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IN MEMORY OF

Deputy Joseph Solano

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



The Sheriffs' Relief Association extends its deepest sympathies to the family, friends and loved ones of Deputy Solano. Both the Department and the law enforcement community have suffered yet another tragic loss.



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Trustees Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association convened on May 5, 2019, at the Hilton Palm Springs. The following officers and trustees were present: Joe Badali, President; Mike Abdeen, Vice President; Diane Stone, Secretary-Treasurer; Trustees Chuck Becerra, Kerry Carter, Mike Fratantoni, Steve Katz, Rod Kusch, Veronica Urenda, Liza Vera and Glenn Walsh; and Bill McSweeney, General Manager. Trustee not present: Joe Hartshorne.

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. A motion was made by Trustee Abdeen, seconded by Trustee Carter and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019, meeting and the March Foundation expenditures.

COMMUNICATIONS

General Manager Bill McSweeney reported that communications were received from the following during the month of April.

From Moon Mullen to Bill McSweeney: "As the trail boss for the LASD Roundup, I would like to take this opportunity to again thank you and the Board of Directors of Sheriffs' Relief for the very generous monetary contribution to the 2019 LASD Roundup. The funds you provided helped provide for a very successful gathering in Laughlin. I would also like to thank you for the extra gift of the flashlights that you provided to those SRA members in attendance.

"Over the past 20 years, the Sheriffs' Relief Association has been very generous in assisting us financially with coverage of the many incidental

expenses that crop up in such an endeavor. Your continued support has helped make the LASD Roundup a very special event for the retired LASD members.

"We had a record 1,151 members in attendance at the Roundup this year. We are already setting plans in motion for the 2020 LASD Roundup, to be held in Laughlin, Nevada, on April 5, 2020, through April 8, 2020.

"On behalf of all the retired members who attended the 2019 LASD Roundup, we thank you and the Sheriffs' Relief Association for the continued generosity and support that you have given to the LASD Roundup and those who attend."

From Edith B. McCurdy to the Benefits Department: "Enclosed are my sincere thanks to SRA for their condolences, timely check and beautiful flag. Truly, Sheriffs' Relief is an awesome organization."

From the family of Deputy Marion Gail Bridgeman to Denise Jezak: "Thank you so much for your kindness and support after my mom's passing. You will never be forgotten! The flag is a treasure, too!"

From Drucilla Morris and family to SRA: "The family of Rodney Morris Sr. would like to thank you for your kind expression of sympathy. The floral arrangement sent to my husband's funeral service on January 11, 2019, was beautiful and truly appreciated. Thank you for all your well wishes and the financial assistance, it was a great help."

BENEVOLENT REPORT

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID DURING APRIL: \$83,823.96

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID YEAR TO DATE: \$508,500

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A total of 45 new membership applications were received during the month of May. A motion is required to accept these new applications. A motion was made by Trustee Urenda, seconded by Trustee Vera and unanimously carried to approve the following members: Mariel Abarca, Guillermo L. Alejandre, Clinton J. Averill, John G. Barkley, Lucas Barr, Jacob G. Barragan, Robert J. Bell, Bryan O. Bernardo, Consiglia Borrelli, Raquel Camargo, Anthony D. Ceballos, Kevin E. Chan, Cathy C. Chang, Maria Nora P. Chua, Sean T. Davidson, Quenby L. Douglas, Ryan G. Faune, Carlos A. Favela, Robert F. Figueroa, Christopher L. Garcia, Edna D. Garcia, Christopher L. Goldman, Marco A. Gutierrez, Alexi N. Hernandez, Arturo A. Hernandez, Brittney E. Hernandez, Briana N. Hilton, Nicholas K. Kahui-Bruen, Dorothy L. Lee, Brandon R. Lemaster, Eddie Madrigal, Kasey E. Marsh II, Sandra Medina, Nolan P. Millet, Elianne Miranda, Alvaro A. Morales, Cristina Marie Padilla, Abelardo A. Pena, Andrew J. Rico, Jessica J. Robles, Amy Rojas, Luis A. Rosas, Kohano S. Suarez, Vaughn L. Tinana and Rebecca Torres.

We had no deaths of active members, 9 deaths of retired members, 2 cancellations of active membership, 2 cancellations of retired membership, 3 new honorary associate members and 4 deaths of honorary associate members.

There were 6 members who resigned, no discharges and 1 who transferred from the Sheriff's Department/Relief Association during the month of April.

EMPORIUM REPORT

Our 0 percent interest voucher program for new recruits has been well received. This program is for new recruits only. Sales are continuing to rise thanks to uniform sales and the new Oakley line being sold at both stores.

OLD BUSINESS

New system is still on track to go live by December 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:03 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Urenda, seconded by Trustee Abdeen and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association, Sheriffs' Relief Foundation and Sheriffs' Relief Services, Inc. ☆

SHERIFFS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION ELECTION FILING

The Sheriffs' Relief Association General Election of Trustees will be held during November 2019. Three trustee positions for active members and one for a retired member will be elected. SRA members desirous of becoming candidates for trustee positions may obtain nominating petitions from the Sheriffs' Relief Association office, (562) 946-7081.

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. on Thursday, August 1. The term of office for active trustees is three years and the retiree position is two years. ☆

NEXT LUNCHEON:

Thursday, July 18

11:30 a.m. Buffet \$10.95

Villa Catrina Restaurant

251 N. Santa Anita Ave.

Arcadia, CA 91006

Retired Deputies

By Chickee Nelson and Don Fandry

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On Wednesday, May 1, the **Hi-Desert Retirees** and friends got together for their monthly luncheon at *Marie Callender's* in Victorville at 11 a.m. Beth Combs, Cindy Frazer (Olesinski), Bob and Terri Kaufman, Annette and Lee Henderson, Chickee and Norman Nelson, and Shannique and Brandon Solaita showed up for the luncheon. Joe had the flu and decided to share it with his wife, Sheila, so they both missed the luncheon. Thank you for not sharing your flu bug with us! We hope they will be feeling better and return next month. Everybody is welcome, so if you are in the area or passing through, stop by and join us for lunch.

On Wednesday, May 1, the monthly luncheon for the **Desert Heat Retirees** was held at the Elks Lodge in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The cost was \$10 and included tax and tip. There is a no-host bar available and we welcome all retirees. Those who attended were Mike Robbins, Jerry Gillen, Nick Tippings, Tommy Jimenez, Doug Muchmore, Mike Castorina, Bill Taggart, George Wilson and Brian Smith. Thanks. — Jerry Gillen, lnx1993@yahoo.com.

On Wednesday, May 1, the **Marshal Old Timers** luncheon was held at the *San Antonio Winery* in downtown Los Angeles. We had a couple of seldom-seen and surprise retirees join us. The attendees were Richard Duran, Hal Richey, Yolanda Lockhart, Sharon Kramer, Val DeCuir (yes, that Val DeCuir), Leslie Taylor, Teri Aguilar, Rosie Banuelos, Ofelia Holguin, Terry Black, Yvette Johnson, Al Barnett, Tom Aguilar, Eugene "Swanee" and Mary Swanston. — Terry

On Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, the **RFD Social Club** got together in Las Vegas, Nevada, for

their summer get-together. On Friday night, there were 55 people at the Cinco de Mayo-themed cocktail party at Patty Young's home in Henderson. On Saturday, 58 of us met at the M Resort in Henderson for lunch at *Studio B Buffet* with a variety of food, from seafood, prime rib, Mexican, Italian, Chinese, soups, salads, desserts and more, plus wine, beer and mimosas. It was delicious. They gave out lots and lots of raffle prizes. One of our retirees, Lovette Caples, wrote a book, *95 Fox*, which included information from other retired deputies. There were about six new retired attendees who attended this luncheon. The RFD is a very supportive and social group that enjoys getting together twice a year in May and November. Membership is open to all female sworn and civilian employees, active and retired, who have a hire date 20 years prior to the current date. You can contact Rose Banuelos, our president, at (562) 713-2668 or handisita@verizon.net with any questions. We normally meet the first weekend of May, out of town, and November, somewhere in the Los Angeles or surrounding area. Plan on attending the November meeting. Mark your calendar for the first weekend.

