

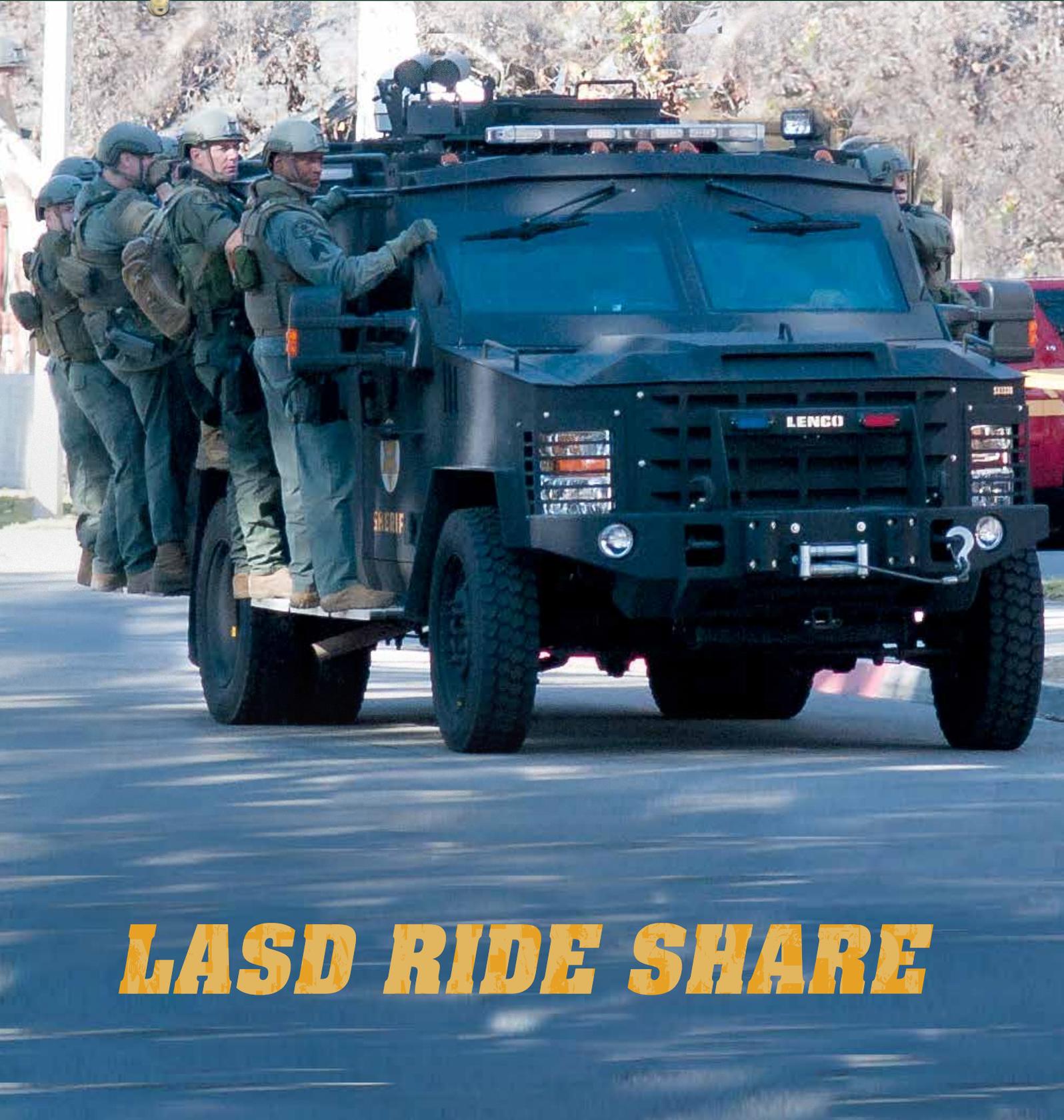


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# STAR NEWS

SHERIFFS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION



## **LASD RIDE SHARE**

# Trustees Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association convened on January 10, 2019, at 11515 Colima Road, Whittier. The following officers and trustees were present: Mike Abdeen, Vice President; Diane Stone, Secretary-Treasurer; Trustees Chuck Becerra, Steve Katz, Rod Kusch and Liza Vera; and Bill McSweeney, General Manager. Trustees not present: Joe Badali, Kerry Carter, Teresa Garrett, Joe Hartshorne, Veronica Urenda and Glenn Walsh.

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Vera, seconded by Trustee Stone and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018, meeting and the November Foundation expenditures.

## COMMUNICATIONS

General Manager Bill McSweeney reported that communications were received from the following during the month of December:

From Renee McEvoy to the Board, "Thank you for all of the treats again this year. My bonus, my gift card, my Christmas display. I super appreciate."



## Retired Deputies

By Chickee Nelson and Don Fandry

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On Wednesday, January 2, the **Hi-Desert Retirees** decided not to have their monthly luncheon because of New Year's. They figured that they would be partying on New Year's Day, so they decided that they would regroup for February and then continue to have their luncheons the first Wednesday of each month. Come join us if you are in the area, at *Marie Callender's* in Victorville.

On Wednesday, January 2, the **Lake Havasu Desert Heat** got together for their monthly luncheon at the Elks Lodge. Those attending were Bill Taggart, Mike Robbins, Doug Muchmore, Tommy Jiménez, Brian Smith, Bob Stoneman, Nick Tipplings, Mike Castorina, Kevin Gavaghan and Jerry Gillen. You can join us the first Wednesday

## BENEVOLENT REPORT

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID DURING DECEMBER: \$78,500

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID YEAR TO DATE: \$1,134,934.45

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A total of 28 new membership applications were received during the month of January. A motion was made by Trustee Katz, seconded by Trustee Vera and unanimously carried to accept the following new members: Luis E. Aguilar, D'Andra D. Alexander, David N. Amescua, Daleana Arguello-Lopez, Andrew J. Aselin, Seth T. Balangue, Danny Banuelos, Bradley D. Belshe, Dinora Bran, Gabriel A. Buenrostro, Johny Calmo, Stephanie Cardoza, Salvador Cerritos, Karapet Emishyan, Oscar J. Galdamez, Jose A. Guerra, Denise V. Guerrero, Nathan A. Head, Douglas J. Hecker, Ian I. Kim, Christopher T. Martin, Cristian Martinez, James W. Metoyer, Hamilton B. Underwood, Carlos P. Uribe, Luis F. Valle, Ashley D. Velazquez, Cherie D. Weatheral.

We had 1 death of an active member, 9 deaths of retired members, 2 cancellations of active

membership, 1 cancellation of retired membership, 4 new honorary associate members and 3 deaths of honorary associate members.

There were 15 members who resigned, no discharges and no one who transferred from the Sheriff's Department during the month of December.

## EMPORIUM REPORT

There is an upcoming uniform meeting where we will be learning of any new changes being made to the uniforms.

## OLD BUSINESS

Although Sheriff Villanueva has determined that he wants the SRA offices to remain at STARS, we may still be building an Emporium at BC.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 5:55 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Vera, seconded by Trustee Stone and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association, Sheriffs' Relief Foundation and Sheriffs' Relief Services Inc. ☆

### NEXT LUNCHEON:

Wednesday, April 10  
11:30 a.m. Buffet \$10.95  
*Villa Catrina Restaurant*  
251 N. Santa Anita Ave.  
Arcadia, CA 91006

of each month and all are welcome — Jerry Gillen ([lnx1993@yahoo.com](mailto:lnx1993@yahoo.com))

On Wednesday, January 9, the **Marshal's Old Timers** held their first luncheon of the new year at the *Lazy Dog* in Downey. There were a few of our "senior" retirees attending (although they don't quite reach Swanny), and a clerk who had a few tales about the bailiffs. Those attending were Cliff Hartfield (79), Saundra Stark (clerk in South Gate), Peter Mack, John Davis (86), Bob (The Last Marshal) Mann, John Matarazzo (89), Jack Russell (89), George Feten, Al Barnett, Richard Duran, Roger DeHaan and Terry Black. Don't forget to come to the Roundup.

On Monday, January 14, it was a cold and rainy day. The **Lakewood ROMEOs** dined at *Super Mex*

*Restaurant* at the Lakewood Mall. Those hardy folks included Bill Richardson, George Boswell, Jerry Berry, Dave and Debbie Bauchop, Mike and Andy Guthrie, Norman and Chickee Nelson, Dennis Flinn, Randy Algra, Bob Ruegger, Ben Hilliard, Mike O'Hara, Peter J. Mack, Frank Matillo and Robert Pryor. If you would like a list of the different locations that we enjoy each month, please send an email to Ed Dahlstrom at [edjaws67@yahoo.com](mailto:edjaws67@yahoo.com). We hope to see you next time! — Ed

On Wednesday, January 23, the **Lakewood Retirees** had their annual luncheon at *Chili's Restaurant* in Lakewood. Those attending the luncheon were George Boswell, Charlie Vaughn, B. Peavy, Mickey

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*Lakewood Retirees annual luncheon*

Reedy, Keith Mohagen, John Kocis, Dave and Debbie Bauchop, Sheri Mallon, Chris Robbins, Ken Wood, Jack Ferguson, Tony Argott, Jerry Berry, Ross Rudin, Tim Lusk, John A. Johnson, Larry and Karen Tomes, Joel and Jerri Johnsonbaugh, Peter J. Mack, Mike O'Hara, Steven and Gina Minnis, Jeanie Miles and husband Frank Matillo, Leo Norton, E.B. Krone-Schmidt, Steve Hanson, John Witt, Max Chance, Kevin Luftren, Tom Segars, Kyle Lazcano, Ike Sabean, Ermelinda Bendi, Jacque Franco, Clay Landenberger, Jim Longobardo, Cindy Connors and Mary Michels. There are some who did not make the list or were not present for the photo. — George

On Thursday, January 24, the **TST Ole Road Warriors** breakfast gathering was held at *Flo's Airport Cafe*, which is located next to the Chino Airport. Greetings to all. It has been quite a long spell since our group has submitted an article of our activities. It was not for the lack of gatherings; we do meet at different locations every month in order to make it convenient for our retired members who live in the different areas of the county to be able to hang out with their old friends and comrades. We are open for any of our brethren to attend our gatherings, whether or not you were a part of Transportation. Whether you are retired or not, you are welcomed. We all have something in common. We all wore the County star. We all wore it with distinction and earned the title of deputy sheriff. As is our usual custom, we began our social activity outside the coffee shop as we exited our vehicles. We greeted

one another and the conversations began. As usual, the jokes started flying and playful verbal pokes were jabbed at one another. We were blessed with maybe one of our largest groups to come to our breakfast. In attendance was George Meyers, who, at 90 years old, is our oldest retiree. He has enjoyed more years retired than years on the Department — 26 years as an active deputy and 40 years retired. My hero!



