

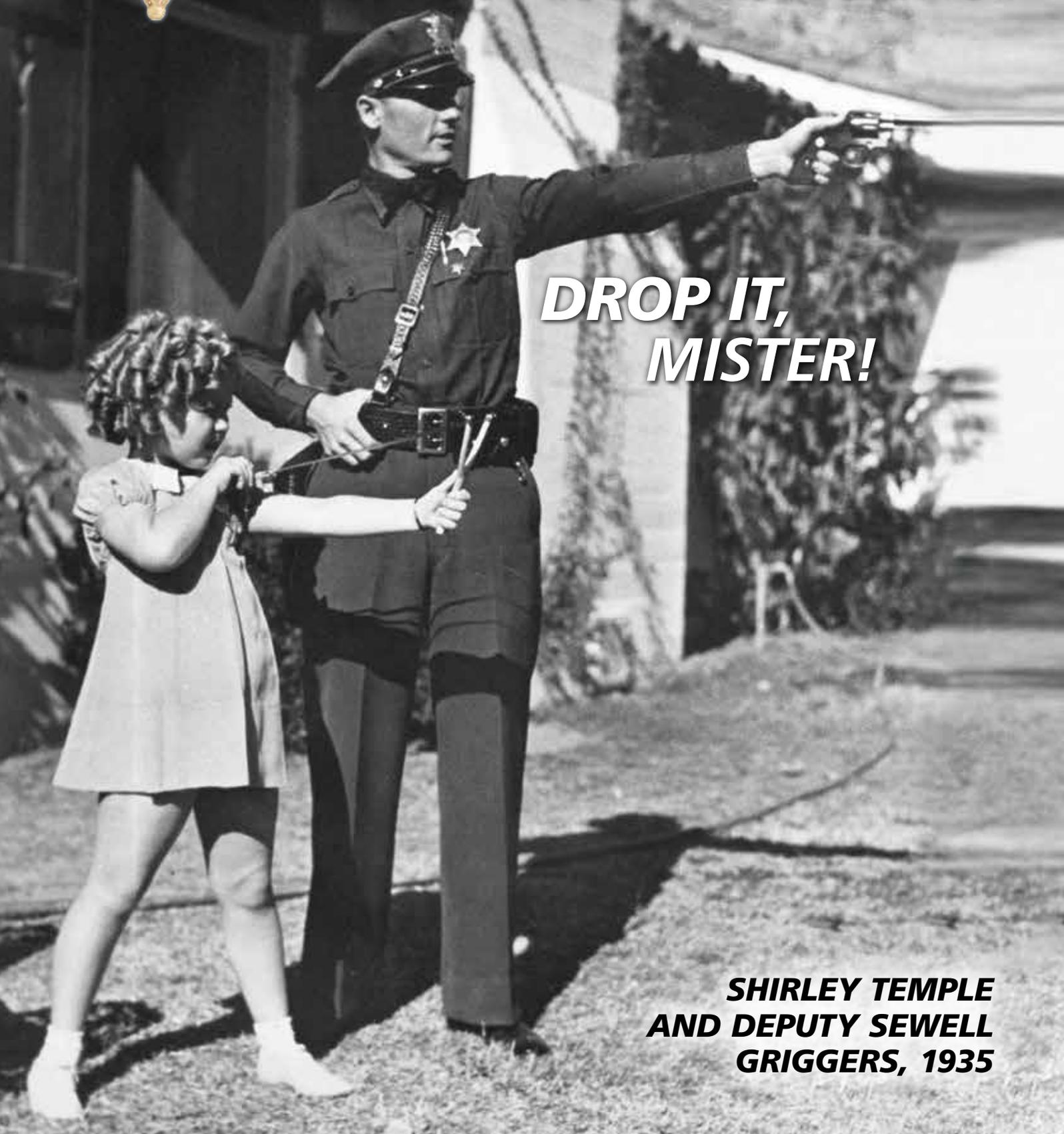


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SACRIFICE AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS SHE MADE
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Trustees Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association convened on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 901 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge. The following officers and trustees were present: Joe Badali, President; Mike Abdeen, Vice President; Diane Stone, Secretary-Treasurer; Trustees Chuck Becerra, Kerry Carter, Steve Katz, Veronica Urenda and Glenn Walsh; and General Manager Bill McSweeney. Trustees not present: Mike Fratantoni, Joe Hartshorne, Rod Kusch and Liza Vera.

The meeting was called to order at 4:39 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Abdeen, seconded by Trustee Urenda and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2019, meeting and the October Foundation expenditures.

Welcome to our newest Board member, Sue Burakowski! And a big thank-you to Veronica Urenda for her years of service to SRA!

COMMUNICATIONS

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

From Sylvia Reyes to Leo Norton, "Well it's been one year since Robert passed away, and I want to thank you for going out of your way in getting me the money that Robert was not aware of, as it really helped me a lot. I apologize for taking so long to thank you; I wanted to wait for the anniversary of Robert's passing. I want you to know that you're a good person and a dedicated sheriff in doing your job in taking care of widows who have been left behind. Please know that Robert would have appreciated everything you did for me, as you made it a point to take care of my financial needs when he was no longer here. In loving memory of Robert R. Garcia."

From Dwain F. Bender to Denise Jezak, "I want to thank the Sheriffs' Relief Association for their sympathy in the death of my wife, Victoria."

"Thank you for the unexpected death benefit and the beautiful displayed American flag. I will keep the flag in a place that is always in sight as a remembrance of the time Victoria served in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. That time of her life held a special place in her heart."

"Again, thank you for the kind and generous service that you do for members of the Sheriffs' Relief Association."

From the Retired Female Deputies Association to SRA, "On behalf of the membership of our Association, this letter is to express our appreciation for Sheriffs' Relief's recent donation to our organization, the Retired Female Deputies Association. The Emporium gift basket, containing many wonderful articles, was raffled off at our luncheon held November 2.

"Our fundraising raffle is held as part of our semi-annual luncheon meetings and proceeds become part of our charitable fund. That fund covers organizational expenses, such as postage, as well as support for our members in the form of cards and flowers for those who may be under the weather or simply a hosted luncheon for those who retired a long time ago and can use our help to attend our luncheon.

"Again, from all of us to all of you, many thanks for your support of our Association."

From Shanna Gutierrez to Leo Norton, "Thank you and the entire Sheriffs' Relief Association for all that you do. I greatly appreciate all of your support during this difficult time with the passing of Christopher R. Gutierrez. The flowers at the funeral were very beautiful, and we are greatly thankful for the mortuary benefit that was sent.

"Again, thank you for all of your support for our family."

From Jimmy F. Marr to Bill McSweeney and SRA, "Good morning, sir, and I hope this finds you and yours all doing well! I know it has been a while since we have spoken, Bill, but I wanted to take a moment to thank you and the SRA. On behalf of myself and my siblings, I wanted to acknowledge and thank you for the consideration, kindness and thoughtfulness shown to all of us by SRA during our father's passing. We all are very appreciative and grateful to you and the SRA, Bill."

"The beautiful flower/plant arrangement that you sent not only stood out among many others, but was complimented on by several family members and friends during Daddy's wake and funeral. Thanks again, Bill."

"Take care and stay safe, '30 Sam!"

BENEVOLENT REPORT

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID DURING NOVEMBER: \$82,000

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID YEAR TO DATE: \$1,277,000

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A total of 105 new membership applications were received during the month of November. A

motion was made by Trustee Abdeen, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously carried to approve the following members: Benjamin Alatorre, Bankim Y. Amin, Joseph Amiri, Shakil A. Antar, Jose Ayala, Michelle A. Berner, Jonathan L. Bombardier, Edwin E. Bran Luna, Courtney M. Burns, Alexceoanna S. Campo, Joseph P. Carbine, Julio C. Casarez, Steve E. Castanaza, Kristos A. Castaneda, Javie Castillo Uculmana, Juan K. Castillo, Victor L. Centeno, Jennifer A. Cervantes, Alan A. Chavez, Jeffrey A. Costanzo, Jessica M. Dabbs, Amber Del Real, Jose G. Dominguez, Santos Duran, Gabriel V. Encinas, Geoffrey T. Ernst, Anthony J. Fa aali, Daniel Fernandez, Inga N. Fletcher, Wendy D. Fuentes, Alejandr Garcia De Alba, Julian A. Garcia, Lorena Garcia, Jacklyn P. Gardner, Josiangel Gasca, Joseph G. Gerome, Kimberly S. Giovannetti, Juan C. Gomez, Nathaniel J. Goree, Francisco J. Guerrero, James Guijarro, Kyle A. Harman, Bacilio Hernandez, Erick D. Hernandez, Isaac V. Hernandez, Jonathan E. Hernandez Jr., Mark A. Hernandez, Nathaniel T. Hocking, Garrett P. Hodges, Alba L. Ibarra, Brittany D. Ibrahim, Magaly Jaimes Diaz, Jaime Jaurgui, Gabrielle B. Johnson, Tyler E. Johnson, Robert I. Jones, Trejontierre T. Juniel, Samantha E. Lassiter, Gregory Leal, Issac Lopez, Sergio H. Lopez, Ronnie B. Lord, Justin J. Magdaleno, Sergio A. Manapat, Briana R. Martinez, Jonathan A. Martinez, Lizbet Martinez-Jacquez, Alexander S. Mattis, Juan M. Melin, Brian M. Molinar, Adam S. Montag, Kevin A. Morales, Salvador Moreno, Jose M. Najera, Jessie A. Naranjo, Thaibao S. Nguyen, Elvis X. Ontiveros, Kevin G. Orozco, Raul A. Padilla, Karissa D. Paez, Robert Palomera, Richard B. Parham, Estefania Patrick, Daniel A. Perez, Joanna C. Perone, Mark O. Pineda, Sergio Quezada, Kevin P. Ramos, Joshua A. Regalado, Evelyn Rosas, Kat Rubio De Hernandez, Nasser Muhammad Saleh, Socorro Sanchez, Winnie S. Solano, Nicholas A. Straka, Luiggy V. Tapia, Ashley B. Torres, Angela G. Treminio, Kevin M. Underwood, Eros E. Valencia, David R. Varela, Ana M. Velasquez Garcia, Robert J. Villareal, Lanell L. Whitfield and Mark Zuniga.

We had 1 death of an active member, 10 deaths of retired members, 1 cancellation of active membership, no cancellations of retired memberships, 3 new honorary associate members and 1 death of an honorary associate member.

There were 43 members who resigned, no discharges and no one who transferred from the Sheriff's Department/Relief Association during the month of November.

