



# FBINAA | CA NEWSLETTER

FBINAA California Chapter Newsletter

November 2024

## Message from our 2024 Chapter President— Randy Goddard



Dear Members of the FBINAA, California Chapter,

As the year comes to a close, I want to express my incredible optimism for the future of policing. Over the last four years, a small minority have had a one-sided voice in the mainstream media to demonize our profession. Although our profession is imperfect and will always find ways to improve, we are not the enemy that some have continually portrayed us as.

We chose this profession and have dedicated our lives to the service of others, which holds immense responsibility and significance. The silent majority of Americans have now spoken and I firmly believe, plus remain hopeful, that the defunding and anti-police critics will diminish. The rule of law is essential in holding the fabric of our Republic together, and this will be embraced as the narrative moving into the future.

It is truly an honor to be part of the strongest law enforcement network in the world. I am proud to stand alongside each of you as we continue our unwavering commitment to upholding the highest standards of integrity, service, and excellence in our communities.

Wishing you all a peaceful, healthy and prosperous new year.

Warm regards,

*Randy Goddard*

FBI National Academy Associates, Inc.,  
California Chapter  
FBINA Session 267



*"When you have a dream, you've got to grab it and never let go."*

*- Carol Burnett -*

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPTER HISTORIAN

Hello members,

As this year comes to a close, I hope you can look back with a sense of peace and hope that things within our country and around the world are improving. This has been a busy and for some, an emotional year. In our newsletters we have been updated on what the four Divisions within the California Chapter have been up to. Pay attention to the Holiday luncheons coming soon in your Division, you won't want to miss them!

In the last newsletter, I wrote about member **Hal Barker**, who had a very interesting career having been both a Police Chief and a Sheriff, who attended Patty Hearst's wedding after helping to save her life, and helped a President board a plane and get out of town after a female attempted to assassinate him. Since that article I have had members who knew Hal, contact me and give me further information, which led me to reach back out to Hal for a follow up. What I found out was that Hal actually had a photo of himself at the wedding with Patty Hearst, (shown below). I also found out that Hal was the proud recipient of the J. Edgar Hoover medal for "Excellence in the Study of Law Enforcement" (also shown below). I wasn't aware that there was a J. Edgar Hoover medal, does anyone know of any other member who holds one of these prestigious medals?



A young Hal Barker is shown on the right of the photo next to Patty Hearst



Hal Barker's J. Edgar Hoover medal of excellence.



I am sure there is more to Hal's very interesting career and a big thank you to those members who followed up. As Hal had been the Chief of Folsom PD, I followed up with the current Chief, Rick Hillman and found that although Chief Hillman had not attended the FBINA, he was a strong supporter and one of his Lieutenants, Louis "Lou" Wright, had recently graduated from Session 291. For those members who know Chief Hillman, please thank him for his support and those who know Lou, please invite him to our next luncheon and encourage him to get involved in the FBINAA, as we are all a great bunch!

CONGRATULATIONS to Lieutenant **Louis Wright** with the Folsom Police Department, who graduated in September from **Session 291**.

**\*\*LOOK FOR LOU'S NA EXPERIENCE IN THE 2025 NEWSLETTER**







## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT— MIKE & DENISE SELLERS, NA 237 & 199

In March of this year, retired Santa Clara police chief **Mike Sellers, NA 237** and his wife, retired Gilroy Police Chief **Denise Sellers, NA 199**, traveled to New Zealand after a year of planning. Denise serves as the IPA (International Police Association) Associate Travel Secretary to New Zealand and Malta and had visited NZ several times, making lifelong friendships. Mike had never been, so off they went on a “trip of a lifetime”.

They began on the North Island in Auckland and ventured to the South Island, all the way experiencing the warm Kiwi hospitality. Everyone was so welcoming, kind and helpful. The Sellers stayed in Papamoa for the first few days, which is a beautiful beach community. From there they drove (on the opposite side of the road!) to Lake Taupo and stayed in the New Zealand Police Holiday Homes (contact Denise to learn about renting these), which were across from the lake and near loads of amazing restaurants and shops. Not to mention absolutely gorgeous scenery.



