

FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES, INC., CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



FBINAA California Chapter Newsletter

May 2018

Message from our Chapter President



Hello everyone! I hope that you have had a good start to the year and are enjoying the lovely spring weather. Before we know where we are it will be summer and time to head to the National Conference in Quebec, Canada. Following that, in September, it will be the Chapter Retrainer in Lake Tahoe, so if you haven't registered, don't delay.

Time waits for no man, or woman!

Talking of time, the time to renew your membership (if you haven't already) is NOW! If you haven't renewed you will be reading this on some other member's computer as you will no longer have access to the website. If you know of a member who hasn't renewed, please have them call National or get hold of a Board member who has the 2018 renewal forms and will help get them back onboard.

California is currently the biggest Chapter, but the New York and Florida Chapters are working hard to overtake us. So, please reach out to other members and encourage them to renew if they haven't already. We cannot do this without your help.

As a Chapter, we are lagging behind National's membership renewal trend for 2018. The statistics are as follows:

FBINAA, National – 87% or 14,748 have renewed as compared to 17,019 members in 2017.

California Chapter – 81% of last year's members have renewed. 210 have not yet renewed – Since last month's report, we had 23 members renew.

*“Efforts and
courage are not
enough without
purpose and di-
rection.”*

JFK

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Renewal Statistics by Division:

Sacramento Division – 84% of last year's members have renewed (44 have not yet renewed). Since last month's report, we had 8 members renew.

San Francisco Division – 83% of last year's members have renewed (55 have not yet renewed) Since last month's report, we had 7 members renew.

Los Angeles Division – 79% of last year's members have renewed (82 have not yet renewed) Since last month's report, we had 5 members renew.

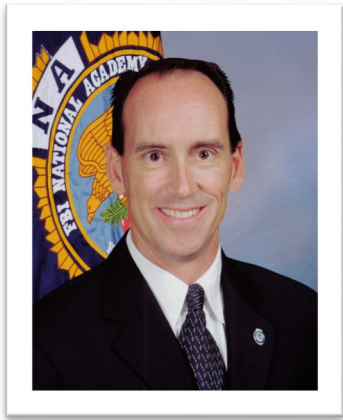
San Diego Division – 76% of last year's members have renewed (29 have not yet renewed) Since last month's report, we had 3 members renew.



- 2018 FBINAA CHAPTER OFFICERS MEETING AT NATIONAL -

Every year the FBINAA holds a Chapter Officer's meeting at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA. This year it took place the week of March 5th. Chapter officers include the President, secretary and Treasurer. This year the FBI invited the group to tour "The FBI Experience." The FBI Experience is a self-guided tour at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. which features interactive multimedia exhibits, content, and artifacts (including a number of items from notable cases on display for the very first time) that help illustrate the importance of the Bureau's work in protecting the nation. The Chapter Officers learnt how the Bureau operates in the field, at Headquarters, and within communities across the country. They also gained a rare look inside the organization's investigative divisions, laboratory resources, professional occupations, and more. The photo depicts the Chapter Officers who attended, including the President, Secretary & Treasurer from each of the 44 domestic and 4 international Chapters.

THE CALIFORNIA CHAPTER BOARD



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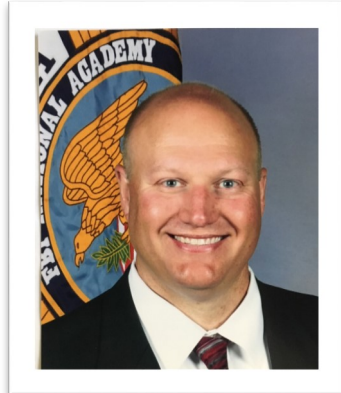
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3RD VP: CRAIG CHEW



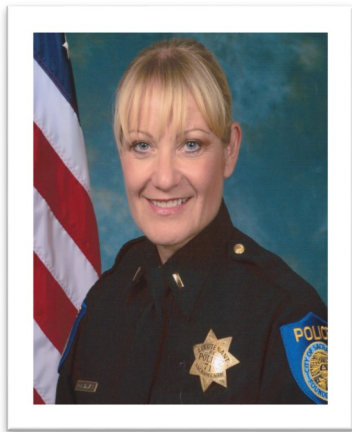
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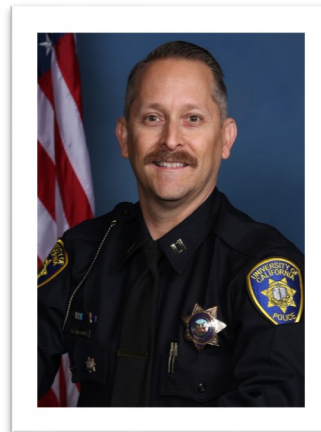
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MEET THE SECTION 1 OFFICERS



Section 1 Photo:

First Row: L to R: Pam Ojeda, President - Nevada Chapter; Daniel Hendrickson, President – Oregon Chapter, Tim Braniff – Section I Representative; Johnnie Adams – 1st Vice President National Board; Unknown; Mohammad Rafaqat, Secretary/Treasurer – Nevada Chapter; Shirley Cote, President – Alaska Chapter

Second Row: L to R: Jim Gallagher, 2019 National Conference Co-Chair – Arizona Chapter; Rich Benson, Secretary/Treasurer, Arizona Chapter; Max Santiago, Secretary – California Chapter; Kimberly Edmondson, President – Montana/Idaho Chapter; Paul Applegate, Vice President – Hawaii Chapter; Unknown; Steve Stahl, President – Arizona Chapter; Steve Shaw, Secretary/Treasurer, New Mexico Chapter; Florence Simon, Treasurer – Washington Chapter

Last Row: L to R: Mike Barletta, President – California Chapter; Greg Olson, Secretary/Treasurer – Oregon Chapter; Unknown; Unknown; Unknown; Scott Behrbaum, President – Washington Chapter; J. Mark Nunley, President – New Mexico Chapter; Bobby Cravalho, Secretary/Treasurer – Hawaii Chapter; Unknown; Cris Trulsson, Treasurer – California Chapter

Max Santiago is the Chapter Secretary and can be contacted at 858-461-9968 or at maxie.santiago@gmail.com if you need any assistance with renewing your membership, receiving Division and Statewide notifications of FBINAA events, or just simply have a question about the FBINAA.

THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (YLP)



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS



It was twenty years ago, in 1998, when the Youth Leadership program began, it was a different Century. Since then, a very select group of youngsters ranging from 14 to 16 years, have had the opportunity to attend this very prestigious program. So what is YLP? YLP is a taste of the National Academy and takes place at Quantico, VA. Every graduate of the National Academy knows the pride, comradery, knowledge and experience that is gleaned by attending, so how wonderful to sponsor a child and have them experience that same excitement and feeling of accomplishment.

Each year sixty (60) students are selected from a rigorous, competitive application process to attend the Program. Last year 60 students came from across the United States, representing 42 States, Germany, Puerto Rico and Peru. The students will get to be a part of a week-long intensive leadership program, focusing on core subjects, such as; ethics, leadership, values and choices, goal setting, bullying, accountability, social media and financial responsibility. Who wouldn't want our children and grandchildren to be taught all that at a young age?

In addition to classes, the students get to visit museums and monuments in our Nation's Capitol, including the National law enforcement officers memorial, the Holocaust museum and Arlington National Cemetery. All in all, the students complete 42 training hours and 10 physical training hours (I did say it was a taste of the National Academy!)

Since 1998, a total of 912 students have graduated from YLP and these students are really the cream of the crop, so if you have or know of a student who you believe is exceptional, because these students really are, please encourage and sponsor them to apply for the greatest program they are ever likely to experience.

THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (YLP) CONT...



FBINAA YLP California Chapter Graduates

Session	YR	Name	Division	Sponsor	NA Session
1	1998	Paul Chang	Los Angeles		
2	1999	Robert Anderson	San Francisco		
2		Jack Fritz	San Diego		
7	2004	Kate Kelly	San Diego		
8	2005	Connor McGill	Sacramento		
8		Aaron Ortiz	Sacramento		
9	2006	Angela Matern	Los Angeles		

As of March 2018

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS...

Please look at the chart above, highlighting the students names. Missing is the name of the student's sponsor and the sponsor's session number. If you know the student or their sponsor and can help fill in the blanks, please contact Immediate Past President, Ken Tanaka at Kenneth.tanaka@wvm.edu. Thank you.

Aaron Ortiz	Sacramento
Allison Whealton	Sacramento
Angela Matern	Los Angeles
Blaine Fletcher	San Diego
Brittany Simon	San Francisco
Chloe Bonini	Sacramento
Colleen Tanaka	San Francisco
Collin McKinney	Los Angeles
Connor McGill	Sacramento
Elena Helm	San Francisco
Everett West	Los Angeles
Gabriel Prieto	Los Angeles
Garrett Sonstegard	Los Angeles
Haley Peterson	Los Angeles
Hannah Sonstegard	Los Angeles
Jack Fritz	San Diego
Jamie Gerhardt	Los Angeles
John Velasco	San Diego
Juliana Kihmm	San Francisco
Justin Deras	San Francisco
Kate Kelly	San Diego
Katie Fracolli	San Francisco
Kristen Troxell	Sacramento
Kyle Ikeuchi	Sacramento
Mackenzie Fairow	San Francisco
Molly Klausen	San Diego
Nicholas Mitchell	Sacramento
Paul Chang	Los Angeles
Rebecca Bell Saul	San Diego
Revanna Gonzalez	San Diego
Robert Anderson	San Francisco
Robert Incontro	Los Angeles
Roberta Roy	Los Angeles
Sean Babcock	Sacramento

THE CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP



The California Chapter is proud to announce the college scholarship program for the **children and grandchildren of associates**. The names of the scholarship recipients will be announced at the State Conference in Lake Tahoe on September 12, 2018.