Retired Deputies

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NEXT LUNCHEON:

Thursday, April 16
11:30 a.m. Buffet \$10.95
Villa Catrina Restaurant
251 N. Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91006

On Tuesday, December 3, the inaugural **LASD NorCal Retirees** holiday dinner was held at *The Old Spaghetti Factory* in Sacramento. The spirit of the season prevailed and all were pleased with the great conversation, excellent fare and accommodations. Those attending were Joe and Mary Berger, Pat Mallon, Dennis and Sharon Lessiak, Norm and Marde Williams, Bruce and Debbie Fogarty, and Father John Sullivan (titular chaplain). A special guest treat was the attendance of Pat Mallon (LASD ret. 2003), who connected with some old friends and partners from Temple Station and San Dimas Station. A few of our compadres who missed the festivities (illness, commitments, etc.) were sorely missed, but in our thoughts, especially Ron Riordan, who severely injured himself in a recent home accident. The next gathering of the LASD NorCal Retirees will once again be at *Awful Annie's* restaurant, 490 Lincoln Blvd., in Lincoln on Tuesday, February 11, at 11 a.m. Mark your calendars. Happy holidays to you all! — Joe Berger, coordinator, jgberger@bbi-ret.com

On Tuesday, December 3, we had our annual Christmas party in lieu of our regular meeting in Texas. Our **Texas Hill Country Lawmen** group has grown by leaps and bounds, so finding a local venue was a feat! Our group now consists of several agencies, but we all come together as men and women of law enforcement and first responders of the past! Together we are now one family. Those in attendance were Larry Walton, Jim and Carol Mulvihill, Mike and Cindy Forte, Rick and Vicki Adams, Al Rice, Terry and Fran Dunkum, Ted and Joyce Severns, Rob De Armon, Steve and Michelle Richards, Tom McMullen, Paul



NorCal Retirees: Joe and Mary Berger, Pat Mallon, Dennis and Sharon Lessiak, Norm and Marde Williams, Bruce and Debbie Fogarty, and Father John Sullivan (titular chaplain)

and Karen Mock, Bob Kolesar, Bob and Susie Guilbault, Jim and Lisa Brousseau, Burt and Kathy Feltz, Peter and JoAnn Mannise, Teresa Nichols, Jennifer Biehl and Gwen Gorman. We all gathered at a local butcher shop, which had just finished building a beautiful barn behind the location. We all enjoyed a typical Texas-style barbecue complete with brisket, chicken and all the fixins', including peach, cherry and apple cobbler! All of the wonderful decorations were provided by Fran, wife of our San Antonio P.D. retiree, Terry Dunkum. Our regular meetings will continue after the first of the year on the second Tuesday of each month. Our meeting location is *Max's Roadhouse*, 5375 US Highway 281, Spring Branch, Texas 78070, at 12:30 p.m. Continue to spread the word — everyone is welcome! If you are traveling through the hill country of Texas,

please stop by for some great camaraderie, good food, great stories and stay a spell. If you have any questions, please contact one of us: Ted Severns at (818) 232-6032 or tedseverns@gmail.com; Javier Gonzales at (512) 878-3442 or jjaygun@yahoo.com; or Bob Guilbault at (210) 878-5201 or robert.Guilbault@gmail.com.

On Wednesday, December 4, the **Hi-Desert Retirees** got together at *Country Kitchen* on Main Street in Hesperia at 11 a.m. It had been raining cats and dogs and the streets were flooded, but some very brave souls came out into freezing cold rain to attend the luncheon. What a surprise that so many retirees showed up. Those in attendance were Beth Combs, Sheila Ortiz, Annette and Lee Henderson, Norman and Chickee Nelson, Ginger

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Trustees Monthly Meeting *continued from page 4*

OFFICER ELECTIONS 2020

Our 2020 officers:

President: Rod Kusch

Vice President: Diane Stone

Secretary-Treasurer: Mike Abdeen

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Trustee Urenda,

seconded by Trustee Stone and unanimously carried to approve the bylaw change of requiring three civilian Board members.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Trustee Abdeen, seconded by Trustee Becerra and unanimously carried to increase the Mortuary Benefit to \$9,000.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:31 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Abdeen, seconded by Trustee Walsh and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association, Sheriffs' Relief Foundation and Sheriffs' Relief Services, Inc. ☆



Texas Hill Country Lawmen. Front row: Teresa Nichols, Jennifer Biehl, Carol Mulvihill, Cindy Forte, Vicki Adams, Fran Dunkum, JoAnn Mannise, Kathy Feltz #26938, Michelle Richards #24854, Karen Mock, Gwen Gorman and Lisa Brousseau #E9963. Back row: Larry Walton #6187, Jim Mulvihill (LASD), Mike Forte (LASD), Rick Adams (LASD), Al Rice #16374, Terry Dunkum (SA P.D.), Ted Severns #21053, Rob De Armon #33316, Joyce Severns #E8543, Steve Richards #22193, Tom McMullen #22725, Paul Mock #20001, Bob Kolesar #24535, Bob Guilbault (LASD), Jim Brousseau #25212, Burt Feltz #27119, Peter Mannise (NYFD) and Susie Guilbault.

and Blake Cupkie, Shannique and Paki Solaita, and Norman Nelson IV. This time, Joe Ortiz was missing in action. He was on his way to Arizona, being a good Samaritan helping someone move! If you would like to join our little group, you can join us on the first Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

On Wednesday, December 4, the **Desert Heat Retirees** held their luncheon at the Elks Lodge in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, at 11:30 a.m. Attending were Mike Robbins, Jerry Gillen, Doug Muchmore, Tommy Jiminez, Mike and Leseah Castorina, Brian Smith, Bob Pellerin, Andy Camou, Don and Susie Sackett, and Bob Hoffman. We choose from the menu

and everyone pays their own tab. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at the Elks Lodge in Lake Havasu City. All retirees and others are welcome to join us. Thanks! — Jerry Gillen, lnx1993@yahoo.com

On Wednesday, December 4, the **Marshal's Old Timers** luncheon was held at *Villa Tepeyac Restaurant* in West Covina. Those attending were Richard Duran, Guy Cloutman, Dave Gonzales, Terry Glisson, Barbara Jones, Jonna Wiltshire, Robert Ichikawa, Darryl Muckala, Lew Cowan, Hal Richey, Steven Jimenez, Bill Elton, Alan Blomker and John Davis. — Terry Black

On Thursday, December 5, we went to Emma Powell's house to decorate her home and yard for

Christmas. In case you do not remember, Deputy David Powell was shot and killed on November 30, 2002, after he and his partner responded to reports of gunshots near 166th Street and Elaine Avenue in Artesia. When the officers arrived, they observed a man run into a home and take a woman hostage. As Deputy Powell attempted to kick the door open, the man fired two shots from inside. One of the rounds struck Deputy Powell in the right arm, passed through the opening in his vest and entered his chest. The suspect was shot and killed by responding deputies. Deputy Powell had been employed with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for 18 years, and is survived by his wife, Emma, and four daughters.



Hi-Desert Retirees: Blake and Ginger Cupkie, Norman and Chickee Nelson, Sheila Ortiz, Beth Combs, Annette and Lee Henderson, Norman Nelson IV, Paki and Shannique Solaita

Retired Deputy Cindy Conners initiated the event where deputies from Lakewood Station would go over to Emma's house on the first Thursday in December to decorate for Christmas. Now, you not only have Lakewood Station deputies, but retirees, family, friends and other volunteers come to help and join in for these special occasions. It keeps growing every year!

On Monday, December 9, the **Lakewood ROMEOS** lunch was held at *Fratellino's Italian Restaurant*. Those who attended were Dennis Flinn, John Witt, Sandy Escandon, Bill Snyder, Mike O'Hara, George Boswell, Robert Pryor, Joan Salvatore, Chickee Nelson, Norman Nelson, Tayana Nelson-Mckinney and Ed Dahlstrom. The fellowship, conversations and food were outstanding! Can you believe it is 2020? We would love to see you there! — Ed

On Wednesday, December 11, the **Firestone Retirees** had their Christmas luncheon at *Maggie's Pub* in Santa Fe Springs at noon. Thanks to Toni Veltri and Jim Lally for putting together this luncheon. Those in attendance were Ed Arocha, John Babbitt, Virgil Bartlett, Artie Belcher, Fritz Campbell, Jim Copplin, Rocky and Karen Costa, JR Dickenson, Paul Doeve, Scott Edson, Tonay Edwards, Pete Fosselman, Warren (Toe Tag) Harding, JD Harris, Joe Holland, Joe Holmes, George Housos, Chuck and Corky Jackson, Jim Lally, TD Martinez, Robin McDowell, Chickee and Norm Nelson, Tayana McKinney, Craig Newsom, Chuck and Patty Norris, Geody Okamoto, Bob Olmstead, Bob Pettitt, Jerry Plent, Woody and Liz Polidore, Steve Pollock, Liz Quesada, George Ramos, Vic Rodriguez, Henry Romero, Tommy Rosas, Nick Scinocca, Stacy Silva, John Stacy, John Urbach, Toni Veltri, Marguerite Waddy, Mena Washington, Dan White and Easie Williams.

On Wednesday, December 11, a few LASD retirees gathered in Branson, Missouri, with another small group of LAPD retirees for dinner. The dinner was at the *Saltgrass Steak House* on the Branson Landing, and it was very nice. This time of year is always busy for families, so we wanted to let the others know that you were missed and thought of, and we hope all is well. Some retirees who attended were Daryl "Cowboy" Knight, Don "Bummy" Bumgardner and Thomas "Bo" Dobis.

On Thursday, December 12, the **Homicide Bulldogs** had their Christmas luncheon at *Steven's Steak House* in the city of Commerce. Normally we do not attend



Lakewood deputies, retirees, family and friends

their luncheons because it conflicts with another luncheon that we normally go to, but this time it was on a Thursday, so we were there. Thirty-three people were at this luncheon. We introduced ourselves and said a little something. I talked about Sergeant Rey Verdugo back in December 1971, the first time I met him at Firestone Sheriff's Station. Back then, Sergeant Verdugo appeared to be 6-foot-5 inches, over 300 pounds and looked like a giant football player as he chewed me out! I was surprised to see him now, and he is not close to being 6-foot-5 inches and 300 pounds, but he was a giant to me back then. I was totally surprised to see Charlie Arauga as we were in the same Academy class, #152, and I have not seen him since we graduated from the Academy 48 years ago. Time sure does fly when you are having fun!