On Wednesday, May 15, the **Las Vegas Retirees** got together at *Charlie's Lakeside* in Las Vegas on Durango and Sahara. Those attending the luncheon were Aron Hershel, John Hooge, Donald and Melody Gray, Ray Walker, Gray and Michelle Griffith, Dave Grijalva, Joan Raber, and Norman and Chickee Nelson. Today was the last day for one of our favorite waitresses, Amanda. She will be working at the World Trade Center in Las Vegas at a restaurant. Ray Walker won the Regal Movie tickets. Dave has a beautiful yellow Toon Town truck. If you are in the Las Vegas

area on the third Wednesday of the month, drop on in and join us for lunch at noon.

On Saturday, May 18, the 19th annual **Former Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs in Texas (FLADST)** luncheon was held at the home of John and Karen Domen in Lakeway, Texas. Mother Nature waited until the conclusion of the scheduled activities before dropping her liquid precipitation with a tornado watch warning. Thirty-one gathered at our annual luncheon to share a time of fellowship, storytelling and meeting new attendees Joshua Hall and his wife, Chelsea — Joshua served two years with LASD before joining Santa Monica P.D., where he retired after medical issues prevented his continued law enforcement duties. Jim and Donna Coppel learned of the luncheon from Knute Stephens' Facebook page. Charlie Porter came early and stayed late. Warren Sult is a local associate of John Domen. Warren retired from LAPD and moved to Texas. When he returned from Vietnam, he brought back a bolt-action rifle with a folding bayonet. The airline had him hold it at his seat for the entire flight home. Rick and Vicki Adams drove up from Dripping Springs. Vicki is recovering from foot surgery. Mike and Cindy Forte made it. Mike told us about an upcoming Fox TV series, *Deputy*, that's about the Los Angeles County Charter handling the death of a serving sheriff with an interim replacement until the next election. Ray and Lynn Grant joined us from Georgetown. Joe and Stephanie Haertsch and their sons, Austin and Andrew, were able to attend the luncheon. Medical appointments in California almost prevented their participation. Rick and Leona Kendall are celebrating the end of the school year, to enjoy their summer without her teaching activities impacting their social lives. Jim and Carol Mulvihill drove up from Kerrville. Jan and Marshall Priest drove from Waskom the day before and spent the night at a local motel. Chickee and Norman Nelson drove in from Vegas. Ronald Rogers came alone as his bride had a conflicting obligation. Scott Thompson came down from Fort Worth. Some of our regulars who couldn't attend were Ron Anstead who is at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston for cancer treatment. Dave Schriefer is recovering from bypass surgery in the greater Fort Worth area. Dan Patz looks better as he continues to improve. Rick Bivins had to deal with family matters in Arkansas.



Marshal Retirees. Front row, from left: Al Barnett, Tom Aguilar, Eugene "Swanee" Swanston and Mary Swanston. Back row, from left: Richard Duran, Hal Richey, Yolanda Lockhart, Sharon Kramer, Val DeCuir (yes, that Val DeCuir), Leslie Taylor, Teri Aguilar, Rosie Banuelos, Ofelia Holguin, Terry Black and Yvette Johnson.

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Former Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs in Texas. Front row, from left: Vicki and Rick Adams, Joe Haertsch, Chickee Nelson, Austin and Andrew Haertsch, Norm Nelson, Jim and Carol Mulvilhill. Middle row, from left: Joshua Hall, Dan Castillo, Leona Kendall, Cindy Forte, Stephanie Haertsch, Karen Domen and Lynne Grant. Rear row, from left: Rick Kendall, Mike Forte, Charlie Porter, Ron Rogers, Jan Priest, Scott Thompson, Donna and Jim Coppel, and Ray Grant.

Bill Gignac volunteers and these responsibilities kept him home. Keep our retirees in your prayers. Thanks to Sheriffs' Relief *Star News*, PPOA's *Star and Shield*, Moon's List and Knute Stephens' Facebook group for publicizing our event. Mark your calendars, the next luncheon will be Saturday, May 16, 2020.

On Saturday, May 18, "retired" deputies from the retired **LASD-Pomona Courts Alumni** met for brunch at the famous *Flo's Airport Cafe*, near the Chino Airport and Air Museum. As always, the food and camaraderie were outstanding! Those attending the luncheon were: Tim Martinez, Rick Smale, Gary Graff, Roland Jex, Rebecca and Larry Breazeale, Art Bencomo and Yvette Williams. For the folks who could not make it, we will catch you on the rebound!

On Friday, May 31, we experienced a beautiful morning in the Antelope Valley — there was a clear blue sky, no clouds, no wind and the temperature was around 60 degrees. This morning, 18 of us dinosaurs gathered at *Denny's Restaurant* in Lancaster for the **Antelope Valley Retired Deputies'** monthly breakfast and bull session, and that there was plenty of. Conversations overheard were about



Pomona Courts Alumni. Clockwise, from left: Tim Martinez, Rick Smale, Gary Graff, Roland Jex, Rebecca and Larry Breazeale, Art Bencomo and Yvette Williams.

motorcycles (which many of the guys ride) and custom cars, but mainly regarding summer traveling in the motorhomes and vacation time. Today we welcomed a newcomer to the monthly breakfast, Dennis Watters. Welcome, Dennis, and we hope to see more of you. Also gracing our table was Charlie Upchurch. Charlie is one from the old school who moved out of the area after retirement. Charlie now lives outside of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and he still looks as fit as he did during his days working the radio car. Kent Anderson hobbled in with a cane due to a recent knee surgery. Sometime soon we will be losing another old-timer, Alex Shoombiansky, who is making plans to move out of state. I didn't get a chance to chat with Mary McKain about her progress as a trumpet player with a mariachi band. We also recognized the recent passing of another A.V. deputy, James Joscak. Attending today's breakfast were: Curtis Clifton, Ron Oest, Ron Nybakken, Glenn Hutchinson, Don Ott, Vance Kirkpatrick, Tom Ewens, Dennis Watters, Mary McKain, Danny Gilmore, Fred McNutt, Charlie Upchurch, Kent Anderson, Al Shoombiansky, John Ament, Steve Mulcahy, Keith Hoyt and yours truly, Carlos Valdez. Until next month, stay healthy, enjoy retirement and happy summer vacationing.

The A.V. breakfast is held on the last Friday of every month at 8 a.m., at *Denny's Restaurant*, 20th St. West and Ave K, in Lancaster.

In May, retired LASD members Bill Hutton, Jim Hackett and Steve Haas were part of the **U.S. Marine escort detail** on the RMS *Queen Mary II*, which was headed to South Hampton, England, with 16 World War II veterans for the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landing of June 6, 1944. Steve, Jim and Bill are all Vietnam veterans.



U.S. Marine escort detail. From left: Steve Haas, Jim Hackett (third from left) and Bill Hutton.

Just some reminders to *all* retirees: The monthly **Prescott Area Retired Law Enforcement Luncheons** are held on Thursdays at the *Lone Spur Cafe*, which is located at 106 W. Gurley in Prescott (right across from the Courthouse Square). We meet at 1 p.m. and are usually seated in the back room. Mark your calendar for future dates of the luncheon for 2019: July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21 and December 19. If you have any questions, contact Moon Mullen at moon5252@cablone.net.

The monthly **Prescott Area Breakfasts** are held at the *Lone Spur Cafe*, 106 W. Gurley, Prescott, on the first Tuesdays in the back room. Please mark your calendars with this year's remaining gatherings: July 2, August 6, September 3 (the Tuesday following Labor Day), October 1, November 5 and December 3. For further information, contact Tony Hollins (Retired LASD) at ctln48@msn.com.