*TST Ole Road Warriors*

Also in attendance of the regular OGs were John Contreas, Jim Webb, Lee Czarnecki, Larry Russo, Todd Wallace, Sam Arias, Ed Hopper, Jim Tichenor, Bill O'Loughlin, Frank Mckay, Mike Jung, Marty Corona, Glen Kovacovich, Fred Smith, Mel Savage, Gary Graff, Allen Mertz, Bob Story, Ed Curren, Jody DeDario, Davin Emmons, Richard Levin, Tom Brooks, Andres Sendis, Sam Bolomo, Herman Cortez and your humble servant, Joe Jimenez. We all sat down for breakfast and the conversations turned to repeating old and recent Department gossip, politics, recent trips and the common complaints of just getting older. We also reflected on the recent passing of our comrade Jerry Boswell, who will be sorely missed. So until next time, be careful, be safe and be happy. — Joe

On Friday, January 25, 45 **Coachella Valley Retirees** and guests met at *Mitch's on El Paseo* to break bread and reunite with old friends. Sadly, we bid farewell to two of our regular attendees: Bill Alley and Don (Smoky) Givens passed away during the holiday season. We welcomed some first-time attendees. Stan and Cynthia White drove in from Yucca Valley. Dave and Loxi hosted son John Hagthrop and grandson John William Hagthrop. Other attendees were Dennis and Gloria Gillard, Gerry and Elaine Minnis, Jim and Joan Willis, Paul and Maria Myron, Greg and Gloria Morgon, Marian Gallegos, Gus Carlton, Bob Weekly, Bob and Candy Havercroft, Dick and Saucy Adams, Ernie and

Teddi Roop, John Howse Sr. and his family, Sharon and Scott Van Roo, Bobby and Harriett Perry and Nichet Simpson, Phil and Ardella Staats, Jim Shuler, Chickee and Norm Nelson, Don and Sarah Bonthron, Jack and Meg Pina, Don and Betty Cannon, Steve Barnes, and Tony and Chris Palmer. Looking forward to the spring luncheon, which will be held in late April. Hope to see you all at the Laughlin Roundup. — Dave

P.S. I would like to add something to Dave's article. I met John Howse and his family. John Howse had 10 children, 37 grandchildren, 71 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

On Friday, January 25, the **Antelope Valley Retirees** got together for their monthly luncheon. Wow! What a contrast in the weather — whereas a week ago we were being inundated with rain, today was a semi-warm day with clear skies and no wind. This is atypical of the Antelope Valley, so much so that some of the plants are growing buds. Back to the subject. This morning only nine of us old dinosaurs braved the early morning temperature of 30 degrees to venture out to *Denny's Restaurant* in Lancaster (20th St. West and Ave. K) for a good breakfast, lots of hot coffee and some good conversations about days past and present. Of interest during the conversations was the proposal of the city of Lancaster to form its own police department to augment the Sheriff's Department due to the shortage of deputies to fulfill the contract. More information should be forthcoming with details. Also discussed was the upcoming Laughlin Roundup, which we are looking forward to. I briefly discussed with Ron Nybakken the February 6 reunion of deputies who had worked the old Lancaster Station on Cedar Avenue during the '50s before the opening of the Antelope Valley Station. At this point in time I could only locate seven of us still in the running, of which two could not make it. Sadly, we were unable to find solutions to the problems that we face as a nation, state or county; therefore we ate and concluded this day. Attending the breakfast were Ron Nybakken, Don Ott, Danny Gilmore, Glenn Hutchinson, Ron Shreves, Tom Ewans, Jay Seibert, Vance Kirkpatrick and me, Carlos Valdez.

The **Texas Hill Country Retired Lawmen** gathered for our December meeting in true Christmas fashion with a wonderful dinner at our local steakhouse. Those attending were Bob and Maria Kolesar, Lynn and Al Rice, Fran and Terry Dunkum (San Antonio P.D.), Ted and Joyce Severns, Bob and Susie Guilbault, Larry and Teresa Nichols, Javier and Cynthia Gonzalez, Steve and Michelle Richards, Jim and Carol Mulvihill, Fred and Samantha Fogarty, and Mike and Cindy Forte. We laughed, conversed



*Texas Hill Country Retired Lawmen. Front row: Maria Kolesar, Joyce Severns #E8543, Cynthia Gonzalez, Michelle Richards #24854, Carol Mulvihill and Cindy Forte. Back row: Bob Kolesar #24535, Lynn Rice, Al Rice #16374, Fran Dunkum, Terry Dunkum (San Antonio P.D.), Ted Severns #21053, Bob Guilbault (LASD), Susie Guilbault, Larry Nichols (Burbank P.D.), Teresa Nichols, Javier Gonzalez #20911, Steve Richards #22193, Jim Mulvihill (LASD), Fred Fogarty #17533, Samantha Fogarty and Mike Forte (LASD).*

and, of course, told more tall tales of many memories past, asked about many others we have all worked with and found that the world gets a little smaller when we share those thoughts of the past as we all look toward the future. We all moved to Texas with a specific vision, but our core values always remain constant. Our group has grown, as we now have several members retired from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Burbank P.D. and San Antonio P.D.

On Monday, November 12, the **Lakewood ROMEOs** dined at *The Original Tommy's* restaurant in the City of Industry. This month we had very stiff competition with a very important holiday, Veterans Day! Those able to attend were

Bill Richardson, Mike O'Hara, John Boyle, Andy Guthrie, Mike Guthrie, Bill Snyder, Chickee and Norman Nelson, and Ed Dahlstrom. Lots of good food and conversation were enjoyed. We hope to see you at our next lunch. Having had a Lakewood Station assignment is never an issue. If you would like a list of the 12 locations we dine at, please email [edjaws67@yahoo.com](mailto:edjaws67@yahoo.com). — Ed

Save the date! The **Colorado LASD & LAPD Retirees** are planning their summer reunion for Saturday, September 14, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Last year, we had over 30 retirees in attendance and everyone enjoyed the

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*Colorado Retirees. Front row: Irene Taplin, Judy Howell (Alhambra P.D.), Lisa Turner, Cindy Broesel, Carol Lockhart and Becky Smyth. Second row: Suzi Gildea (LASD), Barbara Hernandez (LASD), Stephanie Richter (LASD), Cat Gardino and Virginia Ortiz. Third row: Kelly Pacina, Sharon Morton, Laraine Hoff (LASD) and Kena Kramer (LAPD). Fourth row: Jim Butzbach (Signal Hill), Gary Turner (LASD), Jim Pacina (LASD), Mike Morton (LASD), Tom Hoff (LAPD), Dennis Lockhart (LAPD), Lorne Kramer (LAPD) and Chris Broesel (LASD). Fifth row: John Scott (Seal Beach P.D.), Charles "Randy" Green (LASD), Dave Taplin (LASD), Tony Ortiz (LASD), Jim Pendergest (LASD), Mike Kart (LASD) and Bill Howell (LASD). Back row: Ed Stewart (LASD), Seon Smyth (LASD) and Leonard Peete (LASD).*

# RETIRED LASD SERGEANT HONORED WITH QUILT OF VALOR

**O**n January 10, retired LASD Sergeant Lee Koury received a Quilt of Valor made by the Nevada Quilt of Valor Foundation Quilters. The ceremony took place at the Nevada Society Daughters of the American Revolution Old Spanish Trail Meeting. OST Commemorative Events Chair Dr. Linda Miller prepared the application.

Judge Lee Koury served with the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1954. His assignments included Fort MacArthur and Camp San Luis



Obispo in California. The quilt depicts him at the camp with his Jeep. He served from 1955 to 1978 with LASD. In December 2016, Dr. Miller coordinated a tribute trip for three USS Nevada veterans to the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. They took Quilts of Valor

with them to give to the veterans in a ceremony at Pearl Harbor. Lee also personally designed a polo shirt that everybody in the USS Nevada delegation wore to the ceremonies, which included all the battles that the ship engaged in. ☆

## Retired Deputies *continued from page 5*



*John Smith and Storm Murcott*



*Petty Officer Second Class Michael Monsoor (retiree John Boyle's nephew)*

food, drinks and stories! For any questions or information, you may contact Donald Matern at [dmatern1988@gmail.com](mailto:dmatern1988@gmail.com).

Storm Murcott had an incredible visit yesterday evening with his old friend John Smith at his assisted living home. John spent almost 30 years of his career in the Sheriff's Department, working East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station and retiring as a detective sergeant. For two and a half hours, we reminisced about our years working at ELA and the incredible people who shared

our journey there, many of whom have long since left us. I look forward to my next visit with this legendary detective. God bless you, John. — Storm Murcott

Petty Officer Second Class Michael Monsoor was a United States Navy SEAL who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by President George W. Bush in 2008 for his actions in Ramadi, Iraq, on September 29, 2006. Michael was the nephew of retired LASD Sergeant John Boyle. Positioned next to the single exit, Monsoor was the only one who could have escaped harm. Instead, he dropped onto the grenade, smothering it to protect his teammates. The grenade detonated as he came down on top of it, inflicting a mortal wound. Monsoor's actions saved the lives of his two teammates and the accompanying Iraqi soldiers. The U.S. Navy commissioned its newest destroyer, the *USS Michael A. Monsoor* on Saturday, January 26.

Retirement is great and you need to take advantage of all our awesome benefits. Enjoy your life! Until our next article, have fun and stay safe! — Chickee and Don ☆

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By Mark Slater  
Crescenta Valley Station

At the time I wrote this article, Crescenta Valley Station did not have a captain assigned to replace Commander Blasnek after his promotion. However, since the article is written in advance, we might have a new unit commander. If we do, welcome. If not, then I am still serving as acting captain. Either way, the article must go on.

### EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Prior to leaving, Commander Blasnek and the operations staff discovered a way to communicate without words. Yes, we discovered the world of GIFs and texting. We learned that there is a GIF for everything one could imagine. After a few months of texting with only using GIFs, I am astonished how five adults can effectively communicate without typing any words.

### TIME FLIES

Congratulations are in order for Custody Assistant Marlene Diaz on her 30th anniversary with Los Angeles County and 20th anniversary with the Sheriff's Department. When asked to say a few words after receiving her award, she said she was looking forward to retirement next year. Congratulations.

### TRANSFERS

We welcome aboard our new Operations Assistant II, Lilian Haddad, who came to us from Reserve Forces Detail. She replaced our outgoing OAIL, Kathy Thabet, who recently resigned in order to be a stay-at-home mother. Good luck to both of you in your new careers.

We also say goodbye to Deputies Dennis Gill (County Services Bureau) and Jason Watkins (TST), and we welcome aboard Deputies Jaimie

Sarra, Oshin Saghari and David Heredia to begin their patrol training at Crescenta Valley Station. Good luck to all.

### FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

More than 20 Crescenta Valley and Altadena Station personnel are currently participating in a three-month fitness challenge. The challenge started with an official weigh-in and body fat test, which was determined by "getting dunked." The participants were submerged in a water tank that then determined their body fat and weight. Regardless of who actually wins the challenge, all the participants are winners for taking their personal health seriously. Congratulations and good luck.