On Saturday, December 14, the **Sunshine Rollers** had their Christmas luncheon at *Buca di Beppo* restaurant, 7979 Center Ave., in Huntington Beach, from noon to 2 p.m. Sandy and Rick Spence hosted this magnificent Italian luncheon. Twenty-eight of us showed up. The lunch

menu had two types of salads, mixed greens and Caesar, spaghetti with meat sauce, baked rigatoni, chicken parmigiana, chocolate-chip cannoli, unlimited soft drinks, coffee and tea. Those in attendance were Chuck Anna, Lenore Carr, Sonja and Manuel Cruz, Glenda Hamburg, Sandy and Ray Hoyal, Patricia and John Mascaro, Terri and Elroy Morris, Chickee and Norman Nelson, Kathy and Mike Ponce de Leon, Lorie and Earl Porter, Ruth and Steve Powell, Cathy Smith, Rick and Sandy Spence, Claude Waddle, Norman Nelson IV, Natalia Felix, George Felton, Tayana Nelson-McKinney and Gloria Griskevitch. The Sunshine Rollers meet once a month somewhere camping. If you have any questions, you may contact our president, Mike Ponce de Leon, at (562) 858-1091.

On Wednesday, December 18, the **Las Vegas Retirees** gathered together at *Charlie's Lakeside* on Sahara for their monthly luncheon for Christmas. We put the holiday Christmas cards for retirees in assisted living and convalescent homes together, signed them and they are in the mail. I want to

thank those who helped with the project and those who brought the stamps. I also want to thank Moon for the list. The attendees were Hershel and Liz Aron, Gary Olson — this was his last lunch; he is moving to Oregon — Lovette Caples, Randy Suistrom, Virgil Bartlett (door prize winner), Don and Melody Gray (also door prize winners), Ron Moya and Jim Ellison. If you are in the Las Vegas area on the third Wednesday of the month, come on by and have lunch with us. Everyone is welcome. — Hershel

On November 29, the day after Thanksgiving, we had to drive



LASD retirees in Branson, Missouri: Daryl "Cowboy" Knight, Don "Bummy" Bumgardner and Thomas "Bo" Dobis

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over snowy and icy roadways to get to *Denny's Restaurant* for the **Antelope Valley Retired Deputies'** monthly breakfast. Today (December 28), two days after Christmas, and yesterday's 14 hours of continuous snowfall, we encountered the same conditions except with much more ice and snow on the ground. In Quartz Hill, I measured 6 inches of snow on my cars. Through all of this, nine of us dinosaurs made it to Denny's for the December breakfast: John Ament, Mary McKain, Carlos Valdez, Glenn Hutchinson, Ron Nybakken, Fred McNutt, Dennis Watters, Russ Bailey and Dennis Papp. As expected, the primary conversation centered on the problems we encountered due to the very icy conditions. Fortunately for some of us who had front-wheel drive, driving was not bad, even over the icy roads. The ones with rear drive made it OK, thanks to their experience in snow driving while living in the Antelope Valley. Conversations soon turned to our days of old when we were still working and, for some of us, it meant around 30 years past. Mary McKain showed a picture of her 3,000-square-foot cabin she is building in Montana. Russ Bailey reported that retired Sergeant Bob Briley is in Antelope Valley Hospital being treated for pneumonia. I was not privy to the conversations at the far end of the table, but they must have been good from all of the laughter I heard. By the time this goes to print, it will be the year 2020, therefore, I pray that all of you retirees had a wonderful Christmas and a safe and healthy new year. Enjoy retirement.



Antelope Valley Retired Deputies. Sitting: Dennis Watters, Russ Bailey and Dennis Papp. Standing: John Ament, Mary McKain, Carlos Valdez, Glenn Hutchinson, Ron Nybakken and Fred McNutt.

There are several major events already scheduled for 2020. Mark your calendars: The Laughlin Roundup, April 5–9; Retired Deputies Luncheon on Thursday, April 16, in Arcadia; Retired Female Deputies, May 1–2; Texas luncheon on Saturday, May 16; McArthur Reunion, June 21–25; Serra Retreat, October 16–18; and

Retired Female Deputies, November 6–7. If you have an event that you would like our retirees to know about, just send an email directly to me. Thanks. — Chickee

Now, step up to the plate, get out and enjoy your retirement. Until next time, yours truly, Chickee and Don. ☆

STAY UP TO DATE!



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ATTENTION SRA MEMBERS!

Effective March 1, the Sheriffs' Relief Association email domain will change from *sheriffsrelief.org* to *sra1.com* so that members can more easily contact SRA.

Starting next month, please remember to use the new domain when sending emails to SRA (e.g., *name@sra1.com*).





By Ernie Bille
American Legion Star Post 309

It's been a while since we've included an article for Star Post 309 in the *Star News*. You can always catch up with us by reading our monthly newsletters on our website at starpost309.com. But we did want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy new year, and to give you a recap of all the great things we've done for our veterans and their families in 2019.

The start of 2019 marked the beginning of the centennial celebration for the American Legion. Founded in 1919, the American Legion continues to be the largest and most influential veteran service organization in the country. On the local front and within our LASD family, Star Post continues the legacy of service by working with veteran service providers to bring resources directly to our members. We do this in the form of veteran resource workshops, and by advocating on behalf of our active reservists through the LASD Military and Veteran Affairs (MVA) Unit.

Star Post continues to honor our veterans coming into the Department through a public acknowledgement at each Academy class family night. In 2019, we honored deputy Academy classes #433 through the most recent #442, and custody assistant classes #100 through #102. Each deputy class had an average of 10–13 veterans. That is a remarkable number and a testament to the value our veterans bring to this great organization.

In March, we celebrated a milestone by inducting Sheriff Alex Villanueva into our American Legion Star Post family. The Sheriff, who was joined by retired Assistant Sheriff Bob Olmsted in becoming a Star Post member, follows a line of previous sheriffs who have been members of Star Post 309. He is also a legacy

member, following his father as an American Legion member.

During the annual Retiree Roundup in April, Star Post hosted a variety show for our retired members. Close to 300 attendees composed of veterans, retirees and their family members joined us on the final evening of the Roundup. As you can tell from the photograph, there was just enough room on stage for our veteran group picture.

May is National Military Appreciation Month and is also when we remember our fallen comrades. The honorees at our 73rd Annual Tree Planting Ceremony were two former Star Post commanders, Arthur Robinson and Armand

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Cruz. Both men had a significant impact on our Department, in our Post and in our communities. In May, we also had the opportunity to revel in the L.A. Dodgers Military Appreciation Night. This was our third year attending, and again we exceeded 100 members and friends in attendance.

During the annual American Legion Department of California Convention in June, one of our own was honored with the American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award for valor. Deputy Cesar Alex Valiente was presented the award for his acts of courage and valor under fire during the tragic Route 91 shooting incident in Las Vegas. While under fire, Alex and his wife, Deputy Wanda Valiente, were attributed with saving two lives that night, and helping many more. When Alex was asked why he went back in

to help others after saving the first two survivors he encountered, he replied, "I'm a Marine; that's what we do."

Formerly, membership in Star Post 309 was limited to those veterans of specified war eras. In July, all of that changed with the passing of the Legion Act. Signed into law by President Trump, the Legion Act allows for any honorably discharged veteran after WWII or any current active service member to be eligible to join. This was significant for Star Post as many of our LASD veterans had served in the Cold War and other periods that were not recognized as war eras. For anyone who served during those periods, they'll tell you it was anything but. We now welcome all veterans into our Star Post family.

Since its founding in 1927, Star Post 309 was limited to only the Legion post for veterans. In

August, we moved forward with the establishment of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA). The ALA, which is a separate entity unto itself but still part of the Legion family, is for the spouses (both male and female), wives, mothers, sisters, grandmothers and direct and adopted female descendants of American Legion members. It is a veteran support organization whose mission is to assist all veterans and their families. In 2020, the ALA Star Unit 309 will be another service organization working for our veterans and giving volunteer opportunities to any members who wish to join. Anyone interested in joining the ALA Star Unit 309 can email info@starpost309.com for more information.

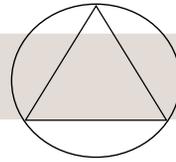
Our third annual Vets 4 Kids charity golf tournament was held in September. This is our single-most important fundraiser of the year. The money we earn goes toward sending young men to the American Legion Boys State and young women to the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. These programs, which cost up to \$500 per attendee, are free to the boys and girls we sponsor. If it weren't for our sponsorship, these young men and women would not be able to afford this opportunity. We also provide monetary assistance to youth development programs, such as the Young Marines. The remainder of the monies are used for veteran affairs and rehabilitation. All net proceeds always go back to our veteran and youth programs.

October is when we compete in the Chili Cook-Off benefiting the Southern California Special Olympics. This year, we were looking forward to taking back our championship title from



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Peace Officer's Fellowship



By Willis Bragg

YOU'RE MORE THAN A WORD

When I first heard the word “alcoholic,” I used to think of a bum living on the street. My imaginary alcoholic had not bathed or taken care of their physical hygiene for months and had lost most of their teeth. My alcoholic would have a brown paper bag clutched in his hands or in his rear pocket, and there was no way he was losing that bag, for it contained the life-sustaining juice. I had the mental picture of someone begging for change. Often they would say they were hungry and needed money for food. If you offered them food instead of cash, they became angry with you because they needed the money to buy another drink of choice. The mere sight of this shell of a human stirred feelings of fear and some loathing.

Today I understand that an alcoholic can be almost anyone — a doctor, an actor, law enforcement officer, pilot, etc. Alcoholics are people who go to work daily and perform their jobs. They are referred to as “functioning alcoholics.” Although they seem to be functioning, they are usually not functioning up to their potential. The image I have of an alcoholic today is drastically different. I do not fear or loathe alcoholics. I know that almost anyone in the world may be or has the potential to be an alcoholic. I do not believe that there is anything to be ashamed of if one is an alcoholic and seeks out treatment. There is no more shame than a person seeking treatment for cancer or some other pervasive disease.

Alcoholism is a progressive disease, in the sense that things do not take a turn for the better while the alcoholic is still drinking. Over some

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

time, there will be physical and mental deterioration. A person may be coming to work with a hangover, thus affecting their job performance. They may begin to call in sick more often due to a hangover or still being drunk from the night before. They may find themselves being angry with the world because it is not in step with their immediate needs. Family problems may develop, and life in general will take a turn for the worse. In a nutshell, everything starts to go wrong that could go wrong.

