Thank you to everyone who helped our sergeant's test study group — which included Senior Deputies Russell Moreno and Thurmisha Bromell-Mitchell, and Deputies Melissa Ramsey, Sara Pineda, Cynthia Rodriguez, Krystal Davis-Linton and yours truly — prepare for the big day!

We would like to welcome two newly assigned deputies to our courthouse: Deputies Dean La

Chasse and Richard Shepard, both from the Clara Shortridge Foltz Courthouse. Welcome to the family!

We would also like to say farewell to Deputy Richard Rivera, now assigned to Clara Shortridge Foltz Courthouse, and Deputy Luis Ruiz, now assigned to Central Arraignment Courthouse. Good luck at your new assignments.

Until the next time, farewell from Court Services Central Bureau! ☆

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By Joshua May
Marina del Rey Station

NASCAR IS CALLING

The photo at right is of our very own NASCAR pit crew member, Deputy Robert Luevano. Recently, while traveling on the treacherous Slauson Avenue corridor, Deputy Luevano (aka Mr. Goodyear) picked up some magical tire buddies. After picking up these magical tire buddies, a tire change was necessary. Deputy Luevano displayed his NASCAR pit crew skills, while his partner and pit crew boss, Deputy Carlos Jaen, stood by and timed his tire change. Both deputies know the importance of a fast fix and the need to get back into service. Apparently, Deputy Luevano is so fast at changing tires, he decided additional practice was necessary, and subsequently noticed more tire buddies in another tire. Here's to hoping that Deputy Luevano located all the magical tire buddies during his travels, thus removing all the roadway hazards along Slauson Avenue for the commuting public. The photos were provided courtesy of the pit boss (and professional photographer), Deputy Carlos Jaen.



sounded much better. Both deputies are to be commended for their proactive police work, resulting in the removal of dangerous suspects off the streets. On two separate occasions, these deputies conducted traffic stops, which subsequently netted illegally possessed firearms and narcotics. This is the type of police work that ultimately saves the lives of fellow law enforcement officers and the good citizens we protect. Good job to both deputies for their outstanding police work.

THE CHALLENGE

Recently a group of deputies at Marina del Rey Station decided to challenge each other to a weight-loss competition. There was even an official weigh-in ceremony. This competition is serious business, and even came with an official set of rules and regulations. One of the rules was to join the Cooley Club (in honor of Deputy Royce Cooley). Deputy Cooley worked very hard on losing weight for the 2017 Baker to Vegas team. Not only did Deputy Cooley lose weight, he also made the team and completed his leg of the race. Deputy Cooley was honored at our Station-level B2V ceremony for his dedication to the team, hard work and drive. Looking good, brother, and keep motivating the rest of us.

HOOKS OF THE MONTH

I know this section is normally just known as the hook of the month, but Deputies Terren Gilbeau and Shanese Winfrey decided that hooks of the month



SUMMER ENFORCEMENT TEAM

Congratulations to Deputies Roberto Luevano, Terren Gilbeau and Ryan Imiazumi for being selected for the 2017 Marina del Rey Summer Enforcement Team. These deputies were selected based on their commitment to public safety and for their proactive policing. Hey fellas, Deputy John Baum said bring it on.



MEMORIAL TORCH RELAY

The annual Memorial Torch Relay honors those who have sacrificed their lives in the performance of their duties.

The Torch Relay consisted of 56 legs; each leg travels to each mainland Sheriff's station in a circuit totaling 313 miles. Marina del Rey Station personnel, along with family and friends, carried the memorial torch in tribute to fallen officers to West Hollywood Station, a whopping 11 miles. ☆



By Johnie Jones
Parks Bureau

Happy Fourth of July, Parks Bureau! With another summer now upon us, the kids are out of school and “Parks After Dark” and pools are going full force. My apologies for no article over the past few months due to my vacation and other factors, but we now have a lot to talk about.

While I was gone, I’m told that Janet Fox was sitting at my desk when she heard a loud knock at the office door, which must’ve startled her. Paul Schrader opened the door and as the loud knocker entered, Janet stated in a loud and incredulous tone, “For the love of God, who is banging on the door like that?” Well, it was none other than the Boss, Parks Bureau Captain Ernie (no disrespect here; he prefers Ernie) Chavez. I’m told he smiled while chewing the Wrigley’s gum, and informed Janet that she was sitting in his chair where he conducts his morning visits with Jim Blankenship. Janet quietly moved and I’m sure will look before she leaps next time. Unless it’s one of us mere peasants — then she will let it fly, but I would expect nothing less.



Speaking of Captain Chavez, ever heard the phrase “He could sell ice to an Eskimo?” Well, personally I believe he could. In an attempt to make the parks and us a little more fun, and with his guidance, Parks Bureau received charitable donations that led to the purchase of footballs, Frisbees and hats. I’m not even going to mention the ice cream carts that will give out donated ice cream and waters to park patrons in the upcoming months. I’m here to talk about the hats, which have taken Parks Bureau personnel by storm. I can only post so many pictures in these articles, but let’s just say I’ve received pictures in the double digits depicting our people proudly wearing these lovely green expandable cowboy-style

hats made for children. I guess it really should read “children of all ages.” The picture I selected is Mike Telles, who’s looking a little like one of my personal favorite actors, John Wayne. Don’t cross him, partner, or you could be pushing up daisies, God willing and the river don’t rise.