Please save the date of August 22 for the **Norwalk-Pico Summer Luncheon** for retirees and friends at *Maggie's Pub*. Social hour starts at 12 noon, and lunch will be served at 1 p.m. All-you-can-eat buffet and door prizes. The cost is \$22, and it includes buffet, tax and tip. Pass the word. If you have any questions, contact Sally Harwell at (562) 947-4840 or SHAR104123@aol.com.

The **Serra Retreat** in Malibu will be held on October 18 and 19. If you have any questions, contact Patty or Chuck Norris at patnorris@earthlink.net.

In 2020, the **Long Beach Courthouse Retirees** will be getting together at *Schooner or Later*, 241 N. Marina Drive, Long Beach, on April 1 (April Fool's Day). More information later.

The **Retiree Roundup** will be held at the Riverside Hotel and Casino in Laughlin on April 5–8, 2020.

The **Former Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs in Texas (FLADST)** annual luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020.

It is hard to believe that July is here already! Christmas will be here before we know it. Get involved and enjoy your retirement. Stop by a luncheon or event for retirees in your area or out of your area. You might have fun. Until next month, stay safe. — Chickee and Don ☆

TEAM *TEMPLE*

By Lisa Rico
Temple Station

CELEBRATING OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNICIANS

It's been a busy month here at Temple Station, and a lot of great things have gone on! First (and, in my opinion, most importantly!), we honored our dispatchers. Every year in the month of April, we honor those voices who answer 911 calls to our Station. For our Station, those voices are our LETs. They work around the clock to not only help the public, but they help our deputies in the field with their requests, and also keep the calls for service flowing! Thank you for all your great work!

TIP-A-COP

On April 11, Team Temple partnered with the Special Olympics to hold our annual Tip-A-Cop. We had several sworn personnel partnered up with professional Claim Jumper servers and we raised funds for a worthy cause. Thanks to our helpers, we raised over \$3,200! Great job!



A MILESTONE ACHIEVED

Congratulations to Sergeant Shawn Summers who received his 30-year County Award pen set! He was presented the award during a PM Shift briefing, and was applauded by the entire shift. What a great accomplishment!



DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

Deputy Bart Marshall was selected as the 2018 Temple City Deputy of the Year! He was recognized by the Temple City mayor and city council during one of their city council meetings. Bart was a top arrest producer and made several significant burglary arrests, which was instrumental in bringing down crime in the area. Congratulations, Bart!



Captain Flores with our LETs, from left: Teresa Tostado, Ana Fortanel Fuentes, Maria Sigala, Lisa Rico, DeAnn Corona and Laura Velazquez. Not pictured: Lori Ayala, Yalishisa Daniels, Yvonne Salas and Connie Shen.

CAN IT BE?

Walking past our operations office, I saw this and thought, "Well, it has finally happened. We finally CARP'd someone to death." No worries, we've already CARP'd someone else to take their place! It's still a mystery what or who was inside the bags!



HOOK OF THE MONTH

Our April hook of the month goes out to Deputy Yuriy Kravchuk. While on patrol in Duarte, he spotted a vehicle driving without its lights on and running a stop sign. He conducted a traffic stop and ended up arresting three suspects and recovering a loaded handgun along with several baggies of methamphetamine, Xanax, Adderall and heroin. Also recovered were a few narcotics pipes and over \$3,200 in cash. Great job, Yuriy!

Until next time, take care of yourself and others! ☆



SRA'S CORNER

By Alexandria Espinoza

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO LOUIS DIOT

Greetings to all, and welcome to the Sheriffs' Relief Association's Corner. This is my first article, so please bear with me as I get used to writing articles and not just reviewing them. First off, I would like to say on behalf of all of our staff at the Sheriffs' Relief, thank you all for your loyalty throughout these years and for all that you do in your day-to-day duties. This article is to share with you all a little bit about of our very own, Louis Diot.

Louis Diot spent over 31 years in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, retiring as a lieutenant on March 30, 1997. During his service with the Department, he achieved many things, patrolling much of the greater Los Angeles area — Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Altadena and Lakewood. Upon retiring, he continued to serve the Department he loved and gave so much for, joining the Sheriffs' Relief Association, taking over as the manager and editor

for the *Star News* magazine, and also managing the Los Angeles County Sheriffs' Museum. During this time, he was responsible for the procurement of many audio and visual artifacts to give an enriched history of the Department for every visitor to enjoy. He has such a sharp mind and has a wealth of knowledge regarding the history he and many have lived throughout the years.

"Louis has always taken his role seriously and is passionate about his contribution to society. Beyond his passion on driving performance, Louis is a natural leader, and as the manager of SRA, he fought hard for his beliefs and the best interests of the Association," said Joe A. Badali, president of the Board of Trustees. There is no doubt that Louie is a man who is held with the utmost respect by those he has worked with throughout these many years.

Bill Salveson, retired sergeant and training lieutenant and coordinator of information technology at

SRA says, "He is smart, dedicated, loyal and a great partner and outstanding husband and father."

A colleague and friend for over 50 years, Bill went on to say, "Louie is solid as a rock, in every way that really counts, who has enriched the lives of everyone who has had the pleasure to work alongside him." Salveson expressed how Diot laid the ethical foundation for his long and outstanding career. Louis is truly a man of integrity and loyalty.

Retired Lieutenant Leo Norton, a man who shares Louis Diot's love of USC Trojans football, said, "I also have found him to be a positive person who has a wealth of life, as well as Department experience that he is happy to share when asked. I think his memory is also better than mine as he will remember things that happened many years ago at SRA (while I can barely remember what happened yesterday), which makes him a walking encyclopedia around the office."

These two football fans have shared the highs and lows over the years while enjoying tailgating with their own season tickets. "Louis is a class act, a gentleman of the highest order," Norton states, "someone who made a difference while on the Department and here at the Sheriffs' Relief Association. I am proud to call him my friend."

Louis's son, David Diot, told us, "Growing up, I remember my dad working long hours, especially on PM or EM Shifts. When my sisters and I were off from school for the summer, we had to be



'really' quiet, so we didn't wake him up during the day while he was sleeping. Despite the long hours, dad was always there for the important events. Since 1995, when I came on the Department, dad has always given me his unwavering support and advice. Throughout my many units of assignment, I've had the pleasure to be supervised or work with Department members who worked for or with my dad, and knock on wood, there hasn't been a bad word spoken."

And his daughter, Annie Hanrahan, SRA's loan manager, added, "I have many memories of my dad. As a child, he was a family man, one of a team with my mom. He was, above all, a gentle, caring and kind father. Dad never sugarcoated anything; honesty was huge to my dad. He usually worked EM or PM Shifts for the Sheriff's Department; my dad always made time for us. He coached my softball team, never missed a father-daughter dance and provided lots of help with homework. In September 1998, I was hired by the Sheriffs' Relief Association. At that time, my dad was the assistant general manager. I remember my first day at work, I was asked to call him Louis. That lasted about two hours, I said, 'He's my dad.' Dad it was for the next eight and a half years. I feel honored that I am able to work with him. I remember sitting up at the front desk at SRA, and a deputy came in, passing my dad while he was walking in. The deputy asked if that was Lieutenant Diot? I said 'yes.'

He then said to me, "That man was the best lieutenant I ever worked for. I then told him, 'Louis is my dad.' He looked at me and said, 'Young lady, you have one hell of a daddy.' I have heard many wonderful stories from people I run into on the Department about my dad. I love you so much, dad! Thank you for always being there for us. You truly are irreplaceable."

Louis' wife, Jane Diot, says, "I love that he is at SRA, and I hope he continues to be there for many more years."