Most alcoholics will blame all of these troubles on everyone and everything around them. Not until they accept the fact that they have a disease and seek treatment will things get better. One of the main problems with this disease is the denial that a person has the disease. Usually, the

alcoholic is the last person to figure out that he/she is an alcoholic.

Many in law enforcement are reluctant to obtain professional help in fear of administrative consequences or termination. It's more likely to face disciplinary issues if alcohol problems are not addressed. You can discuss your drinking in a confidential setting.

If you find yourself in any of these situations, please reach out for help. Call Psychological Services Bureau at (213) 738-3500. It is available to you, your spouse and your family, and it's free. If you are sworn, the Peace Officer's Fellowship is open. You can contact one of the members listed here, and they will be more than happy to assist a fellow deputy. If you are non-sworn, feel free to contact me for AA meeting resources. ☆

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the Homicide Bureau. Unfortunately, the event was canceled due to fire storms in the area. Rest assured, we still made our annual donation to the cause in support of the Special Olympics program. Earlier in the year, we had also participated in a leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which supports Special Olympics programs.

November is a month for veterans. Star Post 309 and the LASD MVA Unit hosted a veteran symposium that was well attended by many. The intent of the symposium was to educate LASD personnel, veteran and non-veteran alike, of the

laws that protect veterans and active reservists. At the symposium, the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve presented the Sheriff with the Patriotic Employer Award. Star Post nominated the Sheriff for this award because of his support for our veteran programs and for the veterans and active reservists in the LASD.

We finished off the year by assembling holiday care packages for our deployed LASD members. The Inmate Services Bureau and the Pitchess Detention Center, among others, donated items for the care packages. We thank the Personnel

Administration Bureau for assisting with the shipping costs for the domestic packages. Funding for the international packages was donated by Star Post 309 and by the LASD MVA fund.

These were but some of our events and highlights for the year. As 2020 begins, we would like to thank the hundreds of veterans who call Star Post 309 their veteran service organization. We understand that not everyone can attend a meeting or a function. Because membership is our lifeblood, being a member is the simplest way you can help your fellow veterans and their families. ☆



The Chaplain's Notebook

By Chaplain Gilbert Miranda
East Los Angeles Station

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, TAKE CARE OF YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

Thousands of deputies are husbands and wives. Thousands also spend countless hours on the job, picking up overtime, training and so on. As a result, they have limited time at home.

It goes without saying that although busy schedules help with the household income, they can also put pressure on marriages. In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul the Apostle reminds husbands to take care of their wives. In Chapter 5, verses 28–29, he writes, “In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church.”

Paul gave us this great example of taking care of our significant others just as we take care of our own bodies. As a deputy, you understand the importance of keeping in shape. There are many paths to maintaining your physique and good health. But they all

require time and consistency. Developing a healthy, strong body doesn't just happen overnight. It takes months, sometimes years, to get to where we want to be. It often pays dividends we never imagined.

This is where discipline comes into play. Some days are harder than others, and some days we may not feel like working out. But we know feelings cannot dictate our choices. Instead, we always need to keep our goal in mind regardless of whether we're in the mood or not! Over time, consistency makes it easier to continue on our path of caring for ourselves.

These principles can translate into caring for and nurturing your relationship with your significant other as well. It's important to make time for your relationship — to communicate, meet one another's needs and simply enjoy quality time together. Maybe look at what tasks can be done together, plan a weekend getaway or even simply turn the TV off once in a while and engage with each other instead. A little bit of real listening goes a long way!

All this lends itself to a healthy relationship. It's not always easy, disagreements are bound to rise, but hanging in there even when it gets hard or uncomfortable creates deeper connection and stronger bonds. As with working out or any perishable skill training, if you fail to do it consistently, results can be uneven and few and far between. The same goes for nurturing a solid relationship. If we do not work at it diligently, we run the risk it will grow stale and can harm the entire family.

Although Paul wrote his letter 2,000 years ago, his advice is still good today. Invest in your loved ones just as you invest in yourself. Be there for them, especially when times are tough. Paul also wrote, “Love is patient, love is kind... It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres” (Cor. 13). In my humble opinion, he was right about that as well.

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. ☆

L.A. County Retired Marshals Lunches for 2020

ALL LUNCHESES ARE SCHEDULED FOR 12 NOON

February 5

Lazy Dog Restaurant
8800 Apollo Way
Downey

March 4

Damon's
317 N. Brand Blvd.
Glendale

April 1

Villa Tepeyac
2200 E. Garvey Ave.
West Covina

May 6

Katella Bakery
4470 Katella Ave.
Los Alamitos

June 3

Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill
400 S. Baldwin Ave.
Arcadia

July 1

San Antonio Winery
737 Lamar Ave.
Los Angeles

August 5

Black Angus
560 W. Huntington Dr.
Monrovia

September 2

Katella Bakery
4470 Katella Ave.
Los Alamitos

October 7

Rodrigo's Mexican Grill
11805 Artesia Blvd.
Artesia

November 4

Yang Chow
3777 Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena

December 2

Villa Tepeyac
2200 E. Garvey Ave.
West Covina

DEVIL PUPS YOUTH PROGRAM FOR AMERICA

Our Department will again be able to send exemplary boys and girls, 14–17 years of age, to a 10-day citizenship/leadership program at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California. We hope our boys and girls will be prepared physically and academically for the testing and the camp. Good grades are a necessity. This program normally runs at the same time that summer school is in session. If your boy or girl will need to attend summer school to graduate, then attending this camp will be a conflict.

As part of the Devil Pups good citizenship training, boys and girls will learn the importance of these virtues: honor, courage and commitment.

- **Honor** — to be respectful to your family, country and each other
- **Courage** — to set and pursue personal goals
- **Commitment** — a promise of resolve to recognize the value of completing your education

The U.S. Marine Corps was given the name “devil dogs” in World War I by enemy troops they were fighting due to their accomplishments on the battlefield and “never give up” spirit. The Devil Pups name is derived from this Marine Corps history.

This camp has been in existence since 1954. Our Department has been able to send exemplary boys and girls, 14–17 years of age, to this 10-day citizenship/leadership program at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton because of the generous support from:

- Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs
- Peace Officers Professional Association
- Sheriffs’ Relief Association
- First City Federal Credit Union
- POPA Federal Credit Union

The orientation and physical qualifications testing will be conducted on Saturday, April 25, from 8 a.m.–1 p.m., at the Biscailuz Regional Training Center in Los Angeles. The campus is located on Sheriff Road, just off North Eastern. Proceed east on Sheriff Road to the public parking

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Testing:
Saturday, April 25
8 a.m.–1 p.m.

Location:
Biscailuz Regional
Training Center
1060 N. Eastern Ave.
Los Angeles, 90063

Camp Dates:
To be announced

lots on the left. Park and proceed to the gym. We will conduct the orientation in the gym.

The orientation will answer many of the commonly asked questions. All interested applicants must take a physical agility test, which will include sit-ups, pushups, pull-ups and a one-mile run. Participants are reminded that they should eat at least one hour prior to arriving. Gym clothes and running shoes are required for the physical agility testing. All applicants must also bring a container of water and/or sports drink. Parents are encouraged to also bring bottled water, two pencils, a clipboard and a blanket if they wish to sit down on the grass while their child participates in the physical agility testing out on the field.

Boys and girls must not only be in good health, but also be physically able to participate in the strenuous physical requirement of the camp. Asthma or other respiratory illnesses will preclude participation in this camp.

It is mandatory that all boys and girls bring their parents or guardian on April 25. Department sponsors must also attend if they are sponsoring a

close friend whose parents are not on the Department. In cases of split families, the custodial parent will have to sign the agreement paperwork. It is important that parents, guardians and sponsors be at orientation and testing to see firsthand what is involved. Also, our boys and girls need the support of their loved ones on testing day.

At this time, it will not be necessary to schedule boys and girls prior to this testing date. Boys and girls, parents, guardians and sponsors need only be prepared for the testing. Please arrive early on Saturday, April 25.

The program continues to be free to boys and girls who are sponsored by Department members. Our Department members are encouraged to sponsor their relatives and close friends. Due to very limited allotments, we will not be able to select boys and girls who are not sponsored by a relative or close friend on the Department.

If you have any questions, the following individuals have firsthand experience with the actual strenuous physical requirements. Please feel free to contact any of the individuals listed below:

- Tom Vetter, (949) 456-0908
- Chuck Norris, (818) 381-7649
- Patty Norris, (818) 381-7698
- Michelle Emeneger, (714) 293-3891
- Andy Thompson, (714) 293-5898
- John Wolak, (909) 263-3068
- Paul Hardy, (818) 522-2786
- Dean Gialamas, (323) 806-6036
- Eddie Rivero, (951) 215-9719
- Joe Walker, (626) 975-3724
- Delwin Lampkin, (323) 229-6064
- Dorothy Howard, (909) 518-0805
- Jodi Wiles, (714) 497-5079
- Roberto Causey, (909) 595-2264
- Kenneth Fitch, (562) 405-2692
- Bryon Woods, (562) 860-0044
- John Cook, (323) 881-7800
- Paulette Cain, (909) 525-0335
- Reggie Ducree, (909) 243-4385
- Rich Marascola, (213) 974-4564
- Bob Wiard, (818) 622-9541
- Mike Schaap, (562) 686-8141 ☆



LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BAND

By Dawn Anderson

Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Band

A TRADITION OF SERVICE THROUGH MUSIC

Happy new year from the LASD Band. We closed out 2019 with several performances. The City of Duarte honored our veterans with a grand ceremony on Veterans Day. Assemblywoman Blanca E. Rubio gave an emotional speech recalling stories from her dad. Three veterans also spoke about what it meant to serve, told wartime stories and expressed how proud they were to be Americans. We provided two trumpet players for the playing of echo taps to finalize the ceremony. Thanks to the City of Duarte for inviting us to be a part of the city's tradition.

Our trumpet player, Dan Martel, was one of the band members who represented us at the City of Duarte's Veterans Day ceremony. He began playing the trumpet at the age of 10, encouraged and taught by his childhood best friend. Trumpet then filled the rest of his school days through high school, playing in the concert, jazz and marching bands. Like many of us, he put down his instrument in pursuit of his career after graduating. But when his children began to play in their school bands, he volunteered to help with musical lessons on the brass instruments. Dan volunteered for 12 years at Charter Oak High School, helping with marching as well as musicality.

Having picked up his instrument again, Dan began playing in many southland jazz and concert bands. He credits many of his bandmates currently in the LASD Band with helping him to improve his playing skills and is thankful for the friendships forged with volunteering and playing music. Thanks, Dan, for your expertise and for representing the LASD Band with honor and class.