Sheriff McDonnell held his inaugural Trail Ride at the Jack Bones Equestrian Center last month, and



I’m sure there will be an article about it in this publication. Our Mounted Enforcement Detail, now led by Scott “You can’t give me enough collaterals” Bastian, was heavily involved in the planning and event operation, which went off without a hitch — well, at least that anyone could tell, as all seemed to have a great time, which was the most important thing. There was what I would

term a “cowboy moment” when Adrian Dominguez’s horse went down after slipping on the pavement at the start of the ride. The horse tried repeatedly to right itself and stand up, but was unable to do so due to its hoofs slipping on the pavement. I was standing nearby and wanted to help, but not being a “horse guy,” I didn’t want to get kicked and wasn’t sure what to do. Adrian grabbed the reins and when the horse lifted itself off the ground in an attempt to stand, he pulled the horse near the dirt, where it regained its footing. That was quick thinking right there. The ride’s purpose was to honor MED Sergeant Steve Owen by renaming the Training Arena after him. Steve’s widow, Tania Owen, was presented with a special engraved saber at a quiet ceremony a few days before the ride. The MED folks designed the sabre



and had it personalized to honor Steve, who, along with Tania, had been a MED team member for years.

Our Bureau was asked to participate in a new program called “Badges for Baseball,” designed to get children out from inside their houses and into the park. It is also a program that creates an opportunity for children to interact with law enforcement in a fun way. There are those who wonder why

programs like this exist, and for those, I offer this example. A few weeks ago I assisted a partner who placed an 8-year-old girl into protective custody. I met him at Palmdale Station and off into the exciting report-writing room we went to await a social worker’s arrival. After a few minutes, the cute little girl looked at me and said, “You guys only shoot and kill people.” Out of the mouths of babes! As Art Linkletter back

in the day, or Steve Harvey now, would say, “Kids say the darndest things.” The comment is a conversation starter most people would never get in their occupations. Well, we had time to bond in that room and after a few pieces of pizza, a Pepsi and a few toys being pushed on top of my head, she was just like one of my six grandkids. She quickly found out we are just people too, doing a difficult job, and we know where to get good pizza.

In May, Terrence “You can call me Terry” Scuoler put together great active-shooter training at Raging Waters. The training was hailed by many as very realistic and a good skills test. Raging Waters provided many challenges for those involved in

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The Chaplain's Notebook

By Chaplain RG Reyes
Walnut Station

THE POWER OF PRAYER

It has been over four years of memorable volunteer service as a Department chaplain and part of the Psychological Services Bureau at LASD. What an amazing journey, from being the spiritual covering for the Department and the Walnut Sheriff's Station to learning varied topics related to what our men and women in uniform do in serving the residents of the local community.

I would never have predicted in my life as a senior pastor of New Life Ministries California that being a Sheriff's chaplain would open up broader opportunities to be equipped as a volunteer chaplain and to be a part of prestigious organizations like the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC), Sheriff Chaplaincy Conference and Southern California Chaplain Association. From learning contemporary topics of worldwide terrorism to critical incident stress management tools, the sky is the limit in what there is to learn and experience. Nothing is black and white when chaplains are expected to serve the spiritual and emotional needs of others. From avoiding saying "I know how you feel" to just stating "No words can describe what you are going through right now" suggests that being sensitive to different challenging situations is very important.

I fully understand that our men and women in uniform are equipped with different tools and choices of weapons, and are highly trained when to apply each of these as each situation arises. I have attended and participated as a chaplain or just an

observer in different scenarios, from crowd control to active-shooter situations.

As a volunteer chaplain, the first tool that I rely on is my Bible. The Bible is the Word of God. The second tool that I have as a chaplain is prayer. Prayer is talking to God. Prayer is a direct address to God. Prayer can be audible or silent, private or public, and formal or informal. It is common for us as chaplains to be called to respond to critical incidents, when the only thing we can do is to practice our ministry of presence and listening.

I remember September 2016, when I was asked to do a graveyard memorial service for Mr. James Warren, a retired member of Volunteers on Patrol, at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes. What a blessing to be a part of this ceremony, praying for someone who dedicated his life for 18 years as a volunteer to LASD. I prayed for comfort and peace for his wife and family, knowing that he now dwells in the House of our Lord.

Every time I prepare for my regular ride-along at the Walnut Sheriff Station, I pray. Although it is mandatory to wear my bulletproof vest before I ride, I pray for God's mighty shield of protection for the deputy and myself for the entire shift. Not only that, I pray for all the law enforcement personnel who are out there protecting the local community. The law enforcement body is doing a good and Godly thing. The role of every Sheriff's deputy is the restraint of evil in society. It is a dangerous profession, a noble calling, and a career with a biblical desire for justice

and righteousness. I pray unceasingly for them. Prayer is a powerful defensive tool. The power of prayer is the power of God.

As I pledge to continue my humble work as a volunteer chaplain, there is an emotional high that I will never forget that happened on October 5, 2016. Our three-day Peer Support Program at the Santa Clarita City Hall had just started that day. This annual conference was coordinated by Deputy Mike Rodi. This training was being attended by chaplains and active and retired Sheriff's deputies who wanted to be part of this support program. Right around noon, I observed and heard cell phones vibrating and ringing all over the conference room. Law enforcement personnel in unison stood up and briefly announced the tragic shooting in Lancaster that day of Sergeant Steve Owen. I could not describe the emotions that overcame the entire room and the mood that overtook us. The expression on their faces was indescribable. The pain was hard to bear. I felt the sorrow that overcame everyone. All of them left, and that first day of training ended abruptly. It is not easy to understand why a 29-year Department veteran's life ended when he was just doing his job of protecting others. I stayed and did what I do best — I prayed. I prayed and prayed. I prayed for God's peace that only He can give.