SRA General Manager and retired division chief Bill McSweeney summed up Louie's role and contributions by saying, "LASD and SRA span the generations of the Department. Each career member passes on the baton of knowledge and tradition to those who follow. Louie honors that obligation better than anyone I know."

Throughout the years, Louis has shown the truest qualities of what a remarkable sheriff is, and of being a father. Loyalty, service, hard work and truth are some of the traits Louis has carried with him all these years, and he brings it to our small office at SRA. So thanks, Louis, for all that you have done and continue to do for us here. He holds true to the creed of what being a sheriff is, *integrity, compassion and courage, we serve our*



communities — protecting life and property, being diligent and professional in our acts and deeds, holding ourselves and each other accountable for our actions at all times, while respecting the dignity and rights of all.

Louis, from all of us at Sheriffs' Relief Association, we thank you for simply being you. ☆



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HOMELESS OUTREACH

Deputies from the West Hollywood Station and Community Partnerships Bureau, along with representatives from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), conducted a homeless resources operation in our Station area. They contacted numerous homeless individuals and provided information regarding available outreach services. The overall mission was to provide information and services in an effort to reduce the homeless population in the area. The operation was a success. Several individuals accepted social services and were provided shelter through a program called Rapid Re-Housing. We look forward to an ongoing collaboration with members from the Community Partnerships Bureau and other county entities as we continue to keep our communities safe.



completed. We continue to build and strengthen our partnerships with local businesses and the West Hollywood community.

SAVE OF THE MONTH

We would like to do something different in this edition and feature a “save” instead of the usual hook. Why? Because although we value great arrests, the arduous work of protecting lives oftentimes goes unnoticed. That is exactly what happened one morning when Deputies Daniel Martinez and Ramon Arambulo received a call of a person attempting to commit suicide by jumping off a balcony. The deputies quickly entered the building and into the apartment where they witnessed an older male climbing over the balcony rail in an attempt to jump. Without regard for their own safety, the deputies swiftly removed the man from the rail while using verbal de-escalation techniques. A supervisor who arrived on

scene reported seeing the man in tears, hugging and thanking the deputies who had just prevented him from doing something tragic. The Station’s valuable Mental Evaluation Team assisted with the group effort to bring this incident to conclusion and with positive results.

On that note, suicide is the No. 1 killer of police officers in the United States, according to the latest data. Just like we are trained since the Academy, it’s a team effort when it comes to tackling problems, and thoughts of suicide are no different. Reach out to a partner at your unit if you are having these thoughts, or give our friends at Psychological Services Bureau a call at (213) 738-3500. It’s confidential and there is no shame in asking for help or just wanting to talk.

BREAKFAST AT WWORK

It is no secret that deputies *love* to eat. Well, the secret got out and West Hollywood’s WeWork

IT'S AS EASY AS A-B-C

West Hollywood Deputy Nicholas Lizarraga, in partnership with Judy Merrit of California Alcohol Beverage Company (ABC), conducted an educational training at the Abbey Nightclub in West Hollywood to assist bartenders, supervisors and security to better identify intoxicated patrons and eliminate potential issues when dealing with alcohol-related incidents. The training also demonstrated how to identify fake IDs and underage drinkers and explained the legal and monetary ramifications if those go unnoticed. Approximately 40 people attended the two-hour training and received certification once the course was





hosted an appreciation breakfast for our Station personnel at the iconic Pacific Design Center. It was a generous gesture, and it goes to show the partnership our Station continues to flourish with all local businesses and the community we serve. For those who don't know, WeWork is a company that specializes in collaborative workspaces.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL TORCH RELAY RUN

On May 18, Station 9 personnel participated in the annual Memorial Torch Relay Run. For those who don't know, this event started in 1975 as a way to pay homage to all L.A. County peace officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. The relay has grown throughout the years, and now consists of 56 legs covering over 300 miles.

Our station leg (11 miles!) took our runners from the West Hollywood Station to PCH, where we handed off the torch to our partners from Malibu/Lost Hills Station.

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR ROSTER

We would like to extend our welcome to some new arrivals at our Station. Joining our roster are Sergeants Ray Hicks, Fanny Lapkin, Jesus Mora and Rafael Rufino.

We would also like to welcome Motor Deputy Angel Blanco-Quinonez, who, on his first few days assigned to West Hollywood, got on a cinematic foot pursuit (helmet, boots and all) of a man armed with a chainsaw. But that's a story for next month's edition. Stay tuned!

STARSTRUCK

It is not uncommon for WHD deputies to run into celebrities while patrolling our streets. As a matter of fact, it's a daily thing and you grow accustomed to it. But every once in a while, deputies run into *that one* star who will make you stutter and break

out in sweats. It happens to all of us, and it wouldn't be any different for Deputy Matthew Kerr, who ran into his all-time favorite celebrity and just couldn't resist taking a picture. Last we heard, he has a life-size printout of this picture in his living room.



DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

The City of West Hollywood holds an annual event to recognize individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty, and whom, by their own merits, deserve recognition for their efforts in keeping the city safe. We are proud to announce that this year's recipient of the Lieutenant James Farrell Deputy of the Year Award is Deputy Todd Mohr.

Deputy Mohr joined the Department in 1995 and was assigned to Men's Central Jail, where he worked the line and Operation Safe Jails. In 2002, he completed patrol training at Walnut Station. After working at both Walnut and Temple Stations, Deputy Mohr joined our Station in 2009. In addition, he has worked the WHD bike patrol team and as a watch deputy, training/scheduling and field training officer. Deputy Mohr currently manages our Station's reserve training program, special projects and is the face of our station, since he also serves as our public information officer (PIO).

Deputy Mohr is, beyond any doubt, an asset and a valuable member of our team. This award is well deserved. ☆



L.A. SHERIFFS' MUSEUM

By Chris Miller and Mike Fratantoni
Los Angeles Sheriffs' Museum

PROHIBITION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PART 2

For a few months after the Volstead Act, also known as the National Prohibition Act, went into effect, not as many people were arrested for being drunk in public, and hospitals reported fewer patients with drinking problems.

In cities, homemade brews were secretly concocted in bathtubs, while in rural areas, moonshine was manufactured using stills. Prohibition was turning law-abiding citizens into lawbreakers. Undercover bars and speakeasies sprang up throughout the country, providing a gathering place in which to grab a clandestine drink of the now-forbidden nectar. Bartenders began charging a high price for salted crackers, then throwing in a drink for free. By not charging for the alcohol, they weren't violating the law.

Doctors could legally prescribe alcohol to their patients for medicinal purposes, but since pharmacies were only allowed to sell one pint of alcohol per person every 10 days, it was not uncommon for entire families to suddenly come down with a mysterious ailment that could only be cured by additional prescriptions for alcohol. Industrial alcohol used in products such as aftershave, antifreeze and embalming fluid was legal as long as the company obtained a license from the government. Fishermen found that transporting illegal alcohol, concealed in coffins or in barrels marked as sugar and flour, was a more profitable use of their time than catching fish.

BOOTLEGGERS

Men who smuggled flasks of illegal alcohol under their pant legs and in the top of their boots were known as "bootleggers." The term "bootleg" is used today to describe any item that is pirated, such as software, music or clothing.

EFFECTS OF PROHIBITION

Liquor was the fifth-largest business in the United States, so when Prohibition took effect, tens of thousands lost their jobs. Hundreds of thousands of workers in alcohol-related industries, such as truckers, barrel makers, grain brewers, bottlers, waiters and bartenders, were also out of work. Although some saloons went out of business, others transformed into what became known as speakeasies, where trusted customers, both male and female, were provided a password to gain entry. If unescorted women entered bars,



Transporting illegal liquor

taverns or saloons, they were considered prostitutes and arrested. However, since speakeasies were already in violation of the law, they didn't worry about other laws being enforced. Hence, women could patronize these establishments, enjoying their live bands and dancing without fear of arrest.