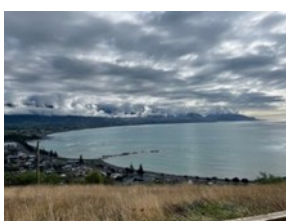
Mike and Denise at Lake Taupo, New Zealand

Harry & Lynn Quinn,  
Ret. NZ PD and  
FBINA #199<sup>th</sup> Class-  
mate



From Lake Taupo, the Sellers drove to Masterton to meet up with an FBI National Academy alum **Harry Quinn, NA 199** and his wife Lynn. Denise and Harry had been in the same session at the FBINA back in 1999, “The Last Centurions”. The couples had a wonderful visit with a fun time reminiscing about careers and retirement! They toured the countryside together enjoying the local meats of lamb, venison and chicken!

After the FBINA reunion, the Sellers headed to Wellington. They then caught a ferry to Picton and made their ways to Kaikoura, another coastal town known for its abundant wildlife, dolphins, seals, whale, a variety of birds and for record sized crayfish (Lobster).



On the left are the Views  
from Kaikoura –

On the right we see Denise  
keeping warm in her NA  
fleece!



In April they were in Christchurch, where they attended an IPA meeting at the new police headquarters, the former station having been destroyed during the massive earthquake in 2011. Afterward they were able to experience the Christchurch Tramway (hop on, hop off), boarding the old style cable cars and hopping on and off for a few beers and ice cream while touring the city. Some of the sights included seeing the remaining damage from the earthquake, such as the historic Christ Church Cathedral and surrounding buildings. Plus, visiting the War Memorial and the Earthquake memorial. All very humbling sites.



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CONT.. MIKE & DENISE SELLERS

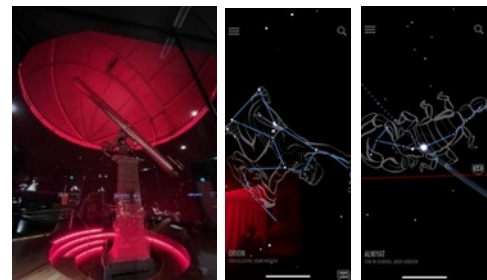


New Zealand Police Headquarters plus the war and earthquake memorials

The Sellers left Christchurch and traveled south to Lake Tekapo, an area known as one of the top 7 places in the world to view the Night Sky. They toured the Mt. John Observatory and went up to a crater to view the constellations, looking through 5 different high-powered telescopes, which they stated was a highlight of their trip. They finished New Zealand by visiting Te Anau and the rainforest.



Church of the Good Shepherd and Lake Tekapo



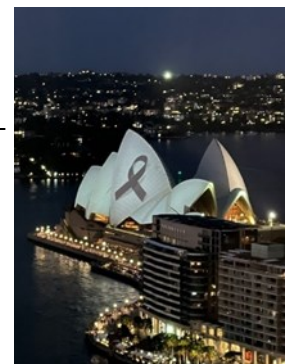
Dark Sky Tour at Mt. John Observatory

After departing New Zealand, the Sellers got to experience Australia, they flew to Melbourne where they drove the Great Ocean Road, saw Koalas, Kangaroos, Native Birds and the coastline. They also enjoyed wine in the Yarra Valley. Lastly, they flew to Sydney for 3 nights to visit the Opera House, walk the Sydney Bridge, shop in the Rocks District and visit the police museum. Unfortunately, the day the Sellers arrived at the Westfield Mall at Bondi Junction, 6 people had been stabbed to death. Bystanders had stepped in to help stop the offender, but ultimately the New South Wales police ended up shooting him. The whole country was in mourning and from the hotel, the Sellers could see a rare site of a ribbon lit up on top of the Opera House as a tribute to those who were killed in the senseless violence.

Even when traveling, you must stay aware of your surroundings and stay vigilant.

If you are interested in learning more about the IPA, visit the website at [IPA-USA.org](http://IPA-USA.org). or contact Denise and Mike.

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# MEMBER EVENTS



One of our Past Presidents, **Wayne Ikeuchi, NA 182**, took the opportunity to attend the FBINAA European Chapter Conference which was held this year in Oslo, Norway. Not only did he get to meet with Oslo's military personnel, but he also met another California Chapter member, **Janet Thiesen, NA 190**.