Bruce Martineau, our trumpet player who provided the echo in the beautiful rendition of echo taps for the City of Duarte, is a California native, born in the city of Lynwood. Music seemingly has been a part of his life, all his life. He began singing in his church choir at the age of 4. He then progressed to piano and eventually landed on the trumpet. Bruce earned his bachelor of music degree from Long Beach State University. Now retired from a career in information technology, he can spend most of his time playing, practicing and teaching the trumpet. Bruce is a member of many southland band groups and says that "performing has offered him numerous traveling opportunities." Playing with the LASD Band has brought him much joy in sharing music with his fellow bandmates and audiences. Bruce, we appreciate your lifelong love of music and are grateful that you

included the LASD Band in your musical circle. Your performance for the City of Duarte was touching and memorable. Thanks for closing out the ceremony with honor to our military.

We held our year-end banquet at the Quiet Cannon in the city of Montebello. Chief Chuck Stringham, our liaison, and Deputy Patricia Sanchez were in attendance. We were happy that these members of the Sheriff's Department honored us with their presence. The LASD Swing Band performed for our social hour and got us into the holiday spirit. It was a wonderful evening celebrating all our band members and their families, giving special recognition to those members who have been especially valuable. This year, the Director's awards went to Pete Mittelstadt (Swing Band) and Wes Brown (Concert Band) for Outstanding Contribution. Our perpetual award, named for the couple who set the standard for performance, protection and preservation of our

musical organization, is called the Dr. Don and Mary Holcomb Award. This prestigious award went to BJ Bervick, retired LASD lieutenant, who exemplifies all of these qualities.

Our last performance of the year was at the Shrine Auditorium on December 8 for the Al Malaikah Toy Ride. There were over 1,000 families in attendance, who were entertained by movie characters, puppets, clowns with balloons, Santa Claus, and of course, holiday music. The LASD Band was called upon to help the Shriners Band, and we did not let them down. About 10 of our members donated their time to help make this a memorable occasion for the kids. This program was so successful that the Shriners were able to give toys to hundreds of children who might not have had a visit from Santa this year. The motto for the day was "Serving up hope, love and care to heal our kids!" This was a special way to end our year.

Remember the LASD bands are here for you!

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. ☆



Desert Dirt

By Laurence Green Jr.
Lancaster Station

LANCASTER TOY DRIVE

As we all know, December is a long month for LASD. Lancaster Station deputies turned themselves into whimsical elves to collect community toy donations for the holidays. By the end of the month, they were able to fill our whole office with toys to give out to the less fortunate children of our community. They completed this task all while wearing green pantyhose and Santa hats... well, more like tan and green with a gun belt and boots, but close

enough! I was buried under the bags of toys we had once our office was filled to the brim and used it as an excuse not to do my office work.

IT'S SNOWING!

It's been about 10 years since it has snowed in the AV! Lancaster deputies came out of the Station like a groundhog looking for its shadow on Groundhog Day. They peeked out the back door using their AR-15's muzzle flash suppressor, then aimed their red dot digital sights at the white stuff on ground. "It's so fluffy," said one of the patrol deputies to the sergeant who was standing behind him. This was followed by a swift kick to the patrol deputy's butt while yelling "go 10-8!" The patrol deputy knew there was going to be a plethora of traffic collisions that

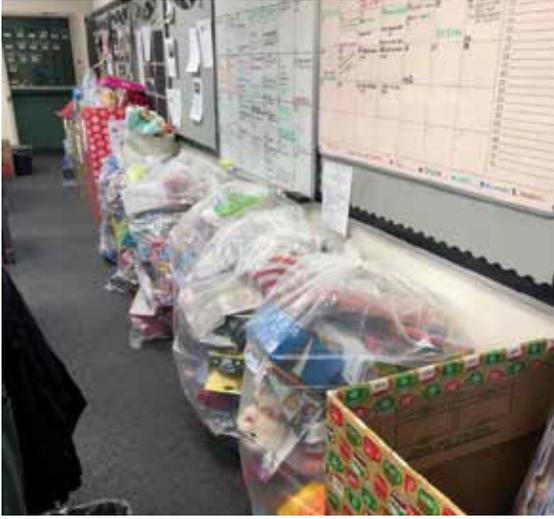
day, hence the hesitation, but his partner, who was just outside making snow angels, was able to ramp him up for his shift with a nice cup of coffee.

INS AND OUTS

In the month of December, Lancaster Station received five new eager trainees ready to hit the ground running. Please welcome Deputies Richard Budiman, Ramon Montes, Roberto Orta, Joshua Adams and Terrie Coats. They arrived at Lancaster Sheriff's Station on December 22. We also want to welcome Law Enforcement Technician Herson Climaco to the Lancaster Station family. He arrived here from Beverly Hills Courthouse and is now our newest law enforcement technician.

Lancaster Station would like to wish Deputies Rasaundra Marolla and Michael Thompson good luck at their new assignments. Deputy Marolla transferred to Palmdale Station and Deputy Michael Thompson transferred to Santa Clarita Station. Both are awesome deputies and will be





missed. We would like to say goodbye to Deputy Parker Driscoll, former field training officer. He recently lateralled to El Dorado County Sheriff's Office where he will continue his career. Parker will be missed, and we wish him all the best with his family and service with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office.

After more than 30 years of service, we say goodbye and congratulations on your retirement to Lieutenant Robert Farkas. Sir, your mission, should you choose to accept it, will be to enjoy life and explore the world as you see fit. Your family here at Lancaster Station will truly miss you. Thank you very much for your service, sir!

Lastly, we want to congratulate Deputies Tim Schank, Jason Elizondo, Erik Jepson and Robert Gonzales on their pending promotions to the rank of sergeant.

Lancaster Station would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Until next month, stay safe everyone. ☆

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 a long life, happiness, relaxation and many years of personal fulfillment.*

Charles T. Ansberry
Inmate Reception Center

Michael J. Berk
Santa Clarita Valley Station

Cheryl V. Booker
Inmate Reception Center

James F. Corrigan
Homicide Bureau

Cecenia O. Foronda
Scientific Services Bureau

Charles T. Harvey
Court Services West Bureau

Stephen L. Herrel
PDC South Facility

Kathy Montes
Countywide Services Division Headquarters

Mary L. Morris
Personnel Administration

David J. Moser
North County Correctional Facility

John S. Peck III
Malibu/Lost Hills Station

By Patrick Morey
Carson Station

CARSON DEPUTIES CREATE CARSON CARES PROGRAM

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with family and friends.

With this new year, Carson Station is excited to share with you a program that several Carson deputies have been laboring on for the past couple of years. Deputies Dawanna Gilbert and Marcus McNeal call this program Carson Cares — Cops and Residents Supporting Our Neighborhoods. The goal of this program is to strengthen the relationship between Carson Sheriff's Station and the residents of Carson. The hope is to build up the bond between deputies and the community in an effort to make the city safer, while providing accessible resources to the community.

As you have seen in previous articles I've written over the last couple of years, Carson Station has been holding community basketball and softball games to allow residents to get to know us as individuals and not just deputies. During this holiday season, deputy personnel partnered with the Carson Senior Assisted Living to bring Christmas caroling and treats to the often-forgotten elders of the community. These types of events are examples of the support that Carson Cares strives to offer the city. Under the umbrella of community relations, this program aims to reach the heart of each individual resident and every deputy.

Regardless of what the media might try to put out there, I know personally that Carson deputies care about what they do and serve the city with great integrity and respect. Hopefully, this program will allow



others to see that, too. Many Carson Station deputies go out of their way each and every day to help citizens in ways people do not always know about, not expecting any credit for doing it. Many deputies just do this because they care. In essence, that's what Carson Cares is all about, highlighting the efforts of the deputies.

No one Carson Station deputy is the face of Carson Cares — all Carson Station deputies are the face of this program. Needless to say, no act of kindness is too small, and everything deputies do should be recognized. It's a two-way street between Carson Station personnel, us and the community we serve. If we expect to see any positive change in police and community relations, we must be the catalysts of this program.



CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION VS. CARSON 411 COMMUNITY GROUP

As part of the Carson Cares program, several deputy personnel assigned to Carson Station participated in a Battle of the Badges charity basketball game. The event was organized by Deputies McNeal and Gilbert to bring law enforcement (Carson Station) and the residents of Carson closer together. The deputy duo partnered with City of Carson (Carson Park) as the Carson Community of Schools put on this great community event.

The basketball game was Carson Station versus Carson 411, a community group in the city of Carson. The Carson Station team was composed of seven Carson Station deputies. Their names are as follows: Deputies Dawanna Gilbert, Marcus McNeal, Andre White, Jose Ramirez, Franklin Wiggins, Larry McGee and Pranesh Sharma, along with Keenan Fyles and Hector Panduro who provided security for the event.

It was an awesome event, with approximately 100 city of Carson residents in attendance. The basketball game was heart-wrenching with the Carson 411 team winning 76-73. The game was





such a great success, Carson Station plans to make this an annual event.

CARSON STATION SPOTLIGHT

In the late morning hours of December 17, Carson Station motorcycle deputies witnessed something they will never forget. As the duo began to exit the Carson Station driveway onto Avalon Boulevard, a silver truck traveling northbound on Avalon made a quick right turn into the same driveway they were exiting from.

The driver of the silver truck looked as if he was going to stop and ask the motorcycle deputies a

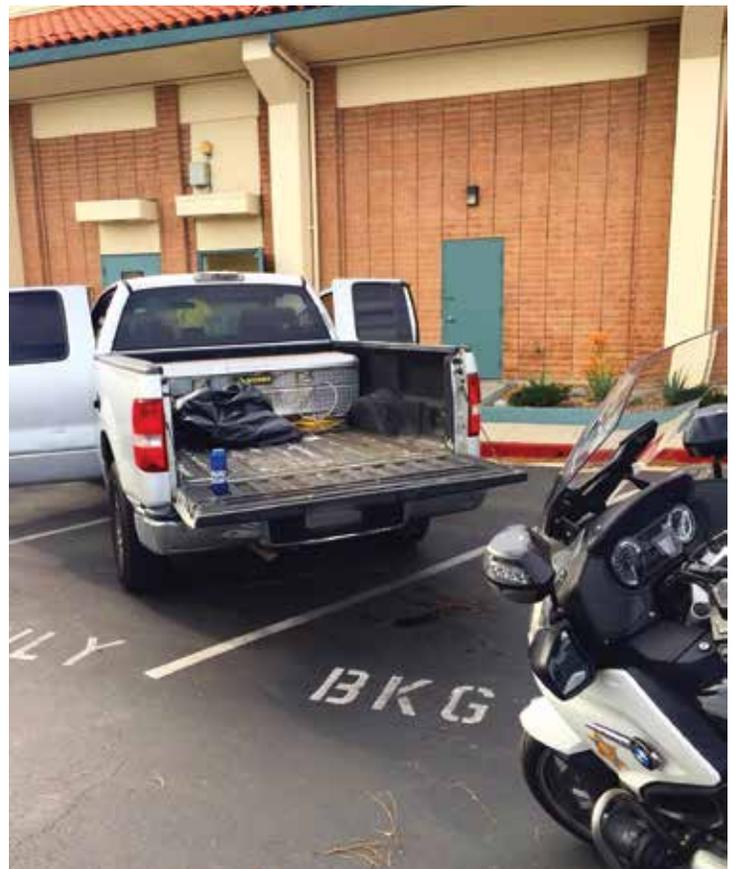
question. However, the driver of the silver truck quickly drove past the motorcycle deputies, continuing east through the driveway and into the secured rear parking lot of the Station.