PROHIBITION IN LOS ANGELES

With the exception of the cities of Compton and Vernon, Los Angeles County went dry in 1917, three years before national Prohibition. Unfortunately, whenever any major vice, such as gambling, prostitution or alcohol, is outlawed, the door is opened for organized crime to move in.

EAST COAST ILLEGAL ALCOHOL DISTRIBUTION

When alcohol was outlawed, the demand for it skyrocketed. On the East Coast, illegal alcohol was transported, distributed and sold by gangsters who paid bribes to city officials and police.

ILLEGAL ALCOHOL DISTRIBUTION IN LOS ANGELES

The entire illegal liquor operation in the city of Los Angeles was run by Charles Crawford and the City Hall Gang. Crawford, who owned casinos and bordellos in Los Angeles, was known for his connections and control of leaders in city government and the police department. Through

his corrupt police department connections, he provided advance notice of raids to the criminal affiliates and bootleggers who worked for him.

The other members of the City Hall Gang included L.A. Mayor George Cryer and his campaign manager, Kent Kane Parrot. Mayor Cryer was just a figurehead, with Crawford and Parrot running operations behind the scenes. Parrot was so powerful that he was able to run the Los Angeles Police Department without consulting the chief and even transferred personnel without the chief's approval.

Crawford, Parrot and Cryer coordinated the entire illegal alcohol operation. Parrot made sure law enforcement didn't target the gangsters who transported city officials' illegal liquor, but instead went after small-time operators who made gin in their bathtubs. They would smash bottles or use axes to chop up barrels, thus making it appear the police were taking action to stop illegal alcohol. East Coast gangsters were quickly shut down when they tried to expand their bootlegging business to the West Coast. East Coast bribes were unsuccessful, since the mayor and police chief were already being paid off by the City Hall Gang.



L.A. Mayor George Cryer

GANGSTERS IN LOS ANGELES

Albert Marco and Tony Cornero were gangsters who operated in Los Angeles during Prohibition. Marco originally made his living through extortion, but after Prohibition began, he was paid to transport illegal alcohol for the City Hall Gang. Marco, however, was small potatoes compared to Tony Cornero.

Due to so many police chiefs and mayors being on the take, high-quality liquor was easily smuggled into the United States via Mexico and Canada. Caribbean rum was coming in through



Albert Marco's booking photo



Gangster Tony Cornero

Mexico, while Canadian whiskey was brought across the northern border. Cornero, being an entrepreneur, first provided high-end whiskey from Canada to the Hollywood elite and other wealthy L.A. area inhabitants. In later years, Tony gave up the freelance lifestyle and hired on with the City Hall Gang.

Cornero used his shrimping business as a cover to conceal his rum-running operation, transporting 4,000 cases of Canadian whiskey in one trip. He would anchor the boats off the California coast in international waters beyond the three-mile limit, then transfer the illegal liquor onto speedboats that were able to evade the short-staffed Coast Guard and bring the contraband ashore.

In 1923, a shootout took place when Marco's gangsters tried to steal alcohol from Cornero's gang as they were unloading it from boats onto a beach near Wilmington. Sheriff's deputies who arrived at the scene afterward found Thompson submachine guns, but no victims. They assumed that if anyone had been killed, the bodies must have been dragged off the beach.

In 1926, Cornero was arrested with 1,000 cases of rum from Mexico. After being sentenced to two years in prison, he told reporters that he was only transporting the illegal rum to keep 120 million people from being poisoned.

POISONING OF INDUSTRIAL ALCOHOL

Prohibition motivated gangsters and bootleggers to hijack government shipments of industrial alcohol to resell for a huge profit. In order to discourage this practice, the government began adding noxious chemicals to the industrial alcohol, making it unfit for human consumption. This was known as denaturing. After stealing truckloads of poisoned industrial alcohol, criminal syndicates

hired chemists to neutralize the poison and return the alcohol to a drinkable state. Since stolen and redistilled industrial alcohol provided a major source of liquor throughout the country, officials ordered manufacturers to add even more deadly ingredients. The purpose of adding poison to the industrial alcohol was not to kill people, but to stop the hijackings.

The government now added wood alcohol, rubbing alcohol and other poisonous chemicals to the industrial alcohol; however, even this did not stop its widespread theft by bootleggers who sold it as whiskey after attempts to redistill it. Some of this tainted liquor caused paralysis, blindness and even death. People around the country who drank from a certain batch of the tainted alcohol were poisoned and developed neurological diseases. Gangsters and bootleggers who stole and resold the poisoned alcohol without effectively neutralizing the poison were responsible for the deaths of up to 10,000 people.

THE PROHIBITION BUREAU

Passing a law is one thing — enforcing it is another. When the Federal Prohibition Bureau



A Bureau of Prohibition Special Agent badge

was created, anyone could get hired and be issued a gun and badge. Wages were very low and, because of this, corruption was a problem. With only one or two federal Prohibition enforcement agents assigned to cover southern California, from Santa Barbara to San Diego, supervision was virtually nonexistent. It was not uncommon for agents to steal and drink the confiscated liquor. The bootleggers had a lot of power and money, which allowed them to avoid arrest by paying off politicians and law enforcement. In the first year after Prohibition took effect, half the agents were fired for taking bribes when they showed up to work sporting diamond rings, driving new cars and wearing mink coats (popular with men at the time). There was no way they could afford these extravagances on their meager pay.

LIQUOR DETAIL

Unlike the chiefs of many other police agencies, Los Angeles County Sheriff William Traeger was not corrupt. To combat the illegal liquor business, in 1922, Sheriff Traeger created the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office Liquor Detail, which was federally funded to assist federal agents in raiding illegal liquor operations and dealing with the increasing crime caused by Prohibition. Eventually, the Liquor Detail's name was changed to Prohibition Enforcement, and the original six deputies were increased to 12.

Care had to be taken when entering illegal breweries, since the fumes were highly combustible and explosions could



A wanted poster for bootleggers

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Captain Hartman and a deputy from the Liquor Detail



Deputies pour illegal liquor into the street.

be disastrous. Whenever a raid was conducted, the contraband was brought to the Hall of Justice, where it was poured from barrels and bottles onto Temple Street at the top of Broadway. As the liquor streamed down, citizens and even deputies ran into the street with cups, scooping up as much as they could. Another alternative was to pour the alcohol down the drain in the basement of the Hall of Justice. This created several problems: It polluted the water in the spring that ran under the Hall of Justice, and it caused fumes to rise up into the building. To eliminate these problems, the bottles and barrels were transported to an ocean pier and the contents poured into the ocean.

BRIBES

Alcohol was sold everywhere, as police officers, district attorneys, judges and politicians

who didn't agree with the law took bribes and looked the other way.

During the 1920s, one in every 11 Prohibition agents was fired for theft, bribery, extortion or other violations. It was the federal agents not on the take who were the real threat to bootleggers. If they found any alcohol at all, they could padlock the front door of the business for a year without ever taking the owner to trial.

Sheriff Traeger was not on the take, and his deputies, working with a federal Prohibition agent, cracked down on bootleggers who brewed and transported illegal alcohol in Los Angeles County. Raids were conducted at large operations, one of which was owned by Albert Marcos, the "Godfather of Los Angeles." Although deputies raided some stills that were run by Los Angeles city politicians, they focused mainly on county areas. It was rare for bootleggers to offload their

boats in Los Angeles County, so most of the alcohol brought in for the City Hall Gang was taken to Dana Point in Orange County or near Oxnard in Ventura County.