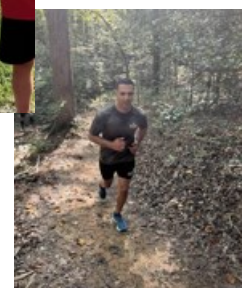
CONGRATULATIONS to Lieutenant **Louis Wright** with the Folsom PD, who also graduated in September from **Session 291**.

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One of our newest members who graduated from **Session 291**, Captain **Robert William**, with the City of Glendale, shared his pictures of International Night at the FBI National Academy (left), along with him running the Yellow Brick Road and finally showing off his yellow brick (right).

CONGRATULATIONS ROBERT!





# MEMBER EVENTS CONT...

FOURTH VP ELECT ATTENDS THE IACP CONFERENCE IN BOSTON AND MEETS WITH SESSION 269 MEMBERS



Fourth Vice President elect for 2025, Tricia Seyler Campbell attended the IACP NAA reception in Boston and was able to meet up with some of her 269 Session mates, shown here:

Left to right: Chief Justin Lovvern, Greenville, AL/ Assistant Director Mark Adamchik, FLETC/ Major Ed O'Carroll (Retired), Fairfax County, VA/ Tricia/ Major Kathryn Mone, York County Sheriff's Office, ME/ Deputy Chief Brian Pupa, Wilmington, MA





# SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION: 3rd Vice President Jim Macedo

Hello members,

On September 20, 2024 the Sacramento Division held its fall luncheon at the Tracy golf and country club in Tracy California. The event was organized by FBINAA Sacramento area representative Jason Russo and Tracy police and FBINA alumni **Chief Sekou Millington** and his Command Staff.

This event was a barbecue luncheon with a case presentation of a cold case homicide solved by the Benicia Police Department. The appetizing lunch and interesting presentation was followed by several of the attendees enjoying a game of golf at the conclusion of the event.

Both California past president, **Daman Christensen** and past president **Kevin Jensen** were in attendance. Retired special agent supervisor **Todd Irinaga, NA 262** was also in attendance representing Gallo winery, one of our most reliable sponsors. Also, in attendance representing First Tactical was FBINA alumni **Troy Broddrick**, who retired from the Stockton Police Department. We would also like to thank Modesto Police Chief, **Brandon Gillespie** (who recently graduated from the FBI National Academy) and his command staff for attending and supporting the event.

In other news, Undersheriff Rachelle Whiting, NA 288, from the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office, was recently appointed Sheriff of Calaveras County. I'm sure if Whiting's appointment was approved 5-0 by the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors she will fill out the remainder of retired Sheriff Rick Dibasilio's term.





# SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION CONTINUED...

### QUARTERLY LUNCHEON: (DECEMBER 5TH, 2024)

We have a fabulous Christmas luncheon in store for you at the Randy Peters Catering Event Center in Roseville on December 5th. Come and network with other members while eating a wonderful Christmas lunch. The lunch is being sponsored by BOSCH Video Security Systems, so a BIG THANK YOU to BOSCH. Details at this link [t.ly/w9IL7](https://t.ly/w9IL7)



**Congratulations to those who graduated from Session 291, we look forward to seeing you all at our lunches:**

- Kern Co SO - Chief Deputy **Erik Levig**
- Selma PD - Chief **Rudolfo Alcaraz**
- Folsom PD - Lt. **Lou Wright**
- Sacramento PD - Captain **Vance Chandler**
- LA: CHP- Lt **Anthony Horner**

**We wish every success to those attending the Fall Session 292:**

- CAL ABC - Dep Chief **Luke Blehm**
- Modesto PD - Captain **Robert Reyna**
- Sac Co SO – Lt. **Mark Lopez**, North Division
- Tracy PD – Captain, **Octavio Lopez**
- SF: CHP Lieutenant **Andrew Beasley**

3rd Vice President, Jim Macedo, NA 262

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# SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...

## 2025 YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

### Tentative application schedule:



- **Starting November 29th, 2024-**

Applications available from the Chapter's YLP Coordinator

- **February 3rd, 2025 -**

Deadline for initial applications to be submitted by the applicant to the Chapter's YLP Coordinator to be considered to interview for selection.