### WE REMEMBER

On January 26, we held a barbecue in memory of Reserve Deputy Charles Rea, who tragically drowned 50 years ago while attempting to rescue some stranded campers in the Little Tujunga Canyon. Sergeant Greg Taylor organized the event as a way to honor a true hero. The day was highlighted when the Rea family heard about the barbecue on social media and stopped by the station. They were

able to enjoy the barbecue and reminisce with both current and past members of the Montrose Search and Rescue Team. It was a great event, and thank you, Sergeant Taylor, for your leadership.

### QUIET ... PERSON SLEEPING

Recently, I was walking by the bunkroom, and normally if someone is sleeping inside, the door would be closed and the sleeper would write on the whiteboard the date and shift they are sleeping so that others will not disturb them. However, on this date, the following was written on the whiteboard: "Quiet, Door Closed, Person Sleeping or we wasted money on this whiteboard." Although the author was unknown, I think they missed their true calling to be the *Star News* author. If that person is reading this, please come see me — I have a job for you.

### TIME OFF

Sergeant Jeff Curran, our scheduling sergeant, has quite the dilemma on his hands. All four lieutenants signed up for the same week off during the recent vacation signups. The good thing is that he has several months to figure out a solution. So stay tuned, and that is all for this month. ☆



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By Team Cerritos  
Cerritos Station

### “SLEEPY HOLLOW”: THE LEGEND LIVES ON...

The Rose Parade is behind us, the homeless count is completed and business carries on into 2019 with more challenges to keeping the peace, managing public safety and developing our staff. Think back to the motion picture *The Wizard of Oz*, now to the song “Ding-Dong! The Witch Is Dead.” Now think back to our story last month and how we described our process for developing this article. Now hum the tune of “Ding-Dong!” and use the lyrics “Ding-Dong! Ed and his red pen are gone,” and when you get to our personnel changes it will all make sense!

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Cerritos Library hosts informational sessions and brings in subject-matter experts to expand the knowledge base of citizens. This month, from LASD Fraud & Cyber Crimes Bureau, we had Sergeants Jacqueline Luna and Dana McCants present. Dana is seen leading a discussion, Jacqueline at the podium. The majority of the participants were senior citizens, with some having been victims of crimes. Also this month, we had Lieutenant Rocky Costa (retired) continue on the discussion, and next month the focus is on cyber safety for teens and children.



### SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Cerritos participated in the LASD semi-annual “World Serious” and Sergeant Brian Wilson Memorial Tournament/Championship at the Cerritos Sports Complex under the direction of manager Detective Clinkingbeard. We played Norwalk, Lakewood and

Century Stations. Some of the highlights included a monstrous home run, followed by a bat flip, hit by Sergeant Ong. There were some outstanding defensive plays led by Deputies Arguello and Duran. It was great.

### VEST DAY

Our SAO team was outfitted with Level III vests containing Level III plates. Various members of the community contributed the funds to purchase the vests. Special thanks to members from the Aria Apartments, Picerne Group and TGP Property Group.



Her efforts have made a huge difference in public trust and transparency. We are very proud of her service and accomplishments.

In the photo, Deputy Kwon is with City Councilman Jim Edwards, Pastor Philip Kwon, her father

### HOMELESS COUNT

Our SAO team, VOP and some of our CERT members rolled out for the L.A. County Homeless Count on January 23. After covering every street, alley,



park, riverbed and parking lot in town, the tally ended up as 19 individuals, five cars, three vans, five RVs/campers and two tents.

Tents in Cerritos? Good grief, directly across the street from the tents, on the Artesia side of the street, were eight RVs that qualified as homeless encampments.

### DEPUTY KWON RECEIVES SERVICE CLUB AWARD

Deputy Kwon was recently recognized by the Cerritos/Artesia Rotary Club for her outstanding community engagements and service. She has been instrumental in building relationships and partnerships with the community.

(one of our Clergy Council members), her sister Alice and Captain Nunez.

### DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. EVENT

The city hosts an annual remembrance and celebration of the life of Dr. King. This year, being the 55th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act on his birthday in 1964, brought out a larger crowd than previous years. Over 300 people participated in the celebration on January 21. Captain Joe Nunez, Lieutenant Ann Devane, VOP Richard Yu and Joon Maeng represented our station,

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along with other LASD personnel. Notice the crowd in the photo during the event; it was memorable and respectful of a great American who changed the course of our nation.

### EXPLORER POST 23

We are delighted to have our three recruits who began in Class 101 graduate all together. In the

photo with Captain Nunez, Deputy Kwon and Adult Advisor Margaret Johnson are (left to right) Explorers Arelly Ortiz, Andrew Gutierrez and Eva Beteta. Check out those smiles! Job well done, Explorers.

Our Post has three Explorer applicants who are doing pre-Academy with us now. Check out their form in PT (applicants wear white socks; Post 23 members wear black socks).

We assisted Norwalk Station at its Glow Run held around La Mirada Park. Our Post 23 provided support, working with Norwalk Explorers. VOP from Cerritos, Lakewood and SAN came to help as well. It was a beautiful evening as the sun set, as seen in the photos. Norwalk VOP Bruce Dixon created the VOP operations plan for the event and can be seen briefing the group. The Explorers from both

posts activated the glow sticks, tied on lanyards and handed them out to the runners, then staffed the water stations along the course. Our Explorers, having been in Academy together, know how to work together and took directions from Deputies Vivian Garcia and Anthony Lindheimer as seen at their briefing.

### VOLUNTEERS ON PATROL

The service hours numbers are in, and our VOP organization delivered over 12,800 hours of service to our station. They drove changes into the operation and helped drive the crime rate down by working with our deputies and implementing some changes that made a positive difference. Good work, VOP!

Our December article about our VOP mentioned our tradition of delivering plates of goodies to former VOP who no longer are active due to health or are the surviving spouse of a VOP who has passed. We included the photo of former VOP Claude Harrison (15 years VOP service at Cerritos) with Sergeant Mandujano in civvies, VOP Jim Wimmer and Mark Bollman, which was taken on December 11.





On December 26, Claude and his son Keith were visited by VOP Merlin Driggs and Dale Meyers (seen left to right in photo). Merlin was Keith's football coach in school many years ago, and now Dr. Keith Harrison is coach at Central Florida University. On New Year's Eve, Claude and Maxine, his wife of 55 years, and their son Keith drove to Scottsdale, Arizona, for a bowl game. They had a good dinner together, and later that night, Claude passed from this earthly life into eternal life with his Lord. At his funeral, VOP Mike Medina (also a LASD security officer) came in on his RDO and served as a pallbearer. He carried Claude to his place of rest at Forest Lawn. Rest in peace, brother Claude; your warm smile and gentle demeanor live on in our hearts forever.

Remember to say, "I love you." It may sound trite, yet we never know when we see someone for the last time.

### PERSONNEL CHANGES

We are sad to see Operations Lieutenant Edward Wells move on. He will be the executive aide working for Assistant Sheriff Olmsted. He was well loved at Cerritos Station and will be missed. Lieutenant Ann Devane has arrived as the new operations lieutenant, and we welcome her to the team. ☆

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JOB  
3/28/11

Retired



### CAPTAIN ALOMA'S DEPARTURE

Although we are sad to see Captain Sergio Aloma leave West Hollywood Station as he promotes to commander, we are happy for his success and thankful for his service to our station and community. After working at West Hollywood as a deputy, sergeant, lieutenant and captain, Commander Aloma will now be assigned to Custody Services Division at Men's Central Jail. Hopefully he will visit his alma mater, and we're sure to see him at Baker to Vegas!

### WHD HOLIDAY PARTY

On December 16, members of the West Hollywood Station family gathered at the Jeremy Hotel in West Hollywood for the station's annual holiday party. Everyone enjoyed a relaxed evening of dinner, drinks and prizes, and the night went off without a hitch. The party is always a nice opportunity for everyone to get dressed up, meet their partners' families and have a little bit of fun outside of work.



West Hollywood Station gathered in the briefing room to say farewell to Captain Sergio Aloma.



Female deputies and detectives enjoying the holiday party

### STRANGER THINGS ... IN WEST HOLLYWOOD

Although we see a lot of strange things in the city of West Hollywood from time to time, we recently had a visit from actor David Harbour, who plays a lead role in the Netflix series

*Stranger Things*. Mr. Harbour visited several local LAPD and LASD stations to show his thanks for the work that law enforcement does. While we all appreciate when someone in the public says thank you, it was a really nice, sincere gesture

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WHD Station personnel greeted actor David Harbour in the station lobby.



By Ernest Bille  
American Legion Star Post 309

### COMMITMENT TO OUR VETERANS

Since its founding in 1919, the American Legion's primary mission is service to our military and veterans. At the LASD, this tradition of service to our veterans began in 1927 when Star Post 309 was founded. To this day, we continue this mission.

One of our greatest achievements thus far has been keeping our 91-year-old post alive and thriving. While many veteran service organizations have dwindled in either size or effectiveness, we continue going strong. In the accompanying photograph of Class 433, which graduated in January, there were an overwhelming 20 veterans in the class, all deputies. We are happy to say the great majority made the decision to join Star Post.

Another achievement we are most proud of

Guard and Reserve (ESGR) back in 2017. This program is the cornerstone of the ESGR's effort to gain and maintain employer support for the Guard and Reserve. The intent of the program is to increase employer support by encouraging employers to act as advocates for employee participation in the military. Supportive employers are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation's Guard and Reserve units.

As of the writing of this article, Star Post and MVA are planning to host another veterans benefits fair for our personnel in the north county area, tentatively scheduled for late March. The purpose of the veterans fairs is to bring resources directly to you, the veteran. We understand that because of work schedules and distance, it's often difficult to obtain veteran-related services. These fairs offer you an opportunity to meet with an array of representatives to discuss matters related to VA home loans and CalVet home loans, GI



is the formation of the LASD's Military and Veteran Affairs Unit. Deputy Carlos Levario, a Star Post member and current command sergeant major in the Army National Guard, leads the Department's efforts by being a resource for not only our active reservists, but our veterans as well. The MVA's mission is to advocate on behalf of all our veterans in the Department, to ensure their needs are met and their rights respected.

To demonstrate its support for our veteran personnel, the LASD signed its Statement of Support with the Employer Support of the

Bill benefits and educational opportunities, and other veteran-related resources. This is yet another example of how we advocate on behalf of our veterans. Detailed information about the fair will be available on our website, [www.starpost309.com](http://www.starpost309.com).

We also advocate for the family members of our veterans. In June, the American Legion will be initiating its Boys State program, and the American Legion Auxiliary will be facilitating the Girls State program. We are currently accepting applications for sponsorship opportunities to any high school junior (11th grade)

boys and girls to attend the program. Excellent communication skills, an open mind to learn about objective governance, and high marks and achievement in school are some of the criteria for selection to this program.