LAPD Detective Aldo Corsini spoke Italian and was able to translate during interviews when Italian gangsters pretended not to speak English. Sheriff's Detective Harry Brewster brought Detective Corsini in to assist with questioning gangster Salvatore "Dago Louie" Piscopo, who had been caught with a truckload of illegal liquor. They told Dago Louie they weren't interested in the booze, but in the murders of two men who had held up a mob-run liquor truck. The bodies, which were pulled from the L.A. River, had been found inside canvas bags wrapped in chains with cinder blocks attached. The men had been thrown into the river while still alive to die a horrible death. The mob wanted to send a message to anyone considering



Liquor Detail deputies raid a still in Newhall in 1928.



Undersheriff Biscailuz and deputies dumping liquor in the Hall of Justice basement in 1927



The Chaplain's Notebook

By Chaplain Emery Lindsay
Century Station

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Author and activist Bryant H. McGill is quoted as saying, "One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say." You are all well versed in listening on the job, and even have the ability to listen to things that are not said in interviews, investigations, etc. However, how often does that translate back to relationships that are outside of your job?

Over the years, I have had the privilege of riding with many deputies, sometimes in the middle of some very dangerous situations, to say the least! I have seen first-hand how you put yourselves in harm's way for the safety and well-being of the community, which means I have also seen first-hand how amazingly well you do your jobs.

I sometimes feel that the first folks to complain about cops are also the first ones to complain, "Where's a cop when you need one!" As a result, I have asked myself: What are some life habits respectable deputies seem to have? One that comes immediately to mind is resiliency. The ability to fail and yet get back up and rebound from adversity.

I know I am preaching to the choir when I say deputies face a lot of adversity.

There is pain and darkness on the streets. Sometimes pain and stress in the station, even at home. The question becomes not if we will deal with it, but how we will deal with it. Do we let that darkness overwhelm us, even in small ways (leading to anxiety, depression or burnout), or do we have the inner resources to recover? To go home to our families in a loving and healthy way? To find other sources of satisfaction in our lives (hobbies, exercise and so on)?

This is a good place to talk about the potential for faith and its healing power in our lives. Do we need a faith foundation? You are probably not surprised, but my answer is, "Yes. Absolutely!" Author Dinesh D'Souza says there are at least four clear benefits to having faith:

First, it gives us hope. There is less room for bitter or dark thoughts; less room for fear. With faith, death becomes a gateway to a new and better life. Second, "belief infuses life itself with an enhanced sense of meaning and purpose" and joy. Third, belief gives us moral hope, to live ethically,

to transmit morality to our children. In an after-life, we can see cosmic justice, good rewarded and evil punished. "Morality becomes both easier and more worthwhile in this framework." Finally, there is evidence that faith not only makes life better, but makes us better people. Psychologist Jonathan Haidt cites surveys that show, on average, those who have faith are just well and happier!

So if others stand to benefit from lives full of hope, purpose and charity, why not you? There will be dark hours, for sure. With faith, I believe we can master them with skill (as the Buddhists say). We can keep walking tough while supple and adaptable, professional while kindhearted. One more way to keep strong for the next life challenge or even the next traffic stop.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea (Psalm 46:1-2).

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

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robbing one of their trucks. The detectives warned Dago Louie that if he didn't tell them who was behind the murders, they would turn him over to Ralph Sears of the LAPD Gangster Squad. Dago Louie told them, "Oh, good, I haven't seen Ralph Sears for about a month. That's when he picked up liquor from me for Chief Steckel's party." That ended the interview.

HALL OF JUSTICE

Deputies who worked the Hall of Justice during Prohibition told of a still that was kept on the roof of the building and maintained by jail trustees. This alcohol was consumed at the weekly dances held on the roof of the Hall of Justice and attended by personnel from the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office and superior courts. With alcohol illegal on the streets, it became that much more desired and was sometimes smuggled into the jail.

This story will be continued in the next issue of *Star News*.

Edited by Jan Jenkins (ret. LASD). ☆



The Liquor Detail raids an old dairy farm that was turned into a still during the 1920s.



Deputies confiscate a 100-gallon still.



By David Rozas
Airport Court

LAW AND ORDER ON THE RUNWAY

Summer is upon us! After the gloom burns away, the sun breaks through for a beautiful day in Los Angeles. All the courtrooms are bustling with arraignments and pre-trials and a few have actual trials going. The deputies are ready for action as they show off the results of their exercise routines from the winter months.

Many of the young deputies meandered their way to the gym during their lunch breaks. Kelly Sanchez and Nick Coulter ran their respective running routes at record pace. Jonathan Manqueros chose to run up and down the 10 flights of stairs on a daily basis, and Kenneth Albritton, Jose Marquez, Eric Choi and Adam Nassman decided to hit the weights. As you can see, Deputy Adam Nassman is serious about lifting. On the other hand, we have the deputies who would rather take it easy on their lunch hours and catch up on the latest news via their cellphones. Deputy Joniescia Tyler was caught waiting her turn for the buffet line at a recent event.



Moreover, it seems there may be an ulterior motive to all this working out. Word has it that a lot of the deputies have put in for patrol. The term “post-214” keeps coming up in many conversations, which means if you were in an Academy class after Class #214, you have to name the six stations nearest and dearest to your wish list. With the shortage in patrol, many of these fine young deputy sheriffs are taking it very seriously, as their numbers move up rather quickly. The older deputies are laughing, as their patrol days are way behind them. Still, the young deputies ask questions, and ask to be tested on radio codes, penal codes and vehicle codes. They stare in awe as the “old salts” reminisce about their days of yore in patrol when Century Station didn’t exist and we still had the revolvers with no handheld radios.

Deputy Christian Davis is one of those deputies whose number is rapidly approaching. He has his six choices in to personnel and has six different RD maps, one for each station. He has been seen walking around the courthouse with his empty Posse Box, cite box and RD maps. The usually suave, debonair and confident Deputy Davis gets a little nervous when tested on patrol procedures. However, he still manages to wear his colorful outfits to match his outgoing personality. Whatever station you go to, you will do fine. Good luck.



Did you ever have one of those days when nothing is going right, and you should have called in sick? Recently, Deputy Marco Carrillo had one of those days. Preparing for the day, he left the second-floor office on his way to his floor when the elevator stopped working. Caught between floors, the cool-as-a-cucumber deputy fell back on his training and kept his cool as he calmly requested help. Of course, there are always the two deputies who like to “stir the pot.” Deputies

Brian Beckman and Jason Lanska started in, making sure to ask if there was “enough air in the elevator” as they called the fire department for their stranded colleague. With the sergeant rolling and the fire department rumbling their way to the location, Marco waited patiently. Beckman and Lanska reminded him of the time another employee had to wait three hours to be freed and the need to use the restroom. Fortunately for Marco, an elevator repairman was in the building. Within a few minutes, the elevator adjusted to the correct floor and Marco was freed from his dilemma. The fire department packed up, the sergeant went back to her routine and Marco nonchalantly went back to work.

The deputies at Airport Courthouse hosted a surprise baby shower for Deputy Jonathan Manqueros. This is number three for Deputy Manqueros and his beautiful wife. The required gift for the baby shower was diapers. The staff was treated to a buffet of Costco pizza and Ralphs fried chicken. Manqueros was very humbled by the outpouring of support.

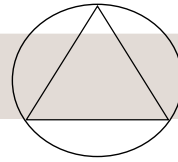


We welcome Deputy Ramon Del Castillo to Airport Court. He is famous for his homemade salsa. For the past month, he has been supplying lockup with his tasty creation and a bag of tortilla chips. Of course, the cheap Deputies Beckman and Jason “Big Country” Carpenter don’t have to spend money on breakfast, since chips and salsa go well with coffee.

Airport Court sends its deepest condolences to the family of Deputy Daniel Genao. His mother unexpectedly passed away in early March and his father passed the last week of May. We are all here for you, Daniel.