How can I contact a chaplain? Chaplains are available at their unit of assignment, or by calling the Psychological Services Bureau at (213) 738-3500. ☆

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the training, due to the numerous obstacles and places for the bad guys to hide. Air 5 participated in the training by doing a low "flyover" and dropping equipment and personnel. The



flyover was quite dramatic, and caused tree limbs to break off and tree bark from planters and other debris to be strewn about. Terry was a little worried about the reaction from the Raging Waters executives who were on hand to monitor the training. The executives were extremely pleased that they



were able to get great video of the flyover and were not worried about the minor damage. Pretty nice to have understanding members within the community supporting us. I added a picture to this article depicting a role player in the training. It seems this deceased or dying person still needed to

text someone. Perhaps she was Googling how to treat a fatal gunshot wound.

By the time this article is printed, I will most likely be home recovering from shoulder surgery. You see,

the speed in my fastball has decreased from 97 mph to 93 mph and that just can't be, as I plan on pitching in "the Show" someday when I retire. It could happen, you know! So until I return, stay safe, and you might see me enjoying a day at the park. ☆



By David Ibanez
Palmdale Station

THE HAMMER

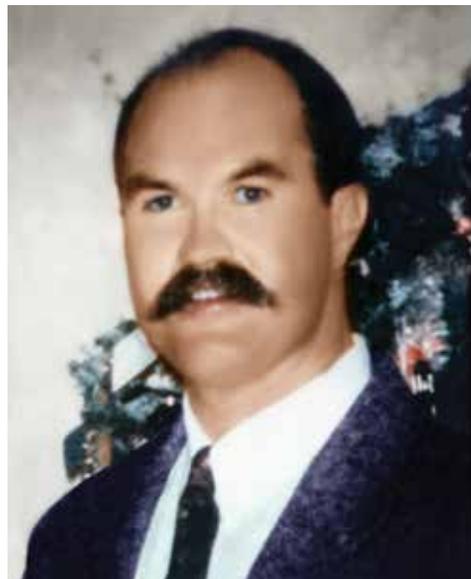
On May 11, Palmdale Station honored the 25-year anniversary of Richard B. Hammack's end of watch. Captain Kneer and Palmdale city dignitaries held a ceremony in remembrance of Deputy Hammack's ultimate sacrifice toward keeping our community safe.

On May 11, 1992, Deputy Hammack and his narcotics team served a search warrant at the Sage-tree Mobile Park in Palmdale. Deputy Hammack was assigned to rear security, and as his team made entry, the suspect began shooting at the deputies. Deputy Hammack heroically ran inside to assist his partners. Deputy Hammack was fatally wounded by the suspect's gunfire.

Deputy Hammack was known as "The Hammer," and was a 7 1/2 year veteran of the Sheriff's Department. He worked patrol at Lynwood Station, Antelope Valley Station, and worked assignments on the fugitive detail and gang detail before moving to the Palmdale narcotics team.

Deputy Hammack was born on March 26, 1961, in Bakersfield. He was an avid hockey player and even played semi-pro. He loved cigars and riding his Harley.

At the time of his death, Rich was engaged and had planned to marry in June. His fiancée was pregnant with their only child. When the shooting occurred, she was at a doctor's appointment to learn the sex of their unborn child. Their son was born a few months later.



At the end of the ceremony, Mayor Jim Ledford revealed his plans to rename Pelona Vista Park to Richard Hammack Park in Deputy Hammack's honor.

Time may have passed, but the legacy of "The Hammer" will never be forgotten.

HELLO, GOODBYE

We would like to welcome our newest trainee, who recently transferred from OSJ, Matthew Bistline. His father, Kyle Bistline, is one of the sergeants who runs the PAC team. As Sergeant Bistline is getting his ducks in a row before he retires in less than a year, he got to welcome his son to the Station at a recent event. Maybe when Matthew gets off training, he can go 10-8 with his old man and show him he's ready to take over the family business.



HOOK OF THE MONTH

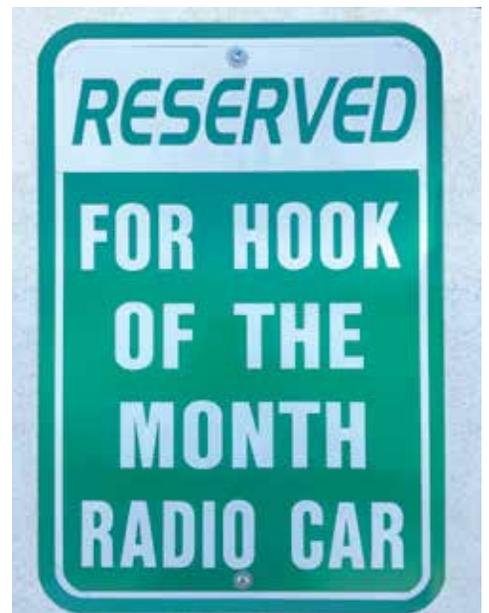
Captain Kneer reinstated the hook of the month award. The deputy with the best obs arrest will get their own radio car for the month, a prime parking spot, a gift certificate, perpetual trophy and bragging rights.