- **March 28th, 2025 -**

All Candidate Nominations Packages from Chapters/Associations are due to the FBINAA National Office.  
**NO CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**

- **April 11th, 2025 -**

Final vetting/selection of YLP students will be made by the National Office and Chapters/Associations will be notified of their candidates acceptance.

- **April 18th, 2025 -**

Acceptance letters and other pertinent information will be sent to candidates.

- **June 19th, 2025 -**

Program commences; Students arrive and are picked up at Reagan National Airport.

- **June 27th, 2025 -**

Program ends; Students graduate and return home.



# SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION: 1st Vice President, Scott Savage.



On October 17, the San Francisco Division was pleased to host our quarterly luncheon in Santa Clara, thanks in large part to the efforts of Area Representative Mike Kihmm, and to welcome our guest speaker, Bob Cooke. A law enforcement veteran with over forty years of service, Bob currently serves as the law enforcement coordinator for the Western States Information Network (WSIN).

WSIN serves as a government funded clearing house for active investigations, serving to deconflict overlapping investigations and to prevent blue on blue tragedies. WSIN provides a valuable service in ensuring officer safety through their deconfliction efforts, while also bolstering investigations by alerting agencies who unknowingly share the same target. Additionally, WSIN provides analytic support and equipment upon request.

Approximately 25 attendees were present for this meeting.



## UPCOMING EVENTS—The annual San Francisco Division Holiday lunch



Scheduled for **Wednesday, December 4** at the Spinnaker Restaurant in Sausalito. Look for the announcement in your email.  
Details at this link:

[t.ly/PzZTK](https://t.ly/PzZTK)



## SAVE THE DATE

As a reminder, the Alameda County range event is already scheduled for Friday, May 9, 2025. It's never too early to get this one on your calendar.





# *SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...*

## **PERSONNEL UPDATES**

Congratulations are extended to graduates from Session 290 and to those who are now attending Session 291.

San Francisco Division graduates from **Session 291** are:

- **Luther DuPree**, Oakland Housing Authority Police Department
- **Adam Lobdell**, San Benito County Sheriff's Office
- **Ignacio Reyes**, Daly City Police Department
- **Matthew Snelson**, Fremont Police Department
- **Danny Warner**, Salinas Police Department

Currently attending **Session 292** are:

- **Dwayne Collard**, Hercules Police Department
- **Andrew Meehan**, San Francisco Police Department
- **Gus Mora**, Alameda County Sheriff's Office
- **Juan Rocha**, Gilroy Police Department

As always, we are seeking to keep our membership up to date with respect to promotions, retirements, and changes in agencies. If you are aware of any of these changes, please send an email to [sanfranciscovp@fbinaacalifornia.org](mailto:sanfranciscovp@fbinaacalifornia.org) so that the information can be published in future newsletters and in the NA Associates magazine.

Scott Savage

FBINAA California Chapter, 1st Vice President

NA Session 237

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# SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SAN DIEGO DIVISION 2nd VICE PRESIDENT:

Hello San Diego Division members,

As this year comes to a close, myself and your Chapter Board will be focusing on the 2025 State Conference, which will be in San Diego. It promises to be an excellent conference with timely and relevant information, so keep a look out for the "save the date". Now I ask all of you who are able, to come and join us for the quarterly luncheon, Holiday Edition at the Singing Hills Golf Club and get the Christmas Season started.



**FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
CALIFORNIA CHAPTER  
San Diego Division

*Season's Greetings*

Please join us for  
**2024 Quarterly Luncheon  
Holiday Edition**

 Monday, December 9	 Singing Hills Golf Club 3007 Dehesa Road El Cajon 92019	 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
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You are welcome to invite a guest, especially one who may be interested in attending the National Academy!

Cost \$30, per person (tax and tip included).  
Includes formal catered meal and networking.

Please RSVP by visiting:  
[tiny.cc/SD2024DecLuncheon](https://tiny.cc/SD2024DecLuncheon)

Questions? Contact Alex Hernandez at [sandiegovp@finaacalifornia.org](mailto:sandiegovp@finaacalifornia.org)



## CONGRATULATIONS:

Be sure and check out the Glad and Sad news pages for those who have been promoted, retired and passed on, but let us mention two San Diego Division members who we wish to congratulate.