Star Post will sponsor up to five boys and two girls. First consideration will be given to any child who is a junior in high school and a son/grandson or daughter/granddaughter of a Star Post member. Consideration will also be given to any LASD

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when Mr. Harbour came into the station to express his personal gratitude. Thank you, Mr. Harbour, for what you do — when is Season 3 coming out?

### 120 POUNDS OF GHB RECOVERED

While patrolling Sunset Boulevard, COPPS Deputies Daniel Martinez and Nicholas Lizarraga conducted a traffic stop of an SUV operating as an Uber vehicle after the plate returned with a warrant. As the deputies investigated, they discovered a large suitcase in the rear passenger seat area that contained 40 individually packaged bundles, each containing four bottles of liquid, totaling 160 bottles. The liquid, which ended up weighing over 120 pounds, had a slight chemical smell, and although the suspect claimed it was a cleaning item related to his artwork, the deputies' thorough narcotics investigation revealed that the liquid was in fact GHB/GBL. Better known as the date-rape drug, liquid GHB and its ugly sister



*Deputy Andrew Banos and Deputy Nicholas Anderson out and about in West Hollywood*

GBL are popular in the club and party scene, and they are ultimately an underlying factor in sev-

eral date-rape cases. What Deputies Martinez and Lizarraga didn't know at the time was that they halted a large delivery of this potent narcotic from entering the city limits of West Hollywood. Great observation by both deputies!

### LOOK AT THAT MUSTACHE ...

And finally, this issue of the *Star News* would not be complete without the best photo so far from 2019. Captions circulating around the station include "Don't sneeze too hard or your mustache might fall off" and "Little guy seeks piggyback ride from trainee!" Thankfully, FTO Deputy Andrew Banos and Deputy Nicholas Anderson have a great sense of humor about it and they can enjoy a little poking from all of us. And just as Deputy Banos is doing in the photo, sometimes you need to lean on your partner for a little help (or a boost up onto the planter!) ☆

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member (active or retired) who is a veteran. To be considered, email [info@starpost309.com](mailto:info@starpost309.com) with the child's name, high school and current GPA. Further instructions will be provided once we have a list of candidates. Each candidate will be interviewed by our committee as part of the process.

Proceeds from our fundraising efforts, such as our Vets 4 Kids Golf Tournament, fund our support of these programs. Participants receive free transportation and free room and board while attending the week-long programs. If you'd like to make a donation specifically for these programs, please visit [www.starpost309.com/donate](http://www.starpost309.com/donate). We can always use the help to promote these programs.

For more information about Boys State, visit [www.boysstatecalifornia.org](http://www.boysstatecalifornia.org). For Girls State, visit [www.cagirlsstate.org](http://www.cagirlsstate.org).

And for all of our LASD retired veterans, we are making plans to see you once again at Roundup in Laughlin, Nevada. This year we have a very special treat, which you don't want to miss. We will be hosting an entertainment show at Don's Celebrity Theater at the Riverside Resort and Casino on Tuesday, April 9. Doors will open at 7 p.m. For more specific information about the



show and to purchase advance tickets, visit [www.pinupsatroundup.eventbrite.com](http://www.pinupsatroundup.eventbrite.com). You should have also received the email notice from Moon's List for those registered with [www.lasdretired.org](http://www.lasdretired.org). The show is open to everyone attending this

year's Roundup. We're looking forward to seeing you then. ☆

# 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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North County Correctional Facility

**Dwayne R. Bednar**

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**Arthur J. Bencomo**

Court Services East Bureau

**Renee L. Boagni**

Inmate Reception Center

**James B. Brown**

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# FORT CARSON

By Patrick Morey  
Carson Station

## A VALIANT EFFORT

During the early holiday season, Carson Station Traffic Detective Geoff Lidman, a 28-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, began feeling ill with a mysterious illness while at work. As a precautionary measure, he was taken to the hospital for treatment of this illness. The hospital visit became a life-changing event that he and his family will never forget. At the hospital, a series of tests were conducted, which revealed a growth (tumor) on his brain. This tumor was causing Detective Lidman severe headaches and vomiting, among many other serious issues. He was immediately scheduled for emergency brain surgery to remove the tumor.

Detective Lidman spent over six weeks in the hospital recovering from the surgery, and is now safely home with his family. During his extensive stay in the hospital, he went through excruciating rehabilitation to renew his cognitive abilities, which he continues to do as he continues his recovery at home.

For those of you who have not had the opportunity of meeting Geoff, he is a devoted husband and father, with an adult daughter from a previous marriage and a young daughter from his current

marriage. He is a strong-willed person who has always been there to help others in a strong and motivational way. Geoff is an extremely close family member of the Carson Station Detective Bureau and this Department. In the recent months, Carson Station has provided help and support to Geoff and his family.

The entire Lidman family, including his wife and daughters, has been touched by the outgoing support that his Carson Station Family and the Sheriff's Department has given him. We can't wait until he returns to work so we can listen to his witty and sarcastic humor. Keep continuing to be strong and return to work soon.

## THE COURAGEOUS BATTLE

Roughly 18 months ago, Carson Station Detective Guadalupe Arreola, a 17-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, was diagnosed with cancer. During this time, she endured surgery and many other medical treatments to aid her in successfully beating this cancer. I am proud to announce that in early January, Detective Arreola was able to return to work and be with her Carson Station family once again. Congratulations on your speedy recovery.



## CARSON STATION AND ITS NEW CONTRACTOR

In late 2017, Deputy Herrera, who was still working as custody deputy at MCJ, decided to do a ride-along at Carson Sheriff's Station to enhance his skills before coming out to work in the patrol environment.

It was a ride-along he will never forget. As he and his ride-along partner prepared for their shift, they went inside the station armory to retrieve the tools to assist them during the shift.

What transpired inside the station armory was a reminder to all of us to always keep our finger off the trigger unless we plan to destroy our target. The only thing that was destroyed on this day was a ceiling tile. The ceiling tile was struck by a stun bag round that was inside of a stun bag shotgun.

After all Deputy Herrera went through during his ride-along, he returned a few months later as a patrol trainee. He recently completed his patrol training and decided to fix the hole he had caused. Deputy Herrera took it upon himself to repair the hole he had left in the ceiling tile. A little spackle and paint did the trick.





### THE FLAT TIRE CURSE CONTINUES

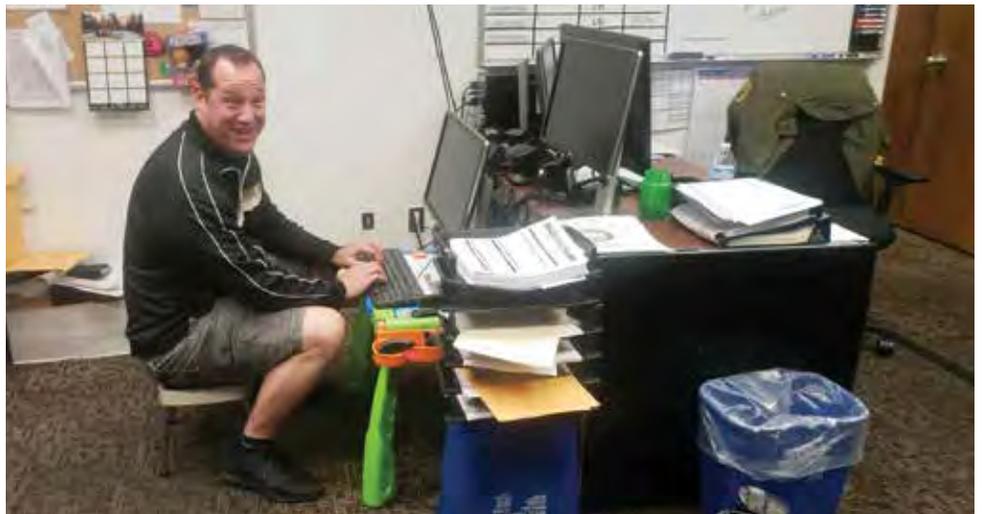
In early January, Southern California experienced some rainy weather that seemed to cause havoc for the Carson Sheriff's Station field sergeants. During the week of this rainy weather, the sergeant's patrol

Tahoe experienced several flat tires. To be exact, during the week, the Tahoe experienced five flat tires, with Sergeant Patrick Morey experiencing half of the blown-out tires. It just wasn't his week, but he survived and was able to return to his duties once the air cleared and it began to be sunny again. Needless to say, the flat tires got the best of him. Sadly, it looks as though we'll need to incorporate basic tire-changing techniques during supervisor's field operations school to prepare sergeants on flat-tire repair.



### CARSON STATION OPERATIONS RECEIVES DONATED FURNITURE

While Sergeant Eric Cheatham was assisting the South Patrol Division at Sheriff's Headquarters, several donations of furniture arrived from local citizens who live in the city of Carson. The Carson Station Operations Office had to be reconfigured to fit the newly arrived furniture. Upon his return from Sheriff's Headquarters, Sergeant Eric Cheatham attempted to get acclimated to his new furniture. As you can see by his facial expressions, he was extremely happy with his new desk and chair. Until next time! ☆





By David Rozas  
Airport Court

## LAW AND ORDER ON THE RUNWAY

**T**his is the season — for retirements, that is. An era has finally ended at Airport Court. After 27 years on the Department, Lieutenant Yvette Christopher is pulling the plug. Boy, does she have a big smile on her face. Moreover, for the past five years, Lieutenant Christopher has overseen five different courts on the Westside of Los Angeles. They included Beverly Hills Juvenile, Beverly Hills Superior Court, Santa Monica Courthouse and her home base at Airport Court. When asked what she was going to do in retirement, she replied, “I’m not slowing down. I’m going to continue running in races around the world. I have a 10K planned for Super Bowl weekend and a half-marathon in Cabo San Lucas the week after I retire.” It’s obvious you are not slowing down. Thank you for everything you have done for Airport Court. You have made a true impact on the lives you supervised. We wish you nothing but the best in the years ahead. Best of luck in retirement.

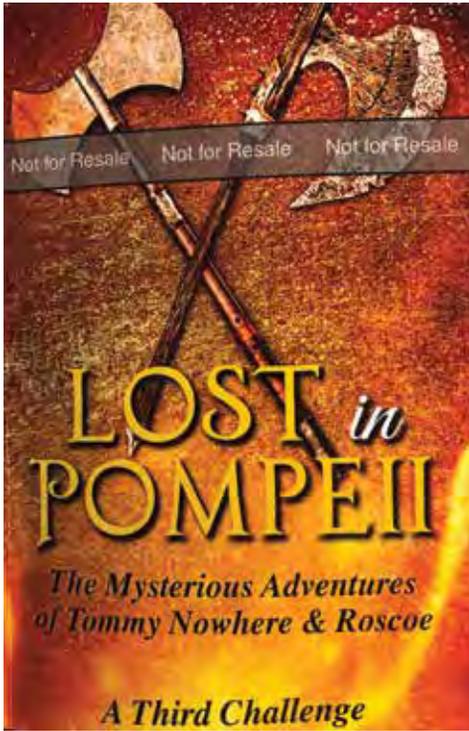
As the lieutenant leaves, we get a new sergeant, too. Sergeant Krystal Davis-Linton joins us from Department 95. After she settled in, she had time to pose for a great picture for the *Star News*.