This month's award goes to Deputy Gregg and Deputy Dingman. While they were patrolling the east side of Palmdale, they conducted a pedestrian stop on a 415G. The suspect possessed several sharpie markers and a notebook that contained graffiti with his moniker. The suspect also had paint covering his hands. The deputies arrested the suspect for possession of graffiti tools, which is a Palmdale municipal code violation. They immediately contacted graffiti Detective Sorrow and notified him of the evidence and arrest. Detective Sorrow searched his database and located 30 victims of vandalism caused by the suspect. The District Attorney's Office filed 30 felony counts against the suspect and set his bail at \$500,000.



PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL RIDE

Five Palmdale motor deputies and one Lancaster deputy rode over 370 miles from the Antelope Valley to the Capitol in Sacramento on their assigned motorcycles. The six deputies represented the motor unit detail for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and paid their respects to Sergeant Alfonso Lopez and Sergeant Steve Owen, whose names were added to the memorial wall. ☆





By Kym Duxbury

Military and Veteran Affairs Unit

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all are taking the time to enjoy some of the great things that make Southern California famous for its wonderful summers!

The MVA had the good fortune of partnering with the American Legion Star Post 309 on Friday, May 26, as it hosted the 2017 annual tree planting in honor of retired LASD Chief, U.S. Army Lieutenant, WWII veteran, and founder of the California Peace Officers' Memorial in Sacramento, Albert Le Bas. Sheriff McDonnell was the keynote speaker, and the event was dedicated to Dottie Le Bas, Albert's widow. PPOA graciously provided all of the food and took loving care of Dottie, who drove all the way from Sacramento to attend.



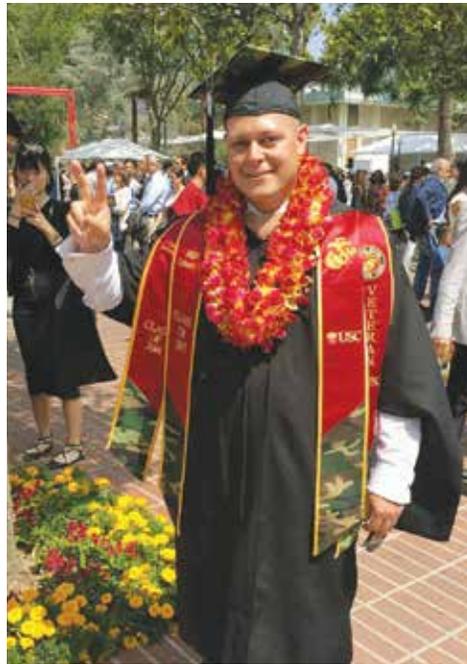
For more on the event, please see the American Legion Star Post 309 article on page 19. For additional photos, you can also visit www.starpost309.com.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations, AAB Sergeant Patrick Gadut!

This month's article cannot be written in good conscience without mentioning the very hard work of Sergeant Patrick Gadut. Sergeant Gadut graduated on Friday, May 12, from the University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business. This is his *second* master's degree, a Master of Business for Veterans. Sergeant Gadut had already earned his first two degrees, a Bachelor's of Science in anthropology from the University of La Verne, followed up by his first master's degree, a Master of Visual Anthropology, also at USC.

Pat has been absolutely foundational in creating the Military and Veteran Affairs Unit. He has



an unmatched passion for veterans everywhere and not only uses his expertise here at work, but also personally in his own business, in which he also provides services for veterans. He continues to be a cornerstone for the MVA and a great asset for the veterans he assists.

Congratulations, Sarge, on your wonderful, hard-earned accomplishments!

SHOW ME THE MONEY!

We are very excited to share a couple of places that veterans can utilize the benefits they well deserve. These may surprise you!

ALADS Reimburses Dues

Did you know that ALADS will reimburse you for dues paid while you were absent for a deployment(s)? They will! When your orders end, you must provide a copy of your *DD-214* and write a *letter* requesting the reimbursement. Requests are forwarded to the board, which meets twice a month, for approval. The board will consider requests going back to 2014. Once approved, a check is issued to you and mailed to your home address on file. Mail your request and *DD-214* to Selya Arvizu at ALADS, 2 Cupania Circle, Monterey Park, California, 91755, or email both to her at SArvizu@alads.org. You can also fax these to (323) 724-0140. If you have any questions about the process, feel free to call Mrs. Arvizu at (323) 213-4005.

COLLEGE CAN BE FREE

Did you know that in California, your children and *stepchildren* can attend *any* California school *tuition-free*? They can! If you are a veteran and the school your child will attend is not private, your child qualifies! There are a few requirements, such as having filed a claim with the VA — but know that a claim that rates even a zero qualifies your child for the waiver. You must apply through CalVet (not the VA), and the waiver only applies to tuition, but take it from me — this can be quite a savings! My own child attends a UC school, and we enjoy a waiver of approximately \$14,000 per year. That will be approximately \$56,000 in savings over the anticipated four-year span of attendance there!

Don't think this is too good to be true or so easy that it cannot possibly apply in your situation — both are fallacies! There are only a few minor restrictions to adhere to and a couple of things to submit; overall, this is one of the easiest "coupons" I have ever applied for! Thank you, CalVet.