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

Peace Officer's Fellowship



By Willis Braggs

THINKING ABOUT QUITTING

Do you drink more than you plan to at times? Perhaps you do at off-training parties or at the end of your shift. You work hard, so you party harder. Maybe you rationalize that it's OK to let loose on the weekends because, during the week, you don't touch alcohol. You might try to fit all your weekly drinking into one or two nights, so during the week, you're able to do your job. Maybe you drink to unwind and relieve stress, and lately you've been feeling stressed. So you drink more often than usual and in higher amounts. Or perhaps you enjoy the taste and the relaxing feeling. Maybe it helps you fall asleep, although you have noticed that you feel tired in the morning. These are all situations where binge drinking often occurs. This form of problem drinking can lead to poor choices that can create more problems.

Since the beginning of the year, I've talked to many people with various issues related to alcohol. Most are not alcoholics but have been involved in an incident that resulted in discipline. They recognize that they made terrible choices. The drinking culture in law enforcement has been problematic for decades and is not going to change overnight. But it has to change as societal standards have changed; driving under the influence is no longer tolerated as it once was. Too many lives have come to an end tragically due to drunk drivers.

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.

NAME	HOME PHONE	CELLPHONE
Eric Castano*	(562) 673-3374	
Joe Collins	(320) 684-4008	(909) 240-0509
Bob Ghan		(714) 916-3299
John Heckman	(805) 559-4993	
Kathy King		(714) 323-8600
Chris Loomis	(626) 447-9011	(626) 230-3137
Dave Philippon		(909) 296-0203
Ray Terhorst	(818) 383-5539	
John Valencia	(909) 599-1160	(951) 316-3633
Marty Weirich	(360) 570-1216	

*Active LASD

These changes include mandatory jail time for first offenses, plus increased fines and fees. Law enforcement personnel are not exempt, nor should we be. Law enforcement should set an example.

Even with the Department's discipline having been increased, it still has not deterred all employees from making a choice to drink and drive. We have to continue to change the thinking on drinking and driving. We need to always remember that our decisions make the difference in our health, life and career. If you want to stop drinking or have been told to stop, take a look in the mirror and honestly answer whether you are taking

unnecessary risks. If you are, commit yourself to make a change in your life and follow through.

If you need assistance with overuse or an addiction problem, or you have questions about the resources available, you can call and talk to me or one of our docs at Psychological Services Bureau at (213) 738-3500. We have law enforcement psychologists and trained deputy personnel ready to provide confidential help to assist you. If you are sworn, Peace Officer's Fellowship (POF) is available. You can contact one of the members listed here and they will be more than happy to assist a fellow deputy. ☆

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.

Kevin A. Augarten
Malibu/Lost Hills Station

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County Services Bureau

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Court Services East Bureau



By Ernie Bille
American Legion Star Post 309

73RD ANNUAL TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

On May 24, many American Legion members, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department members and other personnel gathered for the 73rd Annual Tree Planting Ceremony held at the Star Post Memorial Wall located at the Pitchess Detention Center. This year's honorees were Armand Cruz and Arthur Robinson, two veterans who served as post commanders for Star Post 309.

Cruz served as post commander in 1961. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served during the Korean War era. He retired from the Sheriff's Department as a detective. Armand passed away and transferred to the Post Everlasting on July 26, 2018.

Robinson served as post commander in 1978-79, and again from 1998-2004. He was a veteran of

the United States Marines Corps. He retired from the Sheriff's Department as a sergeant. He passed away and transferred to the Post Everlasting on April 26, 2016.

The Tree Planting Ceremony is Star Post's traditional Memorial Day observance, and one the Sheriff's Department has embraced as a tribute to military veterans. Introduced in the 1930s as an Arbor Day project by the American Legion Star Post 309, the Tree Planting Ceremony was later changed to a Memorial Day ceremony. It is the longest continuing observance of its kind in Los Angeles County, suspended only during World War II.

In later years, memorial plaques were added to the newly planted trees in

commemoration of past commanders and worthy members of Star Post 309. Trees were planted as a permanent and living memorial to the military veterans of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney's Office, the California Highway Patrol and other notable law enforcement officers in the state of California.

The trees were initially planted around the officers' barracks. Due to the walking distance



Third Annual Charity Golf Tournament

**The American Legion
Los Angeles Sheriff's
Star Post 309**

Invites you to participate in our Vets Golf Fore Kids Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, September 16, 2019
California Country Club
1509 Workman Mill Rd., Whittier

\$120 per player
\$30 lunch only option

Shotgun starts at 7:00 AM

Food and beverages served throughout the course
Lunch banquet immediately follows

Visit starpost309.com to register

Proceeds benefit veteran and youth programs.
Star Post 309 is a recognized 501(c)19 veteran service organization



between the trees and the amount of time it took to review the plaques, it was decided that a special area be set aside for a permanent memorial to be erected.

In 1972, Undersheriff and Star Post life member James Downey moved to erect a memorial wall that would be highly visible to law enforcement personnel and free from further development and construction on the PDC Ranch grounds. With the blessing of Sheriff Peter Pitchess, this site was chosen and the design created.

The memorial site was erected and dedicated in 1973, and the plaques were removed from the original trees and affixed to the new memorial. The memorial wall is designed in the form of a waving flag. Materials and labor were donated by the Star Post. Each year, a new tree is planted in the memorial, replacing the previous year's tree, which is transplanted onto the nearby grounds.

We were grateful that Art's family and his wife, Frances, were present at the tree planting. Also

present from his family were Jeanne Marie, James, Travis, Robert, Frank and Kathryn. We thank you for celebrating Art's life with us.

Carmen Tunis, Cruz's daughter, delivered a beautiful speech commemorating Armand's life. We thank her and her sister, Amanda Cuiper, for attending and celebrating with us. Also in attendance were Armand's grandsons, Brian and Blake. Blake was very appreciative of us honoring his grandfather, that he committed to joining the Sons of the American Legion once we formally institute that program into Star Post 309. We are also very grateful and appreciative to the Cruz family for their donation to Star Post 309. This donation will be used to continue our Legion programs. We were very happy to hear the Cruz family tell us that Armand would be extremely proud to see how far Star Post 309 has come.

As with past tree planting ceremonies, we were honored to have the sheriff present as the keynote speaker. Sheriff Alex Villanueva delivered

his address focusing on the service our military service members, veterans and Sheriff's Department employees deliver to the community, state and nation. As the son of an American Legion member and a Star Post member himself, Sheriff Villanueva reminded us of our commitment to service as peace officers and members of the law enforcement family, and as military veterans.

The executive officers and members of Star Post 309 would like to thank everyone who attended the Tree Planting Ceremony. We would also thank everyone who helped make this event another success, including the staff at PDC Ranch, the Quartz Hill Young Marines for providing the color guard and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Deputy David White of NCCF for his beautiful rendition of the national anthem, the Professional Peace Officers Association's Star and Shield Foundation for sponsoring the great lunch, the members at Sheriff's Information Bureau and everyone else in between — *thank you!* ☆

☆ IN MEMORIAM ☆

MARILYN E. BAKER	RETIRED 02-26-11, DECEASED 05-12-19	COMMANDER/LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION
CARMEN C. BAUTISTA	RETIRED 02-14-05, DECEASED 05-11-19	WP II/HOMICIDE
JAMES E. BEAMON	ACTIVE, DECEASED 05-29-19	SERGEANT/INDUSTRY STATION
DAVID A. BETHANY	RETIRED 03-31-81, DECEASED 05-12-19	DEPUTY/ISB
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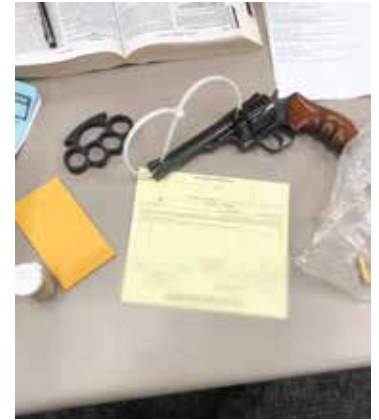
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By Heather Parks
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HOOK OF THE MONTH

On April 24, around 3 a.m., Deputy Saavedra located a stolen vehicle containing two suspects. One suspect possessed a dagger and the other had a cane sword. Located inside the stolen vehicle were burglary tools, methamphetamine, stolen cellphones, washed checks, stolen credit cards, stolen garage door openers, car keys with fobs and keys individually labeled to different residence and business addresses. These suspects were linked to several other burglaries in our area and some of the property recovered has already been identified from previous reports. Terrific job, Deputy Saavedra!