The motorcycle deputies immediately responded by making a quick U-turn, conducting a traffic stop near the booking line of the Station parking lot to ascertain the identity of the driver of the silver truck. Upon contacting the driver, they immediately recognized that he was not a fellow employee of the Station.

As the deputies conversed with the driver of the truck, they immediately smelled the odor of an alco-

holic beverage emitting from his breath and person, and detained him for a driving-under-the-influence investigation. Upon the completion of the investigation, the driver was arrested for driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, with a blood alcohol level of .23 (three times the legal limit), along with an outstanding warrant for the same exact charge of driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage.

Based on the above circumstances, it looks as if the driver was enjoying the holiday festivities a little too much, wrapping himself into a gift/present for Carson Sheriff's Station by literally bringing himself to jail. Until next time everyone! ☆



L.A. SHERIFFS' MUSEUM

By Chris Miller

Los Angeles Sheriffs' Museum

HISTORY OF THE LASD DEPUTY EXPLORER PROGRAM, PART 3

Over time, responsibilities change. When the Explorer Program first started, one of the primary duties was fingerprinting citizens applying for jobs. Ink was used to roll the prints onto cards, but once the LiveScan machine was introduced, special training and certification meant the Explorers were no longer needed. Children, however, are still fingerprinted by Explorers. The card is given to the parents, so if their child is ever kidnapped or missing, they will have a record of the fingerprints.

When headline news and TV crime dramas reported that children were being kidnapped while innocently riding bicycles, fewer and fewer parents allowed their children to ride bikes. The number of young cyclists dwindled to the point that the job of licensing bicycles, once a staple of Explorer duties, was no longer necessary.

For years, the only volunteers for the Sheriff's Department were reserve deputies and Explorers. The Explorers helped in many areas including the front desk where they answered phones and handled counter traffic. However, when the Civilian Volunteer Program was created, the teens were replaced by the older, more experienced adults.

CHANGES TO THE APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the Explorer Program, each candidate must have at least a C grade point average or higher if attending school, be of good moral character and pass a background check. They are also required to pass an oral interview to ensure

they can speak logically and will represent the Sheriff's Department in a positive way. With the exception of height and weight, Explorer applicants must meet the same basic physical requirements as a deputy sheriff applicant. In addition, they need to pass a medical examination to ensure they are healthy enough to endure the stringent physical training of the Explorer Academy.

Recruits must maintain a GPA of 70 percent in their regular school work as well as all Academy subjects, including academics, physical training, defensive tactics, first aid, CPR, leadership and career development, practical application exercises and much more. They have to purchase their own uniforms and physical training gear and adhere to required grooming standards.

IMPROVED TRAINING

The Explorer Academy training has been updated over the years to keep pace with changes in society and the environment, as well as the numerous obstacles facing teenagers. Recruits are required to pass a radio code and spelling test each week, and take copious notes during lectures, neatly rewriting them in an outline format. These notes are collected into a notebook, which is submitted to their staff instructor for review and grading. Each recruit is responsible for writing a paper on a current topic relating to law enforcement, as well as one on the definition of the motivational word of the week. Each assignment is graded and counts toward their overall grade point average. If a test is missed, it can be made up during the lunch hour. In order to help

all recruits succeed, the staff makes themselves available during normal Academy training hours to provide study and notetaking tips to anyone struggling with the academics.

Academic progress and grades can be tracked by the recruit, their parents or guardians, and the post advisor by accessing the Recruit Progress Reports link on the Explorer website. To prevent security breaches, each recruit is assigned a randomly selected and confidential student identification number, which allows their grade assignment list to be checked from any computer. Grades are updated before the end of each Saturday during Academy training.

EARNING THE UNIFORM

When Explorers first start the Academy, they are required to have three forms of clothing: business attire, such as a suit, Class B uniform and physical training gear, including a T-shirt and shorts. They are taught to pay attention to grooming standards and how to keep their clothing presentable and up to code. One thing the staff wants the recruits to learn is to plan ahead and have their clothing prepared beforehand. This includes ironing and removing any stray threads.

During the first month of the Academy, recruits wear business attire. By the fourth week, most of those who were not going to continue the program have already dropped out. As they had not yet been required to purchase uniforms, their parents were not left with an unnecessary \$100 expenditure. Recruits begin wearing their Class

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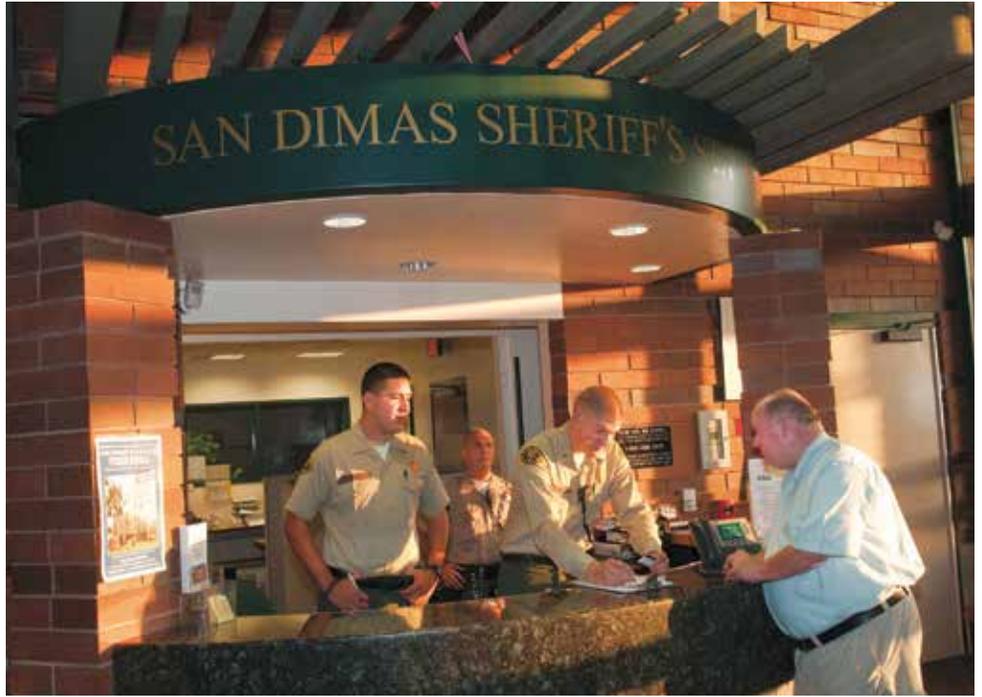
Explorers in the classroom



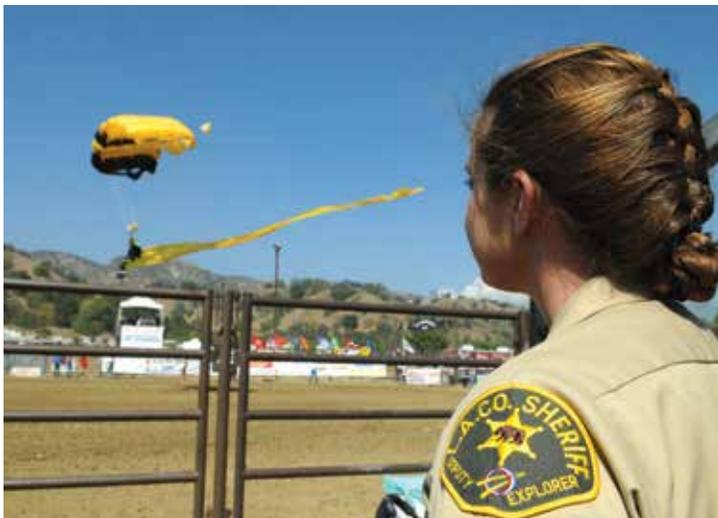
Explorers take notes during a lecture



An Explorer searches for evidence



Explorers working the San Dimas Station front counter



An Explorer works the San Dimas Rodeo



An Explorer directs traffic at the San Dimas Rodeo.



A staff instructor inspects a female Explorer cadet.



A staff instructor inspects Explorers.

B uniforms during the fourth week. It includes a clear plastic nametag holder with their name written on a piece of white paper. Shoulder patches and a cloth badge would be added later. If the class makes too many mistakes, they have to go back to wearing business attire. Once they get their act together, they are allowed to change back into their uniforms. After the midterm exams and a colors run, the Explorers earn their shoulder patches and cloth badge.

EXPLORER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The LASD Explorer Leadership Institute (ELI) is a program designed to enhance the skills of those holding positions of rank within their posts and to prepare them for staff positions at the Explorer Academy. This five-day program is held at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, where participants live in military housing units and eat at the mess hall. During the training, leadership and organizational classes are held, along with other activities and presentations. Due to limited space and funding, only 20 to 25 hand-selected Explorers are eligible to attend ELI.

Before Sergeant Roller took charge of the Explorer Program in 2012, the deputies in charge of ELI would just transport the Explorers to Camp Pendleton where the Marines would train them. When the Marines ran out of things to talk about, they would either place the Explorers in formation and yell at them until they cried or involve them in physical training two or three times a day. Roller didn't see this as accomplishing the goals of ELI, so he restructured the curriculum. Instead of wasting their time, Explorers were now taught concepts about leadership, behavior, mentoring others, managing meetings, and creating interesting and informative presentations. They also learned how to assist their post advisor at the station. Textbooks were created and, instead of just lectures, more interaction between the staff and students was encouraged. Explorers became active participants in their education and

training, which was now conducted by deputy sheriffs, not Marines.