For more information, please feel free to contact me or see the CalVet website at www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/College-Fee-Waiver.aspx for full details.

NEED HELP WITH A VA CLAIM?

And last but not least, the MVA has a fantastic connection to help you with claims. If you are a veteran who has ever served on active or reserve duty and need VA services or have already filed a claim but need help going further, the MVA has a direct contact with a combat specialist representative at a VA center. He does not *file* claims but knows all of the intricacies of the system and can assist when questions arise, claims stall, or insight and better guidance is needed. Please do not sit at home frustrated and wonder where to go next. Many military veterans have been assisted with their specific claim process with the help of this representative. Take full advantage of the services our veterans rightfully deserve! Also consider coming to one of the monthly outreaches he will be hosting at the East Los Angeles Veterans' Center every first Thursday of the month starting July 6.

Again, please contact us at the MVA for information on this representative or for further inquiries regarding the monthly meetings or other VA questions. If we can't answer your question, we will direct you to someone who can.



WELCOME HOME

Deputy Jose Mora Jr., San Dimas Station

Deputy Jose Mora Jr. recently returned from his third deployment with the Army Reserves as a sergeant first class, where he served in Cuba at GTMO with the 372nd Military Police Company. Jose works at San Dimas Station and was able to visit with Sheriff McDonnell before doing so.

Deputy Eliel Teixeira, IRC

Deputy Eliel Teixeira has returned from serving with the Utah National Guard. He is undergoing an “interstate transfer” and will be assigned to the California National Guard under which he anticipates new orders in August or September to attend Airborne School.

Thank you, Jose and Eliel, for what you have done for our country. We are so glad you are home!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

As always, we like to list all LASD personnel currently serving. As of this writing, we have 14 partners deployed in an active military-duty obligation.

California Army National Guard:

- Deputy Daniel Acquilano, Lancaster Station
- Deputy Travis Ogle, Special Ops Bureau
- Deputy Jorge Olmos, Lakewood Station

- Custody Assistant Joel List, Twin Towers California Air National Guard:
- Deputy Dewahn Brooks, Twin Towers
- Deputy Michael Doucet, Lancaster
- Deputy Gina Cali, Personnel Admin

United States Army:

- Custody Assistant Darcell January, IRC
- Security Officer Atzelvy Alcantara-Vieyra, County Services Bureau
- Security Officer Arnold Quirino-Castillo, County Services Bureau
- Info Systems Analyst II Jorge Palomera, Data Systems Bureau

United States Marines:

- Deputy Matthew Newhouse, IRC

United States Navy:

- Sergeant Marko Tinoco, TDP South
- Nurse Cecilia Mendoza-Rivera, (DHS/MSB) CRDF/IRC

And finally, if you have any questions regarding your military obligations or you are a supervisor and have questions about those of an employee, please contact the MVA at (323) 307-8331 or email us at *MilitaryandVeteranAffairs@lasd.org*. Also find us on Facebook @*LASDMilitaryandVeteranAffairsUnit*, and Twitter and Instagram @*LASDMVA*.

Until next time, thank a hero. It’s the least we can do considering what they have done. ☆



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RETIREES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

*Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to our Department.
We wish you long life, happiness, relaxation and many years of personal fulfillment.*

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Joel I. Arce
Civil Management Bureau

Chris L. Brackpool
Parks Bureau

Albert E. Calibet
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Sharon J. Sun
Medical Services Bureau

Derrick S. Toliver
County Services Bureau

Desert Dirt

By Maria Villalobos
Lancaster Station

Hello from the heating-up Antelope Valley. It's May and has already hit 100 degrees a few times, so we are preparing for a hot summer! May was a busy, tribute-filled month for us, with beautiful ceremonies honoring our beloved Sergeant Steve C. Owen. We feel honored to have been able to participate in so many of the events, supporting the Owen family as well as the families of several other fallen heroes.

41ST ANNUAL CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL

Multiple stations from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and other agencies joined together to caravan up to Sacramento for the 41st Annual California Peace Officers' Memorial. The activities included a candlelight vigil on Sunday evening, where blue lights were lit as the names of all 15 fallen heroes being enrolled this year were called. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Sheriff Jim McDonnell was the keynote speaker and gave a



beautiful speech honoring the families and the difficult job peace officers do on a daily basis. Monday morning was the touching ceremony itself, where family members laid down a rose and other small items next to the name of their family member. Seeing Palm Springs Police Department Officer Lesley Zerebny's infant daughter lay a rose down next to her mama's name while wearing Lesley's uniform shirt was heartbreaking. We pray for all of our fallen, as well as for their families.



36TH ANNUAL NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

One day after returning from our trip to Sacramento, several of our Station personnel had the honor of attending the National Peace Officers' Memorial in our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. Amid a busy week filled with ceremonies, activities and some sightseeing, the Owen family was surprised and greeted by our LASD Honor Guard at the airport in D.C. The guard was looking incredibly sharp in their new service uniforms. Possibly the best part of the week was when Shannon Owen, daughter of Sergeant Owen, was able to hand her father's challenge coin to President Trump. She introduced herself and let the president know that Sarge had been a member of the Mounted Detail in Los Angeles when

the president had been campaigning. He thanked her for her family's service and let her know the coin would be kept in the Oval Office.