The Guidelines for Scholarship Awards:

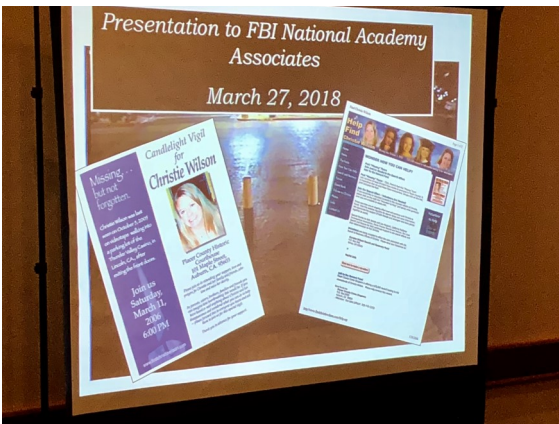
Applicants must be a child, step-child, adopted child or grandchild of an active Association member in good standing, or a deceased member of the Association.

Scholarships shall be awarded to applicants who are enrolled as a student in any accredited college, university, or academy approved by the Scholarship Committee. Accreditation may be verified through the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education.

Awards are limited to one scholarship each calendar year during which the scholarship was awarded. Priority is given to those students who have demonstrated academic achievement by completing at least 30 semester units—or 45 quarterly units— while maintaining a minimum course load of 12 semester units—or 18 quarterly units—and an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher

An application may be downloaded at: FBINAA California Chapter Resource Library at: goo.gl/WNFdC3 or requested via electronic mail at: FBINAA@citrusheights.net. Please note, all completed applications must be post marked no later than June 30, 2018. Please submit applications to the Vice President of your respective Division.

Sacramento Division News



The Sacramento Division held a very interesting luncheon in March. One to wet the appetites of all those who enjoy listening to a complicated and challenging case come to completion in a successful prosecution.

The Sacramento Division's luncheon was held at Red Hawk Casino in Placerville on 27 Mar 2018. The meeting was hosted by Supervising Investigator Shawn Eastman, NA 245th of the El Dorado District Attorney's Office and coordinated by California Chapter 1st Vice President Daman Christensen, NA 242nd. Investigators from the Placer County District Attorney's Office provided an in-depth debriefing on the investigation and prosecution of Mario Garcia in the 2005 homicide of Christie Wilson at the Thunder Valley Casino in Lincoln, CA.

The case was extremely difficult to prosecute because the victim's body was never located. Through DNA evidence and other innovative investigative techniques, Garcia was convicted and sentenced to 59 years to life in prison.

First Vice President Daman Christensen can be contacted at: FBINAA@citrusheights.net.

2018 Re-Trainer at the Ritz!

Sept. 10-13

As many of you are well aware, the 2018 California Retainer Conference will be hosted by the Sacramento Division.

The venue is the North Lake Tahoe Ritz Carlton. Registration is now open! The conference will focus on "the not too distant future of law enforcement" with topics such as Intelligence Led Policing, Evidence Based Policing, Autonomous Driving, and Small Unmanned Aerial Systems, plus much, much more. **Learn more or register at <https://fbi2018.regfox.com/2018-fbinaa-california-chapter-retrainer>.**



North Lake Tahoe Ritz Carlton

Sacramento Division News Cont...

Promotions and Transfers:

- Congratulations to Mark Schanrock with Folsom PD, who was recently promoted to Commander.
- Talking of Folsom PD, big congratulations go out to Chief Cynthia Renaud, who left Folsom after 7 1/2 years, to take over as Chief of Santa Monica Police Department. We wish Chief Renaud well in her move back down to Southern California. Commander Hillman of the Folsom Police Department takes over as Police Chief. Congratulations Chief Hillman, let's hope you get to join our NA family.



Chief Cindy Renaud

The new Chief of Santa Monica PD, is a FBINAA graduate, from session #214.