On December 9th, the Coronado Police Department will introduce their new Police Chief **Paul Connelly, NA 275**. We wish Paul all the best in his new position.



On November 13th, the Oceanside Police Department promoted Assistant Chief **Taurino Valdovinos, NA 281** to Chief of Police. Congratulations T!





# SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS

## **Congratulations to our FBI National Academy attendees:**

### **San Diego's graduates from the 291st Session are as follows:**

- **Jonathan George**, Captain, San Diego Harbor Police Department
- **Jorge Gomez**, Deputy Chief, Clovis Diego Police Department
- **Kenneth Lawrence**, Lieutenant, San Diego County Sheriff's Department
- **Ricky Radasa**, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department
- **Bradley Ducat**, Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps

### **Our candidates currently attending the 292nd Session are as follows:**

- **Donald Holmes**, Deputy Chief Investigator, San Diego County District Attorney's Office
- **Charles Lara**, Lieutenant, San Diego County Police Department
- **Ruben Medina**, Captain, San Diego Sheriff's Office
- **John Lee Alvarez**, Sergeant, University of California San Diego Police Department

We look forward to seeing our new graduates at our upcoming lunches and we wish our current attendees all the best.

Let's share with the other Divisions what we are doing. Contact me, your 2nd VP, Alex Hernandez, [sandi-egovp@fbinaacalifornia.org](mailto:sandi-egovp@fbinaacalifornia.org) and let me know.



# LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS

## A MESSAGE FROM LOS ANGELES DIVISION:

Greetings, As we head into the fourth quarter of 2024, I can't believe how fast the year has gone by. Area Representative **Adam Affrunti, Session 281**, put on a great networking luncheon at **Disneyland** in early September. The event was well attended and we had a great presentation put on by the Disneyland staff.



## 4th QUARTER LUNCHEON: CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND NETWORKING ON DECEMBER 19TH.



Will be held at the Ventura County Sheriff's Todd Road Jail Facility (located at 600 South Todd Rd, Santa Paula, CA 93060) on Thursday, **December 19th** from 10:30-1 pm. We will start the event with a tour of the new Ventura County Sheriff's Office Therapeutic Inmate Management Unit (TIMU), which is one of the first in the State. Afterwards, we will hear a presentation on a recent case involving "Cannabis-Induced Psychosis" that attracted international media attention from the lead prosecutor and the lead homicide investigator. I will be sending out the flier and instructions to sign up for the event mid-November. A delicious lunch will be provided by the Ventura County Sheriff's Department. This is an event that you won't want to miss! A special thank you to **Sheriff James Fryhoff, session 261**, and Assistant VCSO Sheriff **Andrew Salinas, Session 253** for hosting this event.

Sign up information can be found here: [t.ly/hch4q](https://t.ly/hch4q)







# LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...

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### PLANNING FOR 2025:

Your Area Representative, Adam Affrunti, and I are starting to plan our 2025 Quarterly luncheons. If you or your agency is willing to offer up your Department, we will handle the rest. Please email either Adam and I if you are interested. We are always looking for ideas on locations and topics to cover for our quarterly luncheons so please email us your ideas

### NATIONAL ACADEMY GRADUATES:

**Session 291** graduated on September 12, 2024. Congratulations and I hope you stay engaged and active in our association. The graduates include:

- Capt. Michael Ezroj, Seal Beach PD
- Lt. Ryan Vienna, LASD
- Cmdr. Ashraf Abdelmuti, Orange Co. SO
- Capt. Lorenzo Glenn, Anaheim PD
- Lt. Sam Morovich, Riverside Co. SO
- Capt. Robert William, Glendale PD

**Session 292** started their FBINA experience on September 30, 2024 and will be graduating on December 12, 2024. They include:

- Lt. Ryan Lee, LAPD
- Lt. John Hill, Santa Ana Unified School District PD
- Lt. Brandon Wiebeld, San Bernardino Co. SO
- Lt. Dustin Tomicic, Chino PD
- Lt. Jaime Martinez, Pomona PD
- Capt. Landon Phillips, Hermosa Beach PD
- Cmdr. Rocky Marquez, Oxnard PD

**Personnel Updates:** (Please look in Glad and Sad News at the end of the Newsletter for all updates)

As always, we are seeking to keep our membership up to date for promotions, retirements, and changes in agencies. If you are aware of any of these changes, please email [losangelesvp@fbinaacalifornia.org](mailto:losangelesvp@fbinaacalifornia.org) so the information can be published in future newsletters and the NA Associates magazine.