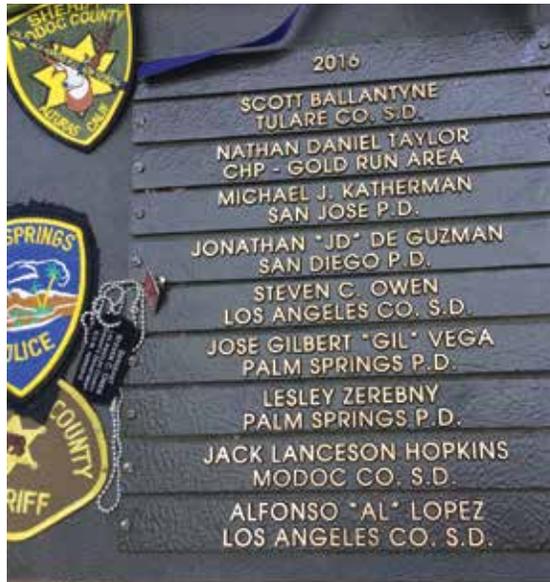
48TH ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY

For the first time since the refurbishment, the 48th Annual Los Angeles County Peace Officers'





Memorial Ceremony was held at Eugene W. Biscailluz Regional Training Center. Over 30 patrol deputies were able to attend the local service and support the Owen family in this last tribute. The Owen women, graceful as always, laid down a rose as Sheriff McDonnell released a white dove after Sergeant Owen's name was called. As a nice surprise, Officer Zerebny's husband, a Palm Springs area officer himself, was on hand to support Mrs. Frog and her family.



The Memorial Torch is passed among all Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department mainland stations over three days, covering 300 miles in 58 legs. We received the torch from Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station and ran through the Antelope Valley. Deputies Wassner, Johnston, Perez, Eitner and Yeni Deciga ran, along with Explorers Rodriguez, O'Callaghan and Lira. We are happy to say that every single Explorer recruit completed the last leg of the run, a 5-mile stretch that led us to Palmdale Station to pass the torch along! Great job to every single Explorer who earned their patches that Sunday morning!



LITTLE LEAGUE GAME

We stayed busy during and in between all of the ceremonies! In mid-May, our deputies had the pleasure of playing against the Yankees of the West Lancaster Little League's Challenger Division. The team, made up of special-needs kids, challenged our deputies to play their last game of the season against them, and our deputies couldn't back down from that challenge! With a little help from a second team, the Cubs, our guys gave their best effort (but I think we lost)!

2017 MEMORIAL TORCH RUN

Several deputies as well as our Explorer Class #98 ran our legs of the 2017 Memorial Torch Run.



GOOD IDEA VS. BAD IDEA

Deputy U. Ruiz learned that a patrol car and soft dirt combined are a bad idea. While he was noble in searching for a reported 2-year-old wandering through the desert (little guy was OK at home), he realized driving in a few inches of soft sand was a terrible idea ... Deputy Sexton, driving his partner sister car, apparently didn't know it was a bad idea either. He, too, met with the soft sand, and two vehicles and deputies had to patiently wait for a tow truck.

INS AND OUTS

We say welcome to Lancaster to Trainees Mitchell Laudano, Trevor Moore and Jesus Chamorro and a big welcome back to Detectives Daniel Gore and Derek Bumgardner! We say goodbye and best wishes to Detective Daniel Mahoney and Deputies Ray Armstrong and Kurt Wurzer. And, finally, congratulations and we're happy to have you stay to Sergeant Daniel Welle and Sergeant Michael Politano!

With that we say goodbye for now! We hope you stay cool and safe. ☆

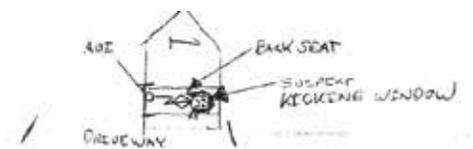


By Christine Ostrander
Traffic Services Detail

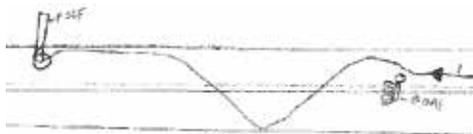
Traffic Services Detail is happy to announce the arrival of a new member to our team. Deputy Michael Bitolas has recently arrived from Lakewood Station to help us fill a vacancy on our staff. We can now offer the services of four deputies to assist with on-scene investigations. Welcome, Michael!

Department-owned vehicles get damaged as a result of collisions, vandalism and sometimes just flat-out unknown circumstances. All of those incidents get documented, and that documentation finds its way to my desk. So I get to see a lot of interesting paperwork about how our vehicles are being damaged. This month, I have decided to share some of the humorous items of documentation that I get to review. For privacy purposes, identifying information has been redacted.

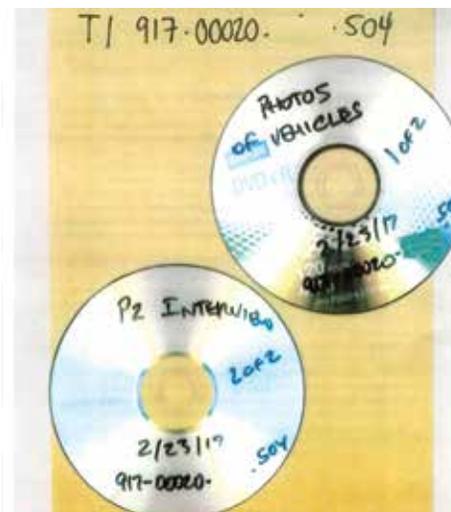
Never let it be said that deputies are not creative when documenting a “window kick” incident. I especially enjoyed the deputy’s artwork in the following example.