Sacramento Graduates from Session #270:

- Lt. Robert Lenke, Fairfield Police Department
- Lt. Rudy Chan, Sacramento Police Department
- Capt. Bimley West, Merced Police Department
- Capt. Greg Baarts, California Highway Patrol
- Lt. Chad Lewis, Ranch Cordova Police Department
- Major Ryan Barton, US Air Force Security Forces

Sacramento Graduates from Session #271:

- Lt. Joshua Simon, Roseville Police Department
- Assistant Chief Paul Vincent, California Highway Patrol
- Lt. Rodney Rego, Stockton Police Department
- Captain David Griffin, Lodi Police Department

Los Angeles Division News

The first quarter of 2018 brought tragedy in the Southern California law enforcement community once again as Officer Gregory Casillas of the Pomona (CA) Police Department was shot and killed on March 9th as he attempted to arrest a man following a vehicle pursuit. After the suspect fled on foot entering an apartment, officers attempted to make contact with the suspect as he fired through the door striking officers. New Pomona Police Chief Michael Olivieri (NA #267) bravely led his department through this tragic event. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chief Olivieri, the family of Officer Casillas, and everyone at the Pomona Police Department.

Los Angeles Division Associate George Johnstone (NA #263) visited the FBI National Academy in March for a ceremony to induct four graduates into the Hall of Honor. Approximately 70 members of session 263 were in attendance as well as members of the fallen officers' families. The current in residence session, #271, was also present for the ceremony. The below photos depict the newly remodeled wall commemorating all graduates killed by adversarial action as well as the members of session 263 in attendance. Members travelled from as far as Wales, Germany and across the country to pay their respects. Clint Greenwood's son and daughter and Patrick Weatherford's wife were present for the ceremony (both were graduates of session 263). Francisco Prieto of Chihuahua, Mexico was represented by family and members of his department and James Barber of Alexandria, Virginia, belatedly inducted, was represented by family members and department members.



The wall at Quantico, VA depicting those graduates killed in the line of duty and family and friends from near and far who came to witness the ceremony and pay their respects.

Eric S. Sonstegard, 2nd Vice President
FBINAA-California Chapter
246th Session

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Los Angeles Division News Cont..

DIVISION KUDOS

- Kudos to Derek Williams (NA #263) on his selection as the Police Chief for the Ontario Police Department. Derek had previously been serving as the Interim Police Chief. Way to go, Derek!
- Congratulations to David Valentin (NA #226) on his appointment to the position of Chief of Police for the Santa Ana Police Department. Great accomplishment, Chief!
- A double congratulations goes out to Ed Medrano (NA #220) as he recently retired as Police Chief of the City of Gardena but will now be the City Manager of Gardena. Way to go, Chief!
- [Fontana police Chief Robert Ramsey to retire May 5; Capt. Billy Green named successor](#)
- Michael Olivieri (NA #267) had been appointed the Interim Police Chief for the Pomona Police Department in the last newsletter...and now he's been appointed the Police Chief! Congratulations, Chief!
- Congratulations to Steven Kea (NA #260) on his recent retirement from the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Well deserved, Steven!
- Congratulations to Joe Cusimano (NA #244) on his recent retirement from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. Congrats, Joe!

DIVISION GRADUATES

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new graduates of the recent FBI National Academy from Sessions #270 & #271 and currently in attendance is Session #272.

Session #270:

- Horace Boatwright—San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department
- Link Dinh—Montebello Unified School District Police Department
- Jeff Hallock—Orange County Sheriff's Department
- Brad Keller—Montebello Police Department
- Tom McNeal—Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Jim Titiriga—Torrance Police Department

Session #271:

- Rick Bessinger—San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department
- Jeff Bratcher—Los Angeles Police Department
- Dean Capelletti—La Habra Police Department
- Richard Davis—U.C.L.A. Police Department
- Ron Driscoll—Murrieta Police Department
- Eric McBride—San Bernardino Police Department
- Joseph Williams—Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Los Angeles Division News Cont..

OUR UPCOMING DIVISION GRADUATES

Currently in attendance

Session #272:

- Dean Brown-Ontario Police Department
- Japhet Hom-Los Angeles Police Department
- Marjory Jacobs-Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Brendan Kirkpatrick-Bell Gardens Police Department
- Guate Svendsbo-Huntington Beach Police Department
- Rogelio Maldonado-Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Message from Los Angeles Division, 2nd Vice President Eric Sonstegard:

If you know of any NA graduates from the Los Angeles division that would like to share their recent retirements, promotions or change in agencies, send me an email for future newsletters and posting in the NA Associates magazine. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in hosting a future lunch meeting or have questions in general about the NAA. We are always looking for new locations and training topics for our quarterly luncheons.

Eric S. Sonstegard, 2nd Vice President
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Los Angeles Division News Cont..



LAPD is about to get a new Chief as Chief Beck vacates the post in June.

The race to replace Chief Charlie Beck as head of the Los Angeles Police Department has come down to three finalists.

The Los Angeles police commission has pared down its list of nominees. According to the Los Angeles Times, they are Robert Arcos, Michel Moore, and Bill Scott. It now becomes Mayor Eric Garcetti's decision.

Arcos, a deputy chief at the LAPD Central Bureau, has worked in the department since 1988. He has worked in patrol, gangs, vice and narcotics, along with other management roles. More importantly, Bob