The Rose Parade was a big deal around Airport Court. We had 11 of our 28 assigned personnel working various assignments around the parade venue. Of course, Deputy Christian Davis was enthralled with sitting in the radio car at his spot along the route. He was mesmerized by the B-2 bomber flyover and couldn’t get his phone out fast enough to get a picture. Of course, the day after, everyone reported back to work on time — well, except one. We won’t say any names, but according to parade staff, they were going to send him home he was so sick.

It never fails with the traffic around Los Angeles: If one car stalls on the freeway, it’s a Sig Alert and everyone is stuck. It’s the same with public transportation. The Green

Line had been down for a couple of weeks and Deputy Adam Nassman had no other way to get to work. An Uber was too expensive and he didn’t want to drive and fight the traffic, so he bought an electric scooter. He bundled himself up in a nice, warm jacket and made his way via side streets to Airport Court. The problem was where to park the scooter once he got to work.

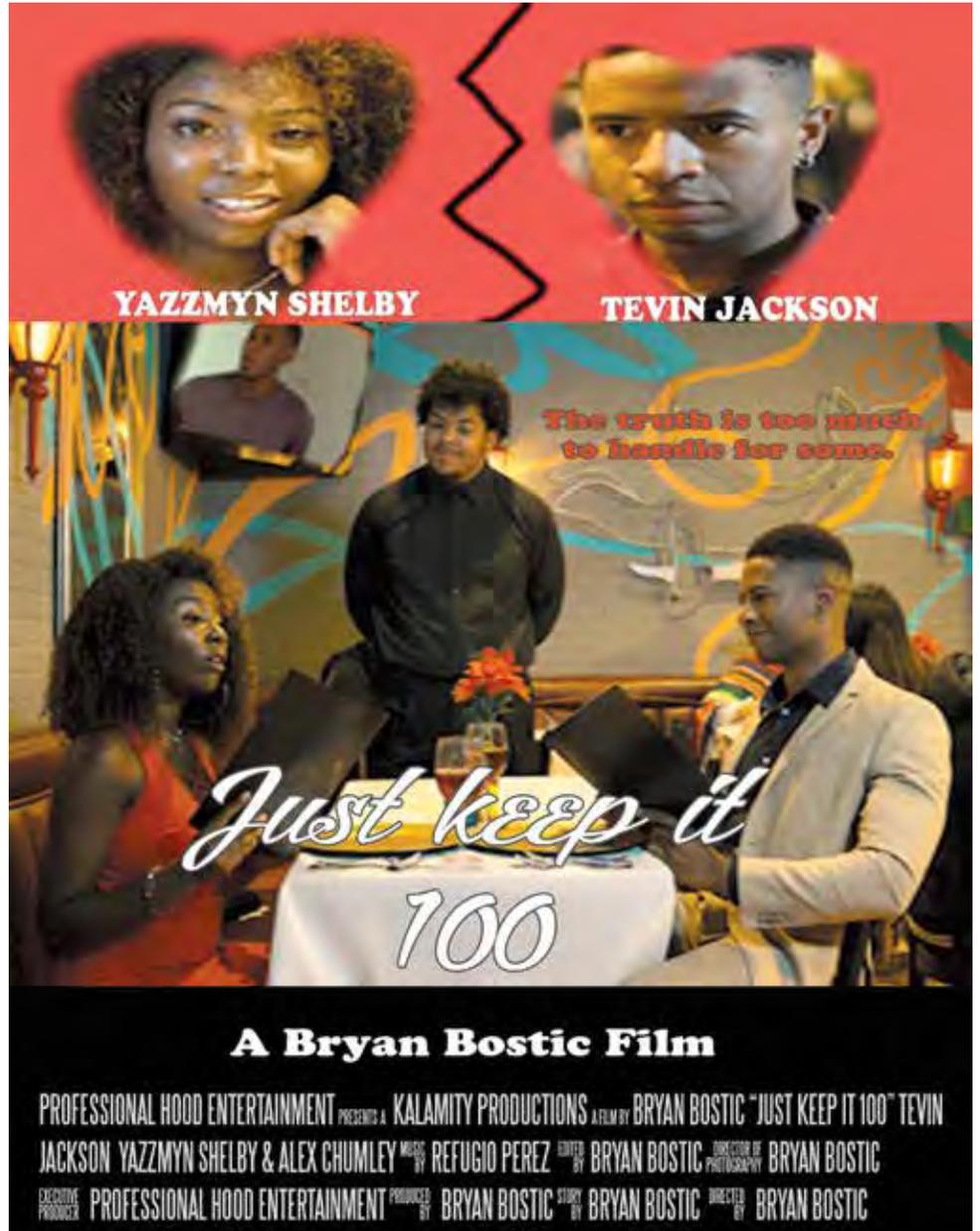




Of course, he brought it in to a safe place, that being the locker room, and parked it in front of a senior deputy's locker. Hmm ... you know where this is going. Needless to say, TST chains come in handy. The good thing was it wasn't going anywhere.

Congratulations are in order for Deputy James Stilson. He has published his third book, *The Mysterious Adventures of Tommy Nowhere and Roscoe: Lost in Pompeii — A Third Challenge*. The book is available on Amazon and has been doing very well.

Deputy Bryan "The Big B" Bostic keeps rolling up the accolades in the short film genre. Once again, he has been invited to the Golden State Film Festival at the TCL Chinese Theater in Hollywood. His short film *Just Keep It 100* has been nominated for Best Film award. The festival takes place March 22–28. This is a very big event for Hollywood screenwriters. Bryan,



we wish you the best of luck. Who knows, maybe your hand and shoe prints will be in the cement in front of the theater one day.

It's that time again for transfers. Leaving us after a very short while here at Airport Court are Deputies Roberto Valdivia to Burbank Court and Janice Jimenez to Inglewood Court. Good luck to both of you. With two out, two more

come in. A hearty welcome to Deputies Jose Marquez from MCJ and Kathleen Cortez from CRDF. Welcome to Airport Court.

Rumor is Deputy Christian Davis is still on the list to go to patrol. He thinks he's close to going out. Stay tuned for that one.

That's it from the crown jewel of Court Services, Airport Court. Stay safe! ☆



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Sheriffs' Relief members can purchase discount tickets on our website.

Go to [www.sheriffsrelief.org](http://www.sheriffsrelief.org).

## ☆ IN MEMORIAM ☆

DAVID L. BETTS	RETIRED 08-01-84, DECEASED 11-28-18	NORWALK/DEPUTY
GERALD A. BOSWELL	RETIRED 03-31-97, DECEASED 12-24-18	TST/DEPUTY
ROBERT E. BYERS	RETIRED 03-19-90, DECEASED 12-03-18	SSB/DEPUTY
DANIEL J. CASTANEDA	RETIRED 03-31-17, DECEASED 01-27-19	COURT SERVICES EAST BUREAU/DEPUTY
ELEANOR M. CROUGH	RETIRED 03-26-84, DECEASED 01-16-19	COURT SERVICES WEST/DEPUTY
GERALD L. DUDLEY	RETIRED 11-03-87, DECEASED 01-20-19	MIRA LOMA/DEPUTY
LINDA D. FINK	RETIRED 12-31-16, DECEASED 12-31-18	IHSU/SR. ESR
BRIAN D. FITCH	RETIRED 05-31-16, DECEASED 01-09-19	CRDF/LIEUTENANT
LOIS J. FREDERICK	RETIRED 04-19-93, DECEASED 07-15-18	COURT SERVICES WEST/DEPUTY
ROBERT R. GARCIA	RETIRED 10-12-83, DECEASED 10-24-18	SAN DIMAS/DEPUTY
RONALD E. GARDETTE	RETIRED 04-05-06, DECEASED 10-02-18	FPS/WAREHOUSE WORKER II
DONALD L. GIVENS	RETIRED 10-19-82, DECEASED 12-21-18	PERSONNEL POOL/DEPUTY
CARMELITO GUAN	ACTIVE, DECEASED 01-21-19	COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUREAU/ SECURITY OFFICER
GUIDO J. GUTIERREZ	RETIRED 11-16-98, DECEASED 11-03-18	REGION I ADMIN/SERGEANT
JAMES E. PIPER	RETIRED 03-31-78, DECEASED 12-08-18	DETECTIVE SERVICES/DEPUTY IV
JOHN D. QUINTAL	RETIRED 11-24-92, DECEASED 01-05-19	EAST L.A./DETECTIVE
THOMAS J. ROGERS	RETIRED 08-20-81, DECEASED 01-13-19	SANTA CLARITA/LIEUTENANT
MAX S. THOMSON	ACTIVE, DECEASED 12-30-18	COMM FLEET/SCP
WALDON B. VAN SCIVER	RETIRED 03-31-17, DECEASED 11-03-18	FOOD SERVICES UNIT/SENIOR COOK
STEVEN A. VELASQUEZ	RETIRED 01-24-05, DECEASED 12-27-18	EAST L.A./DEPUTY
ARACELI C. FAMULARCANO, SPOUSE OF RETIRED MEMBER RODOLFO F. FAMULARCANO, DECEASED 11-21-18		
DARREN E. GODFREY, SPOUSE OF ACTIVE MEMBER KIMBERLY M. WHITE-GODFREY, DECEASED 12-27-18		
JANE M. LYNCH, SPOUSE OF RETIRED MEMBER ARLAN E. LYNCH, DECEASED 09-15-18		
CYNTHIA A. MORENO, SPOUSE OF RETIRED MEMBER PETE L. MORENO JR., DECEASED 12-15-18		
RODNEY MORRIS SR., SPOUSE OF RETIRED MEMBER DRUCILLA MORRIS, DECEASED 12-31-18		
GERALDINE PROPERSI, SPOUSE OF RETIRED MEMBER EDMOND R. PROPERSI JR., DECEASED 01-02-19		
HUNG REX, SPOUSE OF ACTIVE MEMBER LEE M. MEZA, DECEASED 12-28-18		
STEVEN A. VELASQUEZ, SPOUSE OF ACTIVE MEMBER PAISLEY E. VELASQUEZ, DECEASED 12-27-18		



# The Chaplain's Notebook

By Chaplain Paul Canas

Norwalk & Lakewood Stations/Aero Bureau

## DEPUTIES: MINISTERS OF GOD?

Joshua, Moses's lieutenant, exhorted, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

In the Psalms, often attributed to King Solomon, we find, "Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked" (Psalm 82:3-4).

And God said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

The life of a deputy can be incredibly frustrating, especially when you are trying to make a positive difference in the communities you serve. You may find that you run into the same people over and over: people addicted to drugs or alcohol, hard-headed criminals or gang members. Some drug addicts are so high they do not seem to understand a word you say. You try to warn the bad actors that their behaviors may be leading them down a dangerous path, but it feels like you are talking to a brick wall. Even if you hook someone for dope (no longer a felony!), they are back on the street in a couple of hours with a citation for a court date they will likely

ignore! Sometimes things can feel a little pointless.

I would like to consider another possibility. Your contact may have been brief, and it may have seemed to lead nowhere, but that is all it took to serve your calling. I believe God places you in positions to give you the opportunity to try to redirect those who need it, whether they listen to you or not. You never know in the moment what impact your words and actions may have in someone's life. You may have said just the right thing at just the right time, and changed someone's life for the better. That arrest may be the thing that turns their life around.

Everyone is familiar with the equipment you carry: a gun, taser, OC spray and baton. You have other equipment, however, that is just as (or more) important: verbal guidance, command presence and leading by example. You use this latter set of equipment much more; it speaks most often and most loudly. These tools allow those looking on, passersby and members of the community, to potentially learn from your fine example.

Let us get back to Joshua, the Psalm and God. What do their teachings have in common? I think they teach us that you are indeed a minister of God in a way, whether you know it or not. People you arrest may not like it, but at some level, you are teaching them the law. That is a ministry! It appeals to

their "better nature." Somewhere deep inside, they know you are right. Why else would they run or lie? I believe their fear has something to do with God wanting them to learn they are wrong.

As Eastern philosophy might have it, you deliver karma. You help those in trouble or those who are ill (afflicted). You support victims (in their time of weakness). And, yes, sometimes you rescue the needy. Without doubt, you serve our communities and country. Ironically, you challenge the bad guys to be better, even if they would never admit it! Deputies are, in real ways, God's ministers of righteousness, justice and peace.

Criminals may be in a revolving-door system. But rest assured that you did your part and being "strong and courageous" is needed to continue the awesome work that you have been called to perform. That is all — and everything — you can do. I pray for your safety and for the well-being of you and yours. I also pray that those you contact might recognize your effort to put them in God's hands. In this way, you make a difference each and every day in a ministry I would call "being a deputy."

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

## L.A. County Retired Marshals Lunches for 2019

ALL LUNCHES ARE SCHEDULED FOR 12 NOON

### March 6

*Katella Bakery*  
4470 Katella Ave.  
Los Alamitos

### April 3

*Villa Tepeyac Mexican Restaurant*  
2200 E. Garvey Ave.  
West Covina

### May 1

*San Antonio Winery*  
737 Lamar St.  
Los Angeles

### June 5

*Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que*  
1870 Montebello Town Center Drive  
Montebello

### July 3

*Matt Denny's Restaurant*  
145 E. Huntington Drive  
Arcadia

### August 7

*Black Bear Diner*  
7005 Knott Ave.  
Buena Park

### September 4

*Katella Bakery*  
4470 Katella Ave.  
Los Alamitos

### October 2

*Marino's Italian Restaurant*  
17126 Bellflower Blvd.  
Bellflower

### November 6

*Yang Chow Chinese Restaurant*  
3777 E. Colorado Blvd.  
Pasadena

### December 4

*Villa Tepeyac Mexican Restaurant*  
2200 E. Garvey Ave.  
West Covina



## LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BAND

By Dawn Anderson

Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Band

### A TRADITION OF SERVICE THROUGH MUSIC

**G**reetings! We hope that 2019 has been good to you. Our mantra for this year is: Come play with us! We want to encourage all deputies, retired or active, who are musicians to come to a rehearsal. We invite you to join us as we serve the community and the Department's musical needs. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at the Sherman Block Building. Please contact us at the email address at the end of this article.

I would like to highlight one of the smallest instruments in the band and their players. The flute is regarded as one of the oldest instruments of all time and is certainly the oldest wind instrument existing since the Stone Age. Because of the longevity of the flute, the design has undergone many changes, including the number of keys, the length and the number of parts. The flute originally was considered a solo instrument. However, throughout the ages, along with the development of other instruments whose players began to perform in groups, the flute had to change so that its high-pitched sound could be heard. To accomplish this, flute makers in the late 1700s made the flute longer so that the flute's range could include lower notes that improved the intonation.

Theobald Boehm is considered to have made the best and most important changes to the flute in its entire history. He manufactured a flute that had

larger finger holes that were spaced to produce an exceptionally large and fine tone. In the mid-1800s his radical design of the flute included padded cups to cover the larger holes. This flute, with only very minor changes, is the same instrument that flute players perform on today. Boehm is considered the father of the modern flute and it is a tribute to his genius that his flute remains unchanged today.

Nicole Peterson is one of our many fine flutists whom I am pleased to bring to the forefront in

this article. She is a native Angeleno who began her flute lessons at a young age while attending Parkman Junior High School in Woodland Hills. Her first choice in instruments, though, was the oboe, but the oboe was not available and she was encouraged to start learning the flute. Nicole graduated from UCLA with a B.A. in Italian literature and her studies took her to Europe. When studying at the Universita di Bologna in Italy for a year, she played flute in the school orchestra. Her school's orchestra performed an all-Beethoven concert that took them all the way to Grenoble, France.

Nicole has a rich and varied musical past, having studied musical performance at Pierce College. She played in the Pierce College wind ensemble, studying under Steve Piazza as well as learning improvisation with the Pierce Jazz Improvisational Workshop. Nicole had the pleasure of soloing for a labyrinth meditation walk at the Prince of Peace Church in Woodland Hills. She is very proud to have also participated by playing her flute during Gudwara at the Guru Ram Das Ashram in Los Angeles. Nicole's daytime job is that of a Kundalini yoga teacher. She claims that playing the flute calms her mind and keeps her grounded: "It is very therapeutic." Playing the flute has taken her many places and she has made marvelous friendships, including the lasting friends she has made playing with the LASD Band. Nicole states that playing with the LASD Band gives her a sense of community pride. Thanks, Nicole, for



sharing your talent and encouraging spirit with the LASD Band.

Paulette Westphal comes to us by way of Newport News, Virginia, though she lived most of her young life in Hampton, Virginia. From an early age, she was interested in music; she began singing at the tender age of 3 in church choirs and began piano lessons at age 6. Paulette continued to hone her musical craft by singing and playing instruments throughout her formative years. Influenced by her cousin, who played flute, Paulette began to learn to play this tiny instrument. High school completed, she continued her education in music at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, specializing in secondary instrumental music. Though Paulette specializes in playing the flute and piccolo (an even smaller instrument), she has learned the fundamentals of all instruments during her studies at UNC. She also recalls that playing in the pep band got her into all the basketball games, well-rested and for free, while her student friends had to wait in long lines in the middle of the night to pay for their tickets. It was a great perk! In 1968, while she was playing in the basketball pep band, the team made it to the NCAA Finals, which gave her an opportunity to visit Los Angeles, where UCLA and UNC vied for the championship (UCLA won). Paulette earned her master's degree in adult education and human resource development.

After college, Paulette taught junior high school band and orchestra for several years in both Virginia and Maryland. Then, deciding to stay home with her children, she moved her attention musically



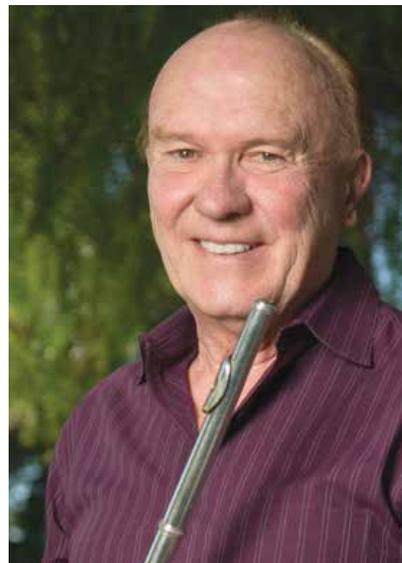
to community organizations. Her musical experiences include playing the flute, assistant directing and directing in community bands in Virginia and North Carolina. In addition, she was the pit orchestra conductor of a community theater group in northern Virginia.



Moving to Southern California in 1997, Paulette continued her community involvement, playing in several Southland bands. She also continued to study conducting and had the opportunity to learn from the late Dr. Frederick Fennell of the Eastman School of Music. Paulette is now the conductor of the Burbank Community Band, having had the baton passed to her by the late Dr. Donald Holcomb, who once claimed he left the Burbank Band in the most capable care of Paulette. On the rare occasion that our Conductor Dan Glass and our Assistant Conductor Jim Thompson are not available, they know that a rehearsal or gig will still be performed under her baton. Paulette says that playing the flute "saves my sanity, keeps my brain learning and promotes enduring friendships." The LASD Band is proud to have a member of your caliber. Thank you for your enduring friendship!

Another fine addition to our flute section comes to us by way of Chicago, Illinois. Jim Radon started his musical lessons on the saxophone while he was in the fourth grade. He was drawn to all the woodwinds, studying the clarinet and finally settling on the flute. He chose the flute as a vehicle in which to study classical music.

Jim Radon holds degrees in music from DePaul University and Roosevelt University, both in Chicago. He has a rich performing history with concerts in Chicago; New York (Carnegie Hall); Richmond, Virginia; Washington, D.C.; and various locations in Canada. His performances also included ones before American Presidents Johnson and Nixon. Jim served as an educator, teaching and influencing young adults in colleges throughout the United States. He says that playing the flute and learning music has given him the opportunity to make a living doing what he loves. Thanks, Jim, for sharing your talent with us!



Zoe Helmstädter was born in Whittier. Her family moved to North Carolina soon after, but returned to SoCal about the time Zoe entered sixth grade. She was not drawn to the flute until she realized that her mother was a flutist. Then she made it her own instrument as well. She began her lessons in the sixth grade and continues today as she studies music education as a third-year college student. She hopes to make a career of teaching and performing. She met her husband, Ruben, in her very first musical class in college. She heard him play the piano and then



asked him to be her accompanist. They both play in the LASD Band. Playing the flute is her passion; it keeps her grounded and lifts her spirits during the difficulties of life. "Playing the flute brings me joy," she says. We wish you the very best on your musical quest and we are so very happy to be a part of your journey. Thanks for bringing joy and enthusiasm to the LASD Band.

In closing, I would like to say that even though their instrument is small, our flute players have large personalities and huge musical experiences, and add a tremendous amount of sound and character to our performances.

Come play with us! Join the LASD Band and meet new and interesting people. The LASD Band will lift your spirits, give you a sense of community pride and help bridge the gap between the Department and the people we serve.

If you play an instrument or previously played an instrument, it may be time to dust it off and join the LASD Band. If you would like to have one of our bands perform for an event, either the dance band or concert band (subject to Department guidelines), please contact me at Dawn. [LASDBand@gmail.com](mailto:LASDBand@gmail.com). ☆

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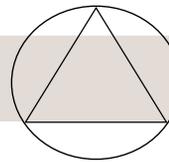
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# Peace Officer's Fellowship



By Willis Braggs

## ONE BAD DECISION

All it takes is one bad decision to change your life. This includes taking a chance and drinking more than you should. Given all of the resources that we have, why do employees of our Department continue to get arrested for alcohol and/or drug-related incidents? Is it that they don't think they will be arrested? It's important to remove the notion of "It won't happen to me." It is possible, not just in our Department, but in any department. As I spread the word about alcohol and the resources we have at our disposal, how many people are really listening? Each employee has to make the decision to push away from the bar, or to stop drinking if they aren't able to stop before it exceeds moderation.

For those of you who have not noticed, the Sheriff's Department has taken a hard line on employees picking up cases involving drugs and alcohol. This trend follows a substantial effort to alleviate the problem of employees abusing alcohol and prescription drugs. We hear about others' misfortune. We see some of them get relieved of duty, and then some never return. If it's a friend, we may talk with them in the early stages, but unless it is a close friend, we quickly find ourselves drifting apart, back to our own affairs.

When someone gets arrested or into trouble, the person is on a solo journey. There are people who can tell the person what to expect or what happened to them, but there is no guarantee that

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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the situation will be the same. Did anyone get hurt? Were you uncooperative with the arresting agency? Did you have your firearm with you? What did you blow on the blood-alcohol test? These are all nuances that have a bearing on your outcome.

I know we work in a very stressful business, but to get arrested for driving under the influence or other alcohol incidents is always preventable. Compounding life's stressors in this way is avoidable with a plan, like Uber, Lyft or a designated driver. You also have control over the consumption of alcohol and the choice to not drink at all, to drink responsibly or to ask for help before trouble hits. Peace Officer's Fellowship (POF, for

sworn members) is a group of first responders who have battled with alcohol problems and are willing to share their personal stories and help you with alcohol recovery. For non-sworn members of the Department, there is Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), (800) 923-8722. Or, you may call the number on your health insurance card and they will assist you.

If you are having trouble gauging your limitations or are not sure of how to set them in the first place, give me a call or talk to one of our docs at Psychological Services Bureau (PSB) at (213) 738-3500. Together, we can help to put you back on the right course. You must take the first step. ☆



## PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

By Mike Rodi

There are many different signs that can indicate when someone is having difficulty coping with the amount of stress they are experiencing. As a supervisor, if you pay attention to the signs, you can offer support to your employees, helping them resolve the problem before it becomes overwhelming to the individual and disruptive to the unit operation.

It is important not only for supervisors to look

for signs of stress, but also for co-workers to look out for each other. There are many assignments on the Department that, unfortunately, overwhelm many supervisors, which prevents them from seeing these signs.

When we look for signs of stress, it can be difficult to notice them in some cases, especially if it's with someone you don't know very well. Some people develop stomachaches, eye tics or

headaches. These are good examples of reactions that can develop from stress that we may not notice as easily.

Let it be noted that there are many different reactions from stress caused by many different events or situations. If you or someone you know may need resources to identify or help with stress, please contact Psychological Services Bureau for any assistance at (213) 738-3500. ☆

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# FROM THE DOCS

## UNDERSTANDING CHRONIC FATIGUE

By Li-Ting Michelle Chao, Ph.D.

**D**id you know that most people in the United States, on average, sleep less than six hours a night? This number may not be astonishing to you because you may be one of these people who do not get adequate amounts of sleep. In fact, sleep experts suggest that the proper amount is seven to eight hours per night. Having to juggle your job, your family and your personal life could make you feel overwhelmed or exhausted. In addition, working during shift hours can have an effect on your normal sleep patterns. Working the PM and EM shifts can be difficult and disrupt your normal routines. Studies have shown that mental and physical exhaustion may limit your ability to carry out daily activities. A modern lifestyle exposes us to a 24/7 society (i.e., 24-hour cable TV, internet, email, not to mention the long work shifts).

Even with decent bed rest, many of you may still wake up feeling tired or exhausted. Feeling tired could be warning signs of a medical condition or indications of an unhealthy lifestyle. The items listed below provide some explanations as why you might feel tired all the time. The first set are possible indicators of a medical condition, and the second set are possible indicators of an unhealthy lifestyle.

What are the medical conditions that may account for your long-term exhaustion? Here are some examples:

- **Anemia:** Anemia is a condition where one does not have an adequate amount of red blood cells, or hemoglobin, in the blood. Causes of anemia range from cancer to an iron or vitamin deficiency. Individuals with anemia exhibit chronic fatigue because of red blood cell counts being lower, which reduces their ability to deliver oxygen efficiently. Check with your primary care doctor to rule out having anemia.
- **Hypothyroidism:** The thyroid gland is in charge of regulating metabolism. Having too much thyroid hormone (hyperthyroid) or too little thyroid hormone (hypothyroid) can alter the levels of metabolism and energy. Individuals with hypothyroidism feel extremely tired and lethargic. Check with your primary care doctor to rule out hypo- and hyperthyroidism.
- **Depression:** Common symptoms of depression include fatigue, insomnia or oversleeping, low motivation and loss of interest in activities. If exhaustion is not due to physical or medical reasons, mood may account for feelings of tiredness. Seek an assessment and possible treatment from a mental health professional who can provide psychotherapy, adjunctive treatment or a more holistic approach.

If medical or mental causes are not the reasons for exhaustion, a change in the following aspects of your lifestyle might help remedy your fatigue:

- **Healthy diet:** A lot of times when you feel exhausted or drained, especially in the middle of a workday, you find yourself craving high-sugar or high-carb foods. Refined carbohydrates boost your energy by quickly elevating your blood sugar, but you inevitably experience a sense of tiredness when your blood sugar drops rapidly. Also, too much caffeine or sipping a cup of caffeine throughout the day can disturb your sleep-awake cycle, hence placing you in fluctuation of feeling energetic or feeling fatigued. For that reason, moderation in the consumption of refined sugar and caffeine will help to keep your energy level.
- **Keeping balance:** Is doing it all wearing you out? Overcommitment or constant busyness can lead to feelings of burnout — “a slow-creeping form of exhaustion accumulated over years of perfectionism, stress and overwhelm.”

The struggle to find enough time to pursue both work and personal goals can trap you into overly committing yourself to responsibilities and not having enough time to do things for yourself. Chronic exposure to high-stress environments subsequently exhausts your energy. If your long-term tiredness is not caused by a medical condition, you may want to step back and consider cutting back on obligations and tasks, taking small breaks in between tasks, scheduling personal time and activities to reward yourself, and allowing yourself to say no to obligations.

- **A good night's sleep:** Sleep plays a vital role in good health and in emotional well-being throughout your life. Sleep helps maintain a good balance of the hormones that make you feel appropriately hungry or full as well as affect how your body reacts to insulin. Long-term sleep deprivation not only can impede your immune system, but also diminishes your energy to function productively throughout the day. Thus, getting enough quality of sleep at the right time is essential to get rid of your long-term feelings of exhaustion.

An important part of maintaining mental health is to pay attention to our mind-and-body connection. If you or someone you know has experienced long-term tiredness or fatigue, this article provides general guidance as a way to remedy constant fatigue and tiredness.

If you feel overly exhausted on a regular basis (not due to a medical condition), please contact Psychological Services Bureau for support and help with establishing a healthy lifestyle. You can call for a consultation or make a confidential appointment at (213) 738-3500. To obtain additional information, you can visit our intranet site at <http://intranet/intranet/ESS/Index.htm>. ☆



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# L.A. SHERIFFS' MUSEUM

By Chris Miller

Los Angeles Sheriff's Museum

## UNDERCOVER DECOYS: TARGETING HUMAN TRAFFICKERS AND RESCUING VICTIMS, PART 3

For years, deputies raided massage parlors that were being used as houses of prostitution, arrested the women working there and closed down the business. Deputy Sheri Anderson wanted to go a step further by taking over the business for a day and arresting the customers as well. To determine if a massage parlor was legitimate, Anderson would observe customers as they arrived and document the clothes they were wearing and their appearance as they entered. She also copied down their license plate numbers and a description of their vehicles. When they left, she noted whether they were wearing the same clothing or if their clothes appeared disheveled.

The male Vice deputies had their doubts about taking over a massage parlor and using female deputies to arrest male customers, so they let Anderson gather information on her own. To accomplish this, she would stake out the parking lot of a massage parlor and then follow customers as they drove away. She would pull up alongside them, flash her badge and order them to pull over. If they didn't, she just let them go. The ones that did stop were considered a consensual contact. She would ask many questions, such as how much they paid and how the operation was conducted. All of this information was included in her request for a warrant. Once a judge signed the remaining order, the deputies could take over the massage business and, thanks to the information gathered by Anderson, keep it running in its usual manner.

## MESSAGE PARLOR OPERATIONS

The first part of the massage parlor operation involved male deputies entering a business where they were propositioned. Once it was determined that all of the women working there were prostitutes, a remaining order was obtained and the women were arrested. Deputy decoys took the place of the prostitutes and escorted the customers to a room. After agreeing on a price for sex, the decoy would say she would be right back. She walked out and the backup deputies would come in and make the arrest. Suzette's, in the city of Bell, employed up to 10 sex workers and was one of the largest illegal massage parlors closed by Vice deputies.

## SERGEANT RICHARD BOJORQUEZ, MALE DECOY

The captain of East L.A. Station wanted the 26 illegal massage parlors in its area identified and shut down. Sergeant Richard Bojorquez, who was in charge of the Special Problems Unit, asked the Vice Unit to help in conducting this undercover operation.

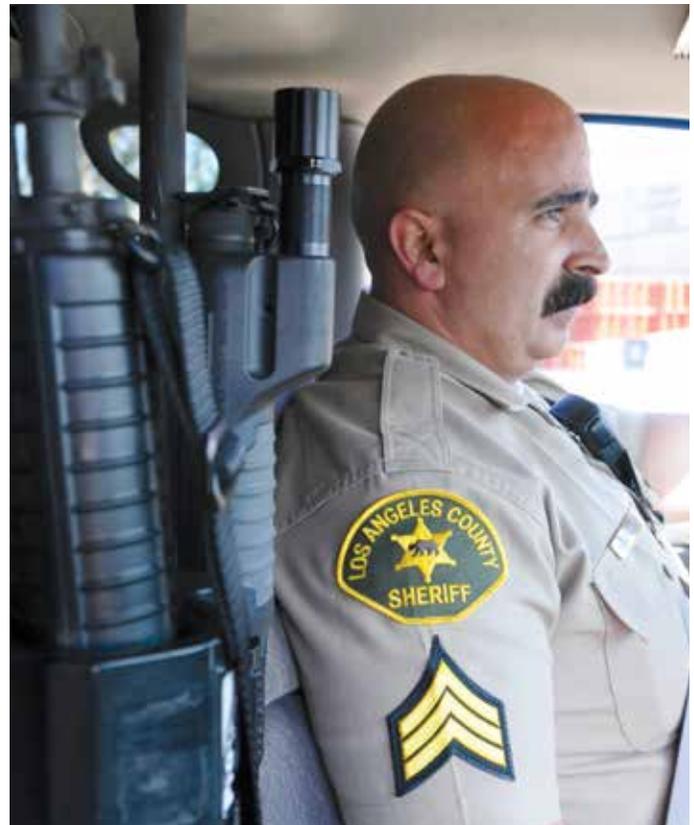
Vice had worked the area in the past, so their male decoys would likely be known to the workers in the massage parlors. Because of that, they asked Sergeant Bojorquez if members of his Special Problems Unit would be willing to pose as sex buyers. No one wanted to take on this role, so Bojorquez decided to set an example by volunteering. For his first operation, he was briefed on what he could and couldn't do and what he should and shouldn't say. They also explained how to obtain a solicitation without actually participating in the sex act.

Three different teams were assigned to protect the decoy. One team was spread around outside the massage parlor to keep an eye on everyone who went in and out. Another team monitored the hidden microphone in the decoy's pocket, and the third, the take-down team, entered once a violation had been committed.

Bojorquez was given a pager to place inside his pants pocket. The top of the pager stuck out of the pocket so the microphone was not obstructed and the backup deputies could hear everything taking place. A safe word to be used in case of emergency was agreed upon, as well as a phrase to indicate there was a violation. Bojorquez had been married before and was not planning on getting married again, so he chose the phrase "I want to marry you!"; figuring it was something he would never say accidentally.

One of the most difficult situations was when two decoys were sent into a massage parlor at the same time. If the first decoy obtained his violation quickly,

he had to stall until the second deputy obtained his own violation. If he was being pushed to have sex right away, he would come up with excuses like "I'm sorry, I don't think I can go through with it. I just lost my wife, I've changed my mind, I just want to watch," or "I need to run to the restroom first." The decoy would pay with marked money that also had the serial numbers recorded so that, later, it could be linked to the sex worker. Once they both obtained their violations and said the code phrase, the take-down team would enter.



Sergeant Richard Bojorquez

One day, Bojorquez entered a massage parlor, and right away, the women working there thought he was a cop because he was wearing a wristwatch. Most of their customers don't wear watches because they are gang members or drug users who don't have jobs and don't have to be anywhere at a certain time.

In order to explain the reason for wearing a watch, Bojorquez said that he was working down the street and his boss gave him a 40-minute break. He only had 30 minutes left, so they needed to get this over with. The sex worker believed him.

A decoy could usually tell right away if a massage parlor was legitimate.



*A sex worker being arrested on a sweep*

In a legitimate massage parlor, the table is in the middle of the room, not up against the wall, and the masseuse is wearing regular clothing, not high heels and sexy lingerie.

Female decoys never had to remove one piece of clothing, but male decoys had to fit in with the other customers. After being escorted to a small room, they disrobed and placed a towel around their waists. The most humiliating and disgusting part for Bojorquez was to lie on a table that was not cleaned or sanitized after who knew how many people had had sex on it. If that wasn't uncomfortable enough, when the take-down team entered, the decoy would be standing there wearing nothing but a towel.

It was difficult to prove that the owner or manager running the massage parlor had knowledge of the illegal activities taking place. An establishment that was a real nuisance would be targeted by deputies until it moved or went out of business. Gloria Molina, a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, was upset about a massage parlor called Eastern Therapy, which was across the street from King Taco. Deputies from the Special Problems Unit noticed that even the presence of a marked patrol car did not deter the sex buyers.

Bojorquez figured out a creative way to encourage the owner to move the business. He placed an old radio car in the parking lot facing the front of the massage parlor, with an old video camera on the dash next to a sign that said, "Warning Videotaping in Progress." Sex buyers would arrive, act like they were lost and walk away.

When Bojorquez transferred from East L.A., only two of the original 26 massage parlors were still in business. These bordered the city of Montebello and

were left operating at the request of the Vice Bureau because they had informants who were providing information on commercially sexually exploited children.

### **FORMER EXPLORER BECOMES A PROSTITUTE**

It was 2012 and Bojorquez's very first time as a decoy. After paying \$40 to enter the massage parlor, he was escorted to a small room where he was told to disrobe, place a towel around his waist and lie face down on the table. A young girl came in and began massaging his ankles. She was so nervous, her hands were shaking. When he asked what was wrong, she said the other girls thought he was a cop. He laughed and said, "I get that all the time. People either think I'm a cop or a gangster because I've got tattoos and a bald head." Hoping to be convincing, he complained that he was always getting jammed up by the police, and that seemed to calm her down.

She began massaging his legs and said, "So what do you want?"

He asked, "So, what can I get?"

She said, "I can give you everything."

He responded, "What's everything?"

She took off her top, exposing her breasts.

During the encounter, the sergeant verbalized what took place so it could be used as evidence later. Once they agreed upon a price, the sergeant paid her with the marked money and then said the phrase, "I want to marry you," indicating that he had a violation. The sex worker left the room to get a condom just as the take-down team entered. Bojorquez pretended to be a gangster and argued with the deputies. When the sex worker returned, she told him to quit

arguing since it would just get him into trouble. She was photographed and cited out, then Bojorquez was also photographed and pretended to be cited out. The evidence against the sex worker included the marked money, the condom and the audio recording of their conversation.

Two weeks later, posing as a decoy, Bojorquez entered a different massage parlor. When he did, there was the same girl. Before she could say anything, he immediately started talking like a gangster, complaining they had been caught and now he had to pay a fine. She apologized, saying she was sorry and there must be a rat in that massage parlor who told on them. He pointed out that he was upset because he never got what he'd paid for, so she said she would make it up to him. He said, "Yeah, last time it cost me a hundred bucks and I didn't get anything for it."

She told him she would give him a special deal. When he asked what a special deal was, she said she'd do everything for \$50, adding, "You can have me any way you want."

Bojorquez then said, "Baby, I still want to marry you," and moments later the take-down team came in. To protect his undercover status, Bojorquez began yelling at the deputies, even though the sex worker kept telling him to calm down. They were arrested, handcuffed and placed in the back of a radio car. The deputies came back and said that Bojorquez had warrants and was going to jail. As they were taking him away, he looked back at the sex worker and mouthed the words, "I'm sorry."

A month later, Bojorquez was on the take-down team, dressed in a Class A uniform, when he

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entered another massage parlor to arrest a sex worker who had just propositioned a decoy. The girl didn't recognize him and kept looking at the floor, but he recognized her immediately. Bojorquez filled out a field interview card on her and said, "Do you remember me?" They talked a little more and she suddenly realized he was the customer from the two previous arrests.

"I got you three times now," he said. "You're so young to be doing this. What's your story?"

She said she had been a police Explorer, but when she got pregnant, the sergeant who was the Explorer advisor berated her, saying she had disgraced the Explorer program. He kicked her out and told her parents how she had disgraced the Department. They reacted by throwing her out of their house. She had nowhere to go and no money, so out of desperation, she became a sex worker. She earned money as a sex worker until she was further along in her pregnancy, then stopped until after the baby was born. Seeing no other way to support herself and her child, she returned to the only way she knew to make money, leaving her baby in daycare while she



*Deputy Anna Enriquez*

was working. Since she was taking college classes and not using drugs or doing anything else illegal, Bojorquez helped her to obtain a legitimate job.

Knowing people involved in the illegal sex business, and being well aware of new massage parlors opening up and which ones were illegal, she shared this information with Bojorquez to repay him for all the help he had given her. When he transferred from East L.A. Station, the young woman was referred to Vice Detective Gary Furuyama, so she could continue providing information on the massage parlors.

Bojorquez feels that our job is to help people, not damage them, especially the young people in our Explorer program. Instead of criticizing and turning our backs, it is far more productive to provide the teens and their parents with support and guidance.

### **MALE SEX WORKER DECOYS**

The Vice Unit would conduct sting operations after receiving complaints from men who were either propositioned by men or who observed men engaging in sex in restrooms at parks or beaches. The recreation department at County parks, lifeguards at County beaches and department store security would also request their assistance in conducting sting operations in restrooms for lewd conduct.

The male deputies worked as decoys and the females would be their backup. The males would work out of restrooms at parks, beaches and major department stores. If the problem involving men having sex in park restrooms occurred at night, the backup deputies would use night vision devices that enabled them to see in the dark.

It was not uncommon for men to drill a 2½ or 3-inch circular hole in the wall dividing the toilet stalls. Referred to as a glory hole, it was used to have sex with the person in the adjoining stall. Many who were arrested during these operations were married and didn't want their family to learn about the arrest, so they put up a fierce fight, doing everything they could to get away. Although they were informed that their arrest would not be published and the deputies were not going to tell anyone, it would still be necessary for them to go to court.

### **MALE STING OPERATIONS**

During sting operations at Zuma Beach in Malibu, Deputy Anna Enriquez appeared to be tanning as she lay on a towel in a bathing suit within view of the men's restroom. She was wearing sunglasses so men couldn't see where she was looking and playing music on the radio so no one passing by would hear her speak into a hidden wire. She described each man as they entered the restroom, which ones stayed and which ones came out. A male deputy would then be sent in and, upon exiting,

would tug on his ear, thus signaling the backup deputies to make the arrest.

Schabarum Park in Rowland Heights has walking trails in the hills with several restrooms in different locations. While Enriquez and several other deputies were conducting an operation for males loitering around the men's restrooms, a man and his wife were out walking their dogs. The couple got separated from each other in the dense brush, so the husband snuck into a restroom and attempted to engage in a sex act with one of the male deputy decoys. After his arrest, they had to figure out what to do with the dogs, so Enriquez convinced the man to tell his wife what had happened so she could take the dogs.

See Part 4 in the next issue of *Star News*.  
*Edited by Jan Jenkins (LASD Retired). ☆*

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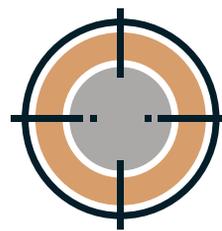
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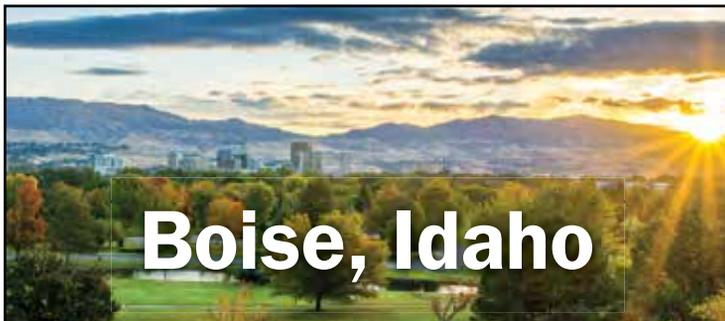


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