Christopher Williams, NA 273- 4th Vice President (LA Division)  
FBI National Academy Associates, Inc.,  
California Chapter  
Assistant Chief, Oxnard PD

## GLAD NEWS:

Congratulations go out to:

For Promotion:-



- Many congratulations to our very own Chapter Past President, **Josh Ehlers, NA 259**, who is being promoted to Chief (January 1, 2025) with the California Highway Patrol (CHP). Josh will lead the CHP's Information Management Division, based at the Department's headquarters in Sacramento and will serve as the Department's Chief Information Officer. This is the nation's fifth largest police department's information technology, telecommunications, cyber security, and computer crimes investigations command. Way to go Josh!



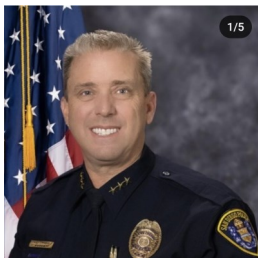
- Congratulations go out to **Rachelle Whiting, NA 288**, who was sworn in as the first woman Sheriff of Calaveras County. We wish Rachelle much success in her new role.



- Congratulations to our Past Chapter President, **Eric Sonstegard**, who was appointed as the Assistant City Manager of Oxnard. Eric retired from Oxnard PD as the Assistant Police Chief and moved to Colorado as the Chief of Edgewater PD, so we are happy to get Eric back to our Chapter.



- On November 13th, the Oceanside Police Department promoted Assistant Chief **Taurino Valdovinos, NA 281**, to Chief of Police. Congratulations T!



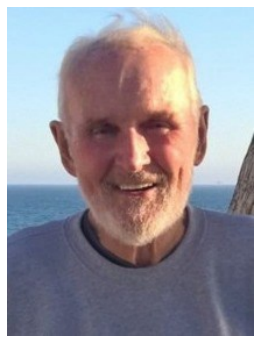
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## SAD NEWS:

Condolences go out to family and friends of the following:



- **Lawrence "Larry" Edgar Maxson, NA 99**, who was born December 18, 1929 and passed away on September 13, 2024. At 16, Larry enlisted and served six years in the U.S. Army. He was a Veteran of WWII, including the occupations of Japan and Germany. Following his military service, Larry embarked on a distinguished 32-year career in the Azusa and Ukiah Police Department. His dedication and hard work were recognized when he graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy. Larry's greatest achievements were raising his loving family, caring for friends, and enjoying hiking and the outdoors.



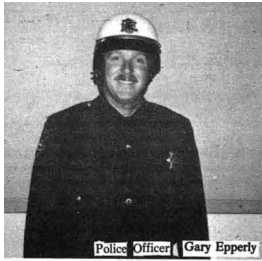
- **John Albert Schmidlin, NA 165**, passed away peacefully at age 86 surrounded by his family. He was raised in Bridgeport, CT. His was a fire department family. His grandfather and two uncles logged 115 years of continuous service with the Bridgeport (Ct.) Fire Dept. John was an Eagle Scout and graduated from Bridgeport Central High School. He earned a B.A. in Political Science from California State University Hayward and graduated from the FBI National Academy – Quantico, VA. John served with the Marine Corps from 1956 to 1959, achieving the rank of sergeant. He enlisted with the Army's 101st Airborne