Physical training was relegated to just a segment of the day where fitness was presented in a manner the teens could use for the rest of their lives. Explorers who pass the program are eligible to wear the distinctive ELI pin on their uniform, along with a rocker shoulder patch.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

On June 28, 2000, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Boy Scouts of America had the constitutional right to exclude homosexuals from being scout leaders, LAPD withdrew their Explorer program from the Boy Scouts. Since the name "Explorer" was trademarked by the Boy Scouts, LAPD began referring to their former Explorers as cadets. The Exploring logo and manual were trademarked by the Boy Scouts and could not be used without its permission. So, for years, LAPD operated without a policy and procedures manual. Later, this omission would lead to a major scandal involving its cadet program. Sheriff Lee Baca, however, held a different view than LAPD, stating that the Boy Scouts of America had been around for a long time and was highly respected. "Even though they excluded homosexuals from their program," Baca stated, "everyone knows my position, and I'm not excluding anyone, so we are going to continue our relationship with the Boy Scouts. We are going to be open to everybody."

The City of West Hollywood, along with the City of Los Angeles, didn't want to be associated with the Boy Scouts of America. Even though West Hollywood is policed by the Sheriff's Department, it does not have any Explorers. Avalon Station on Catalina Island has had Explorers in the past, but once those teenagers grew up, there were no others to take their place. So right now, there are no Explorers on the island.

LAPD CADET SCANDAL

After LAPD's Explorer program broke off from the Boy Scouts of America's Explorer Program in

2000, it spent the next 17 years operating without a manual of policy and procedures. Station captains were encouraged to recruit more cadets, and a station with 300 officers could have just as many, if not more, cadets. Needless to say, there were not enough officers to keep track of this many kids. The station's two community relations officers supervised the cadets, but they only worked 40 hours a week, so there was no one to supervise on weekdays after hours or on the weekends.

So many cadets were hanging around the station that the officers got to know and trust them, sometimes even giving them keys to move vehicles. There were incidents where a cadet standing nearby would memorize the password as an officer logged on to a computer, thus gaining access to the department's computer system. An officer at 77th Division, who wanted to be one of the "cool guys," befriended many of the teens and became sexually involved with a 15-year-old cadet. He was in charge of checking equipment in and out, so, to dissuade the girl and other cadets from disclosing his illegal affair, he began checking out radios, Tasers and car keys to the kids. The cadets would get marked and unmarked radio cars and drive them around, even being so brazen as to drive them to school. Impersonating LAPD officers, they conducted traffic stops and confronted prostitutes.

A sergeant from 77th Division was assigning patrol vehicles for the next day and couldn't find one of the cars. Checking video footage from the station parking lot, a teenage girl could be seen driving the car in and filling it with gas. He advised all officers to be on the lookout for this car because he didn't know who was driving it. Later that night, an officer spotted the missing car sitting side-by-side with another patrol car, both of which were being driven by LAPD cadets. When the officer activated his emergency lights, the vehicles took off, with the officer in pursuit. Both vehicles crashed and the cadets were taken into custody.



An Explorer on a patrol ride-along



An Explorer uses the radio on a patrol ride-along.



Explorers clear a bus during the North County Explorer Competition.



Explorers working the San Dimas Car Show



Explorers working the Lancaster Poppy Festival



An Explorer directs traffic at the Lancaster Poppy Festival.



An Explorer takes notes on a patrol ride-along.



Parking control at the San Dimas Rodeo

Six cadets from 77th Division and one from Pacific Division were arrested. During the investigation, the cadet program at both divisions was suspended, and Chief Charlie Beck personally arrested the officer who was sexually involved with the 15-year-old cadet.

NEWS INVESTIGATION

After the LAPD scandal hit the news, a reporter from the *Los Angeles Times* interviewed Sergeant Roller, asking what safeguards were in place to prevent the same thing from happening with the LASD Explorer Program. Sergeant Roller showed the reporter his revised Explorer Manual and explained that, unlike LAPD's situation, where one adult was responsible for hundreds of kids, the Sheriff's Department's ideal was to have one adult supervising no more than 10 Explorers.

The reporter was given a copy of the manual, and Sergeant Roller additionally pointed out that, due to the presence of inmate workers inside the patrol stations, car keys and radios were not left lying around. The reporter went back to the LAPD commander, whom she had previously interviewed, and gave him a copy of the Sheriff's Department's manual, saying, "You may want to use this."

The L.A. City Office of Inspector General, along with command staff from LAPD, contacted Sergeant Roller several times inquiring about the Sheriff's Department's Explorer Manual, which they ultimately used as a template to create their own LAPD Cadet Manual.

After this enormous scandal, the L.A. City Fire Department realized the benefits of being part of the Boy Scouts of America and have since gone back to that program. LAPD is also negotiating to have its cadet program return to the Boy Scouts as well.

YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAM

Learning for Life, a youth character education program also affiliated with the Boy Scouts, provides a two-hour Youth Protection Program where adults are taught what is and is not appropriate behavior when dealing with minors. The large number of personnel on the Sheriff's Department makes it difficult to train everyone, so Sergeant Roller contacted all the patrol station captains and suggested they select 10 deputies to attend the program. These deputies would be the only ones with whom Explorers could go on ride-alongs. The Explorer advisors at each station were trained, and in turn, trained the deputies. In keeping with

the safeguards from the Youth Protection Program, Sergeant Roller periodically placed articles in the *Star News* highlighting the thousands of hours volunteered each year by deputy Explorers.

FUTURE PLANS

Deputy Rising developed a plan for Explorers who were 18 and had graduated from high school to be hired as LASD cadets. They would be required to attend college half of the time and then work four hours a day for the Sheriff's Department in non-hazardous, minimum-wage positions. Every six months, they would be rotated to a different assignment, thus gaining exposure to a variety of jobs. By the time they were 20 1/2 and old enough to become a deputy, they would have a well-rounded knowledge of various aspects of the Department. Unfortunately, the plan was never implemented.

SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM

The Explorer Academy could be very stressful. Only those who really wanted it would complete the rigorous and demanding training. When they stood proudly at graduation, there was a

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tremendous sense of accomplishment. In many cases, their young lives were forever changed. Parents were impressed and strongly approved as they watched their teens learn to follow orders and be respectful to others.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Deputy Explorer Program has been very successful at molding thousands of teenagers into responsible, compassionate, independent and self-confident adults. Through support and encouragement, they learn to interact with the community and hone the skills necessary to serve not only as deputy sheriffs, but in other positions as well, such as custody assistants and dispatchers. Teens can look back on their time as deputy Explorers with great pride and, regardless of what the future holds, enter adulthood with a solid foundation of experience and confidence.

Edited by Jan Jenkins (ret. LASD). ☆



An Explorer works the Air Show



An instructor observes Explorers during the competition.



Explorers working the Los Angeles County Air Show at Fox Field in Lancaster



Explorers observe a crime scene at the North County Explorer Competition.



Explorers clear a building at the North County Explorer Competition.



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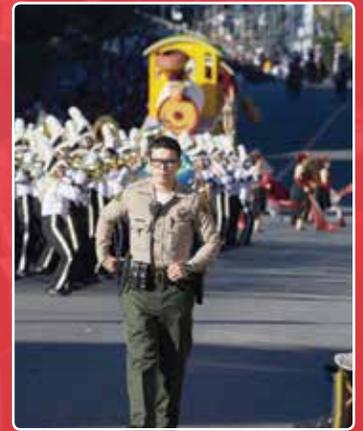
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LASD *at the* Rose Parade

The Sheriff's Department was out in full force on New Year's Day, protecting the tens of thousands of people who gathered in Pasadena for the 131st annual Rose Parade. Deputies were stationed throughout the event, keeping a watchful eye on the crowds as colorful floats, marching bands, equestrian groups and more made their way along the 5.5-mile parade route. Department personnel were also working behind the scenes fielding calls and monitoring the event from afar to ensure that the parade went smoothly. Photos by Daniel Deitch and Chris Miller. ☆





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By Deputy Yesenia Holwager
Community College Bureau

LIFESAVING ACTIONS

While assigned to L.A. Mission College, Sheriff's Security Officers Eric Lopez and Dominique Lewis-Williams recently responded to an adult male who suffered a heart attack and collapsed during an event hosted on campus. Upon arrival, they discovered the male was unresponsive and not breathing. The two officers began performing CPR and continued for over 10 minutes until the arrival of paramedics. The male patient survived due to their lifesaving actions. Great job!

25 YEARS AND STILL COUNTING

Community College Bureau Captain Rodrick Armalin recently presented L.A. Mission College's



team leader, Deputy Sukarno Brown, with his 25 years of service pin. Deputy Brown transferred to Community College Bureau from Carson Station and has been assigned to the Bureau since July 2006. Thank you for your commitment to service, and we hope to have you at CCS for many more years to come.



PROMOTION

Congratulations to former Community College Bureau Detective Robert Ruiz, who recently promoted to sergeant. Sergeant Ruiz brings a lot of

knowledge to his new home at the Inmate Reception Center. Congratulations!

THANK YOU FOR 36 YEARS OF SERVICE

Deputy Reginald D. Ducree, Southwest College's team leader, finally did it! After 36 years, he hung up his Danners and slipped on his retirement slippers. A celebration took place at the Proud Bird in Los Angeles honoring his service since August 1983 when he began with LASD Academy Class #219. During his career, Reggie worked at Biscailuz Center Jail, Norwalk Station, G.E.T. (Temple/Industry), O.S.S. (Lennox/Lakewood) and Community College Bureau. Best of luck to you, Reggie, as we know you will make the best of retirement through your travels.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

On December 11, Community College Bureau celebrated with a holiday luncheon that was attended by more than 80 people. Even though our Bureau is spread out over 882 square miles and nine college campuses, we all gathered together at Steven's Steak House in the city of Commerce for an incredible holiday feast. Congratulations to the recipients of the raffle and door prizes, and a special thank-you to our staff who worked hard to make this gathering a success. Wishing everyone a safe new year with good health and prosperity! ☆



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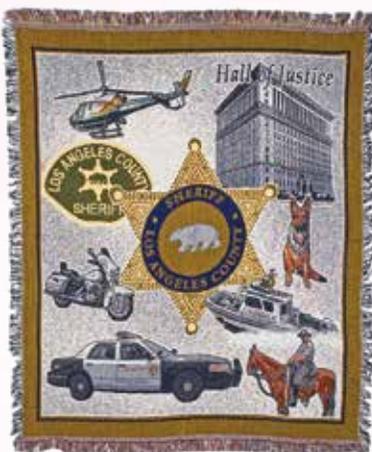
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By PAB Staff
Personnel Administration Bureau

CONGRATULATIONS

There has been a lot of upward movement at Personnel Administration Bureau (PAB) in the past few months. This is a testament to the great people we have in our Bureau. Captain McBride and PAB staff understand that in order to retain the best employees who will lead our Bureau as we continue on our mission, we must have a path and offer opportunities to employees.