This next one is an example of the dangers that can be encountered in some of our more rural areas. Again, excellent artwork by the deputy.



And finally, I must include the following example, because it comes across my desk quite often. This last example shows extreme diligence from an individual who was clearly tasked with the assignment of “send a copy of everything in the file to Traffic Services.” I must emphasize that a photocopy of a CD is basically useless to us. While we at Traffic Services Detail are allowed the use of some great technical tools, we still do not possess the ability to access photos or data from a photocopy of a CD. We have experienced the same level of difficulty when attempting to



open a photocopy of an envelope that presumably contains a CD.

In closing, please remember that Traffic Services Detail exists, and we are available to assist with on-scene investigations, traffic questions, traffic training and pretty much anything traffic-related.

Wear your belt! Wear your vest! Watch your speed! WIN — what’s important now?

Remember: Complacency kills! ☆

L.A. County Retired Marshals Lunches for 2017

ALL LUNCHES ARE SCHEDULED FOR 12 NOON

July 5

Matt Denny's
145 E. Huntington Drive
Arcadia

September 6

Black Bear Diner
7005 Knott Ave.
Buena Park

November 1

Yang Chow
3777 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena

August 2

El Pescador
1125 West Covina Parkway
West Covina

October 4

Marino's Italian Restaurant
17126 Bellflower Blvd.
Bellflower

December 6

Villa Tepeyac
2200 E. Garvey Blvd.
West Covina

The summer months are upon us, and we are finally seeing temperatures creeping slowly upward. Barbecues, beach parties and fireworks are in full swing as we celebrate the warmer weather after a very wet winter. July is National Ice Cream month so, please, fulfill your patriotic duty by eating ice cream for the next four weeks. Then you can celebrate National Get Back on Your Diet month in August. Sunburns and mosquitoes are also very prevalent during the summer months, so be a pal and rub some sunscreen on a mosquito so it doesn't get burned!

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, D.C., to participate in a number of planned events that honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

One of the events that makes up this week is the Police Unity Tour. This event involves hundreds of bicycle riders from different agencies around the world who show their respect for the fallen by riding from New Jersey to Washington, D.C. The course is approximately 230 miles and takes three days to complete. Lieutenant David Sum of the Sheriff's Data Network group bravely volunteered to make the trip with the LASD bicycle team and proudly represented the Data Systems Bureau.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY

It wasn't so long ago that law enforcement technology consisted of a radio in the patrol car that had to be routed through the public address system in order to hear it outside of the vehicle. Then portable radios became part of our gear and, some time later, the mobile digital terminals (MDTs) were installed. Fast forward to 2017 and those technological advances seem more like relics that belong in a museum. The technology that is currently in use or being developed seems more like something from the movie *Minority Report* than traditional law enforcement gear.

Drones are well on their way to becoming eyes in the sky for law enforcement officials.



Unmanned drones can help patrol in ways and areas that law enforcement simply cannot. They can provide real-time information so that officers get vital information about crimes in progress and dangerous situations as they unfold. This can help them better plan responses and save lives. Drones can also capture video and images of crimes as they occur, providing vital evidence in future court proceedings.

Google Glass, HoloLens, and augmented reality are in the early stages of development, but the potential uses for these technologies are very exciting. Special glasses with this kind of technology could be worn by officers to record and analyze everything they see. A built-in screen would provide information about all the businesses, homes and vehicles they see while facial recognition software would provide real-time information about the people they contact and identify those who are wanted for arrest. Some of this biometric facial recognition is already being used by our LACRIS unit here at DSB.

Our Department is already widely using automated license plate recognition (ALPR) technology mounted to the exterior of patrol vehicles and on fixed cameras. This technology scans every license plate that passes in front of it and records an image of the vehicle. It then checks to see if the vehicle is wanted in any crimes and notifies deputies. This allows deputies to more easily locate wanted vehicles, and it provides a large database from which to identify vehicles and their prior locations.

Technology continues to advance and change, and in so doing, it advances and changes the profession of law enforcement. With proper restraint and respect for constitutional concerns, the use of technology in law enforcement will continue to allow crime fighters to further their ability to serve and protect their communities.

HELLOS AND GOODBYES

We've seen a lot of new faces join the Data System Bureau team this month. Custody Assistant Norma Fajardo joined the Custody Automation team. Operations Assistant II Christine Hopping and Senior Clerk Reynaldo Sare transferred in to the DSB Operations team. Senior Information Systems Analyst Thomas Kim has returned to the Bureau after spending some time at another County department. Application Developers Jason Au and Asana Javidfar are newly hired additions to the Sheriff's Department and will be joining the application development team.

And, sadly, we say farewell to Senior Information Systems Analyst Binh Bao, who is leaving us for a potential promotional opportunity with the Department of Public Libraries. We are also losing Assistant Director Wendy Harn, who has decided that retirement is better than coming to work every day. Some people ... Wendy recently received an award from Microsoft in recognition for her years of service with the Southern California Law Enforcement Working Group. Thank you for your service, Wendy!