Another noteworthy arrest was made as an observation by FTO Jauregui. On April 7, around 7 p.m., he observed a vehicle committing a moving violation. Moments later, the vehicle continued to commit moving violations and drive away in an evasive manner. FTO Jauregui conducted a traffic stop, continued his investigation and found the driver in possession of brass knuckles, a loaded firearm, heroin and methamphetamine. Great obs, Jag!

EVERY 15 MINUTES

On April 8, our Station collaborated with Agoura High School in its Every 15 Minutes program. It consisted of a two-day event challenging high school juniors and seniors to

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FROM THE DOCS

LAURA'S LAW: ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT

By Pietro "Piero" D'Ingillo, Psy.D.

Mental illness, like other diseases, does not discriminate. Within the scope of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, its presence can be noted in the field, as well as in custody facilities. Some of the most unsettling aspects of severe mental illness, such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, occur when individuals do not recognize they are ill and/or refuse psychiatric treatment. In many cases involving such severe mental illness, the symptoms of the untreated psychiatric condition can grow to become very disruptive, especially as the affected person becomes psychotic and less rational. Such deterioration can, unfortunately, become fertile ground for potential acts of beligerence or violence.

In 2001, 19-year-old Laura Wilcox was a college student working as a receptionist at a community mental health clinic in northern California. A severely mentally ill individual, who had discontinued treatment and become psychotic, visited the clinic and murdered Laura as well as patrons at a nearby restaurant. Her parents consequently lobbied for state law that addressed the issue of mentally unstable individuals who refuse psychiatric treatment.

Laura's Law was adopted by Los Angeles County in 2014 and is operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. The name of the program was altered to Assisted Outpatient Treatment Los Angeles (AOT-LA). Simply put, AOT assists individuals who have been diagnosed with severe mental illness, are treatment non-compliant and are demonstrating psychiatric deterioration. However, because it is state law, there are specific requirements or conditions that must be met for acceptance into the program. The following is a summary of the requirements:

1. 18 years or older
2. Has a mental illness

3. Unlikely to survive safely in community without supervision due to difficulty with providing for food, clothing or shelter
4. Two involuntary hospitalizations (i.e., 5150) or two jail mental health housings within the last 36 months
5. During the past four years, has committed a verbal or physical act of aggression toward self or others
6. Refuses mental health treatment
7. Condition is deteriorating
8. AOT is the least restrictive setting to assist this person

Once an individual is accepted into AOT, a team of mental health professionals visits the person and attempts to persuade them into accepting treatment. Such frequent contact is often successful in connecting the person to psychiatric treatment. In instances where the repeated visits are met with refusal, AOT has the option of submitting a declaration to civil court that requests a judge to mandate outpatient mental health treatment. If the judge mandates treatment and the person still refuses, Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), 5346d (which is a new Welfare and Institutions Code and part of Laura's Law), may be utilized to involuntarily psychiatrically hospitalize the individual. WIC 5346d only requires demonstration of psychiatric deterioration. Conditions for Welfare and Institution Code 5150 are not necessary. Think of it as the ability to psychiatrically hospitalize at 5148 versus 5150.

Peace officers are permitted by law to refer individuals to AOT-LA. Patrol personnel may consider referring someone to AOT in instances involving mentally ill individuals who typically are not in treatment and:

- Generate a high volume of calls for service
- Live at a residence that has been "flagged" due to ongoing concerns

- Have been psychiatrically hospitalized many times
- Pose a risk of serious injury or death due to suicide by cop or provide a constant threat to community/their family (e.g., property destruction, family leaving the home due to fear)
- Are homeless and disorganized (dirty, barefoot, walking while dragging their blanket, etc.)

It is assumed that, once in treatment, the individual will experience fewer symptoms and demonstrate greater stability. Consequently, concerning behavior and contacts with law enforcement will also decrease. AOT-LA is not crisis response, so if a referral is made to the program, it may take two to three weeks for the application to be processed and for a response to be made to the referring party (the referring patrol personnel). If a person is experiencing a psychiatric crisis, patrol personnel are encouraged to proceed with immediate action (WIC 5150, if appropriate). In some non-emergent situations, referring concerned persons (such as family members) to the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Access Center by calling (800) 854-7771 may also be appropriate. One of the services provided at this number is the dispatch of clinician teams that conduct crisis psychiatric (WIC 5150) evaluations in the community.

Patrol personnel may access Assisted Outpatient Treatment for Los Angeles candidate criteria online by visiting http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dmh/227733_AOT-LACriteria.pdf.

Patrol personnel may access the AOT-LA online application at http://file.lacounty.gov/sdsinter/dmh/1017016_updated_aot_referral_form.pdf.

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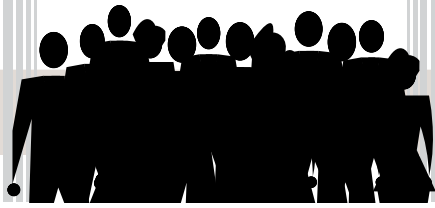
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PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

By Medina Baumgart, Psy.D.

UNDERSTANDING GRIEF

Grief is a normal experience that we will all experience throughout our lifetime in response to someone's death, the loss of a romantic relationship or friendship, the loss of a job and other types of losses. There is no "right" way to experience grief — some of us will show visual signs of distress and others may tend to grieve internally. Knowing what might happen (or is happening) during your grief experience may help you endure. Here are examples of normal grief reactions that can occur in varying degrees and in no particular order:

- **Shock:** Experienced as a feeling of emotional numbness that can slow your thinking process, this can be the mind's way of cushioning a blow.
- **Denial:** Not accepting the reality of a situation is a normal reaction to rationalize intense and overwhelming emotions, a temporary response to the first wave of emotional pain.
- **Anger:** Feelings of anger may be directed,

for example, toward the person who died or the person involved in the loss of a relationship.

- **Guilt:** This is sometimes referred to as turning blame inward; the person may ask themselves, "What if...?" or think, "If only..." A person's death by suicide can compound feelings of guilt.
- **Tears:** Not everyone cries in response to grief or sadness, but crying is normal and can be helpful in the process of experiencing one's grief.
- **Acceptance:** This is an ongoing process; acceptance comes with time and is marked by a sense of pulling back from the previous intensity of emotions with a feeling of calm.
- **Growth:** Time does not heal grief; there may be times when we think the grief is resolved only to have a memory, incident or conversation trigger some of the above reactions. These emotions may be experienced intensely or gently, but typically don't last as

long over time; you can learn to cope and integrate what you have learned through your loss into your general outlook on life.

Remember, grief is a *normal* response to loss and it will feel different for everyone; no two people will experience it the same way. It is important to recognize how you are experiencing grief and make time to recharge your mental and emotional batteries through self-care activities, such as reading a book, meditation, relaxation breathing, talking with supportive peers, exercising, doing an enjoyable activity or getting a massage. Taking good care of yourself will allow you to have the energy needed to navigate your grief experience in a healthy way moving forward.

Peer supporters are trained LASD personnel who can provide additional support, tools and resources to help you manage personal and work-life stressors. If you would like to locate a peer supporter or speak with a licensed psychologist, contact Psychological Services Bureau at (213) 738-3500 for a confidential consultation. ☆

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