To that end, PAB would like to congratulate Esmeralda Ramirez on her recent promotion to assistant director, bureau operations. Esmeralda began her career with Los Angeles County

as a student worker over 35 years ago. Esmeralda worked various assignments throughout the county at the Internal Services Department, Department of Children and Family Services, Office of Public Safety and Probation Department.

Esmeralda joined the Sheriff's Department in 1988 as a Payroll Clerk II. Since then, Esmeralda flourished within the human resources realm, assuming roles in Sworn and Civilian Civil Service Examinations, Personnel Processing and Compliance, Recruitment Unit, Injury and Health Support Unit, and the Pay, Leaves and Records Unit.

Esmeralda's wide range of knowledge and experience made her one of the Department's





leading subject-matter experts in human resources, and we are fortunate to have her. Congratulations, Esmeralda!

2019 HIRING EFFORTS

PAB ended 2019 on a high note, with an abundance of new hires for both sworn and professional staff. We look forward to achieving Sheriff Alex Villanueva’s hiring goals in 2020.

- Deputy sheriff trainee applications received: 20,822
- Deputy sheriff trainees hired: 1,060
- Deputy sheriff trainees graduated: 695 (Data as of December 12, 2019)

The above data demonstrates a significant improvement in our hiring of sworn personnel compared to last year. Not only did we receive 13 percent more applications than in 2018, we also hired 51 percent more deputies. Of those,



52 percent more deputies graduated in 2019 than in 2018.

On another note, professional staff saw a significant increase in new hires as well. In 2019, 548 professional staff were hired in comparison to 206 in 2018. That’s a whopping 162 percent increase! Amazing work by all involved to help our Department continue to flourish and grow.

PAB HOLIDAY PARTY

During the December holiday season, PAB had its annual holiday party at X-Lanes in downtown Los Angeles. The evening was filled with great food, fun, laughter and some very nice

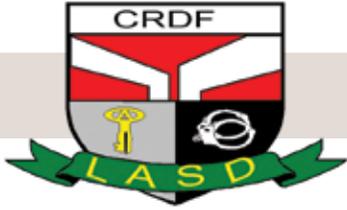
prizes! Because we know everyone loves photos, here are some of the memories made at our holiday celebration.

SHERIFF’S HOLIDAY SOCIAL

On December 10, Sheriff Villanueva hosted a holiday social to commemorate his first year as sheriff for our great Department. Many PAB employees had the opportunity to greet and share a photo with the Sheriff. The Recruitment Unit showed up in full force. He thanked the unit for their hard work and dedication, and challenged them to move forward with the same commitment in 2020. Challenge accepted! ☆

☆ **IN MEMORIAM** ☆

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| MARK L. MCKENZIE | RETIRED 11-27-01, DECEASED 12-6-19 | SERGEANT/NORWALK |
| DEBORAH E. MOORE | ACTIVE 12-15-19, DECEASED 12-15-19 | RN-1/MSB-TTCF |
| VIVIAN M. RINEHART | RETIRED 03-31-00, DECEASED 12-02-19 | SR. COOK/IRC |
| HENRY R. ROBERTS | RETIRED 11-16-98, DECEASED 12-02-19 | DEPUTY IV/TST STATEWIDE |
| MICHAEL E. STALEY | RETIRED 03-30-16, DECEASED 12-16-19 | DETECTIVE/ MAJOR CRIMES |
| LARRY P. WILSON | RETIRED 07-01-97, DECEASED 12-07-19 | SERGEANT/TST |
| DENNIS E. WINKEL | RETIRED 03-18-91, DECEASED 12-18-19 | DEPUTY/COURT SERVICES WEST BUREAU |



By Sheriff Morsi

Century Regional Detention Facility

WELL, HELLO THERE!

I was clearing out my emails and came across a very old voicemail from Mr. Gary Jones, Temple Station reserve deputy, telling me how disappointed he was when he opened a *Star News* magazine and didn't find the Team Temple article. He commented about how he looked forward to reading my article every month. His message truly touched my heart. Mr. Jones, it's been a very long time, but here I am... Let's hope I don't add any more entries to my PRMS profile.

THE MEN AND WOMEN OF CRDF

Firstly, I want to start with a quick reflection of my experience in Custody Division. I worked custody for a mere 18 months after the Academy and didn't return for 15 years. When I was in patrol and other assignments that followed, people typically looked down at custody deputies. They were seen as lazy, inferior, subordinate, not go-getters, etc. Unfortunately, I had some of those same feelings. It didn't take me long at CRDF to realize how wrong I was. These young (and older) men and women are some of the hardest working, professional, passionate and dedicated deputies and custody assistants I have worked with. The tasks they have to complete, the oversight, the scrutiny, the pressure, the changing inmate population, the changing custody environment as a whole, and of course, double bunking are *nothing* that any Department member can understand or appreciate unless they experience it themselves.

These folks come to work, deal with the chaos of a jail, get assaulted, get gassed, get yelled at, get cursed at and have their actions second-guessed on a daily basis. Yet, they come back the next day, don their uniform and do it all over again. If that's not dedication and professionalism, I don't know what is. To all the ladies and gentlemen assigned to Custody Division, I bow in respect. Patrol is a walk in the park compared to what you do each and every day. Please keep your compass pointing in the right direction.



LIFESAVERS

In 2017, Deputies Mariela De La Torre, Adriana Espinosa, Anayancy Acosta and Jessica Guardado acted quickly and performed CPR on an inmate and saved her life. For their professionalism, courage and reverence for human life, they were recognized and recently awarded the Lifesaving Award. Congratulations, folks, well done!

CHILI ANYONE?

A lot of work and energy went into preparing for the Fun in the Sun Chili Cook-Off. Our custody assistant of the year, Cristina Martinez, took the lead on the theme and decorations. She went out and purchased plywood, paint and supplies for the props. She wrangled some artistic inmates and went to work creating our *It* movie theme. Our custody assistant of the century, "Geno," coordinated all the logistics. He gathered his four-page list of "stuff" (supplies), ordered more "stuff" and packed the van. I spent six hours putting 35 pounds of beef, 20 onions, 30 jalapeños, 50 cloves of garlic, 20 cans of beans (yes, beans, sorry to all the authentic chili connoisseurs out there) and 5 cups of homemade chili powder together

to make a "small" batch of award-winning chili. Yes, award winning, you just didn't know it because the event was canceled.

We were all pumped up, costumes were purchased (boy, did my mask stink), and we were all looking forward to a great time. Then came the email and phone call the day before: "*As of 11:45 a.m., the Chili Cook-Off is canceled!*"

So, what do you do with 20 gallons of chili when the event is canceled the day before it's supposed to happen? Sell it, of course. We were able to sell the chili at CRDF and gave the proceeds to the Special Olympics of Southern California. Thank you to all who helped.

GUITARS, TRUMPETS AND VIOLINS

Sheriff Villanueva coordinated a mariachi performance at CRDF. The event was about the humanity behind a jail cell. "Every person is worthy and deserves respect as a human being," said Sheriff Villanueva. "Just because they are here in jail does not mean they stop being human, or they stop feeling or stop thinking about their family members. We all have to think about loved ones that are inside the jails and in the hospitals on this Christmas Day. It's very important."

But it was not just for the inmates. It was Sheriff Villanueva's hope that mariachi fans among the deputies and staff at CRDF would become enchanted by the sounds of the guitars, trumpets





and violins, uplifting their spirits in appreciation of their commitment and dedication in service to others.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Sergeants Desiree Johnson and Maria Aikin reached out to the Lynwood Worship Center

seeking a family to adopt this holiday season. They were told about a grandmother who had custody of her grandchildren. Her husband was recently involved in a serious car accident and was still hospitalized. Our dynamic duo went to work and solicited donations from their partners



and local businesses. The overwhelming generosity of all involved raised enough money to not only give the family a complete holiday meal, a live Christmas tree, tree decorations and gifts for everyone, they were able to adopt *two* families. They reached back out to the center and learned about another family with two daughters and a son who was in a coma that needed a little holiday cheer.

Sergeants Johnson and Aikin, you humbly said it was a team effort, but without your vision and tenacity, this wouldn't have happened. *Thank you!*

CRDF ROARING '20S

CRDF's holiday party was a huge hit. From casino night to dancing to great food to recognitions, everyone had a blast. The party committee did an amazing job with the planning, organizing,

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decorating and fundraising. Special thanks to Senior Mark O'Donnell for ramrodding the event and to Mr. Altha Hines for his amazing photography. Captain Gealta presented the following awards:

- Sergeant of the Year: Stacie Dobine
- Senior Deputy of the Year: Jose Perez Zavala
- Deputy of the Year: Jesus Barco
- Custody Assistant of the Year: Cristina Martinez
- Professional Staff of the Year: Valerie Bradford

Man, those plaques look *amazing*, don't they? If you are interested in having some made for your staff, your partners or yourself, let me know, they were handcrafted by yours truly.



CHANGE OF COMMAND

We received awesome news that Captain Diana Gealta will be Commander Diana Gealta. Under Captain Gealta, many great things happened at CRDF. Ma'am, it has truly been a pleasure working with you. You are one of the most dedicated, passionate, compassionate and professional captains I have worked with. I had the pleasure of working directly with you over the last two years and I am blessed to have picked up a few golden nuggets of knowledge and wisdom from you. Thank you for all you've done for CRDF!



HO! HO! HO!

Once again, Sergeant Desiree Johnson went out of her way to take care of our troops. She coordinated a very special visit from a very special person. Santa Claus paid a visit to CRDF to greet our staff and bring joy to those who had to work during the holiday party. *Thank you*, Santa. The staff loved it, especially the candy bars.



As one captain goes, one captain comes. Welcome back Captain Angela Walton (that has a nice ring to it, doesn't it). Captain Walton has been on the Department for 24 years and was previously assigned to CRDF as a lieutenant from 2013-2018. We look forward to your support, leadership and vision of CRDF's future.

Wishing everyone a healthy, safe and prosperous 2020.

Until next time, have fun and do the right thing! ☆



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