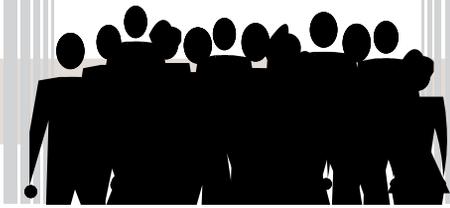


DSB is mourning the loss of our volunteer, Sid Gruman. Sid was a familiar face at the Bechtel building and was a longtime usher at Dodger Stadium. Sid, you will be missed!

That's all from me this month. Until next time!
If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses." — Henry Ford ☆

PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

By Mike Rodi



Hello everyone; I hope all is well. On average, Psychological Services Bureau has 6,000 nonemergency counseling appointments and 700 emergency interventions annually. I feel the resources from our Department give employees an amazing opportunity to get information and training (counseling) for most common issues and problems we encounter in law enforcement. The top three reasons for employees coming to counseling are: dealing with intimate relationships, depression, and work and personal life stresses/anxiety.

Unfortunately, there are situations in which employees will be reluctant to seek counseling. One common phrase we hear is, "I'm not crazy, and I'm not weak." Seeing the problem and finding resources is mature, strong and smart — not crazy. Another common phrase we hear is, "I should be able to handle problems myself."

Working in law enforcement sometimes gives us the impression that we can fix anything and we never need help. Capable individuals tend to be able to handle most problems on their own, but there will always be times when you will need to rely on outside resources because the duration, scope or intensity of the problem(s) is beyond your own expertise. Be humble and know when to ask for help. Call Psychological Services Bureau for a confidential consultation or appointment at (213) 738-3500. ☆



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Share Your Stories in Star News!

We greatly acknowledge unit commanders and directors who support the *Star News* and SRA with monthly articles. Providing these stories, which are sent to nearly 20,000 members and executives each month, is a testament to the pride and commitment that you feel for the Sheriff's Department. Unit commanders and directors who do not currently provide monthly articles should do so. The process is simple and is as follows:

1. Articles are due on the first business day of each month for publication the following month.
2. The article can be sent as an attachment to your email to STAR NEWS, which is in the Outlook address book.
3. There is no minimum or maximum word count per article. The usual article runs about one to two pages, including any photos submitted with the article.
4. Each photo must be a separate attachment to your email, but they can all be included in the same email.
5. All articles must be approved by the unit commander.

Questions should be directed to SRA at (562) 946-7081.

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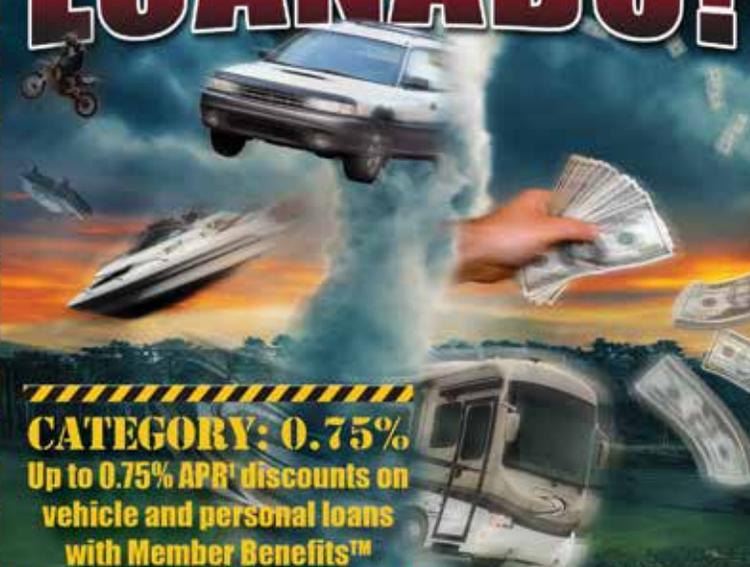
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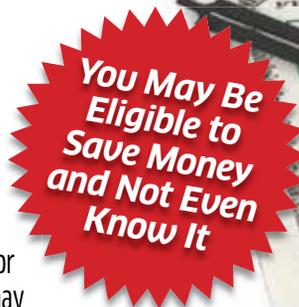
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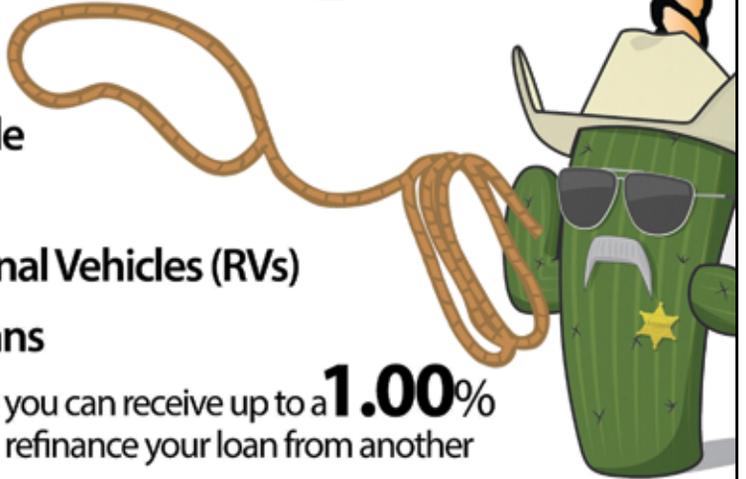
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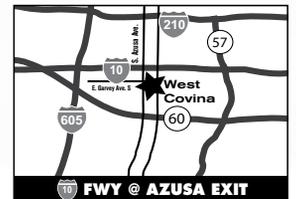
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