Div. at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in 1960. John subsequently completed Army Airborne, Special Forces training at Fort Bragg, NC, Infantry Officer Candidate School Fort Benning, GA, followed by Army Ranger School, then 44th Ranger Co. He served three class cycles as a cadre in the Infantry Officer Candidate School 1963-65. During the Vietnam War, John served with the 25th Infantry Div. at rifle company level as a Captain. John's principal awards included the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart. While at Fort Benning, John met Donna Finney. They were married in 1964 and welcomed daughter, Tamera, in 1965. After active military service, John embarked upon a career in law enforcement spanning over 25 years. He served first in the San Francisco, California Bay Area, with the Richmond and Belvedere Police Departments, and retired from the Westbrook, Maine Police Department as a Captain – Field Operations – in 1996, following relocation back to Monterey, CA; John was employed by The Social Security Administration until full retirement in 2002. John met his second wife, Cynthia, in October 1977. They were married three months later. John and Cynthia enjoyed a marriage of 46 years. John was an avid reader and enjoyed gardening and long walks. During his law enforcement career, he became a dedicated pistol marksman and demonstrated a lifelong commitment to physical fitness.



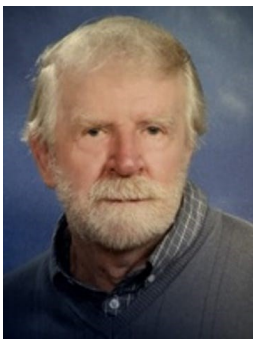


## SAD NEWS CONTINUED :



- Our sympathy goes out to the family, friends and loved ones of **Gary Epperly, NA 135**, who retired from the San Francisco Police Dept. and passed on July 7th, 2024.

During his 30 years on the force, Gary detailed in crime prevention, the solo motorcycle unit, the helicopter unit, robbery detail and the Chief's Office. Gary also participated in the Police Youth Program, mentoring students interested in police work. His excellent work ethic combined with being instrumental in the formation of special events such as the police department's Christmas party at Shriner's Hospital and local events celebrating National Police Week led to his promotion to Sergeant. After his promotion, he served as the special assistant to Chief Con Murphy and was nominated to attend the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia, graduating in 1983. Upon his return, he was heavily involved in the Special Details Unit which only served to highlight his superior skills regarding security provision. He was later recognized throughout the state for his liaison work with the motion picture industry, and for several years he was lead liason for the Blue Angels security detail during the city's annual Fleet Week. These extraordinary experiences and efforts solidified his reputation within the VIP security field which led to his promotion to Lieutenant. In 1992, he retired from the SFPD but transitioned to serving in the Mayor's Office of the City and County of San Francisco for the next 4 years. During this time, he established a business designed to partner with others in continuing dignitary protection of VIPs through private contracts. In the fall of 2008, after a prolific career full of many accomplishments, Gary decided to fully retire, desiring to spend more time with his family.



- Our sympathy also goes out to family and friends of **Malta Gerald King, NA 82**, who passed away on September 16, 2024, at the ripe old age of 91 in Santa Paula, CA. Born on May 13, 1933, Mal was a revered figure in the community, known for his intelligence, kindness, and devout faith. Mal graduated from Ventura High School and later attended the University of Southern California. His commitment to public service was evident through his distinguished career. He first served with the Ventura County Sheriff's office before joining the District Attorney's office, where he served as the Chief Investigator for 28 years. He went on to become

the Executive Director of the Ventura Region Criminal Justice Planning Board for 10 years. His exemplary skills were recognized nationally when he attended the FBI National Academy in 1968, where he graduated first in his class.

He was a passionate individual with diverse interests including reading, writing, and sports such as tennis, jogging, and walking. Above all, Mal cherished spending time with his loved ones.

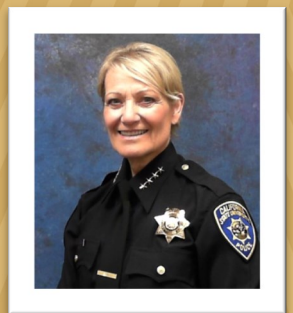
## NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

**BIG REMINDER FOR THOSE BEING PROMOTED, TRANSFERING TO ANOTHER AGENCY OR RETIRING...PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL INFORMATION, SO THE CHAPTER CAN STAY IN TOUCH AND KEEP YOU UPDATED. THANK YOU!**

## Contact Us

Please call our Historian, Gina Di Napoli, if you have information you would like to have put in the Newsletter or if you have information you feel our members would enjoy reading.

We are also interested in any events which would include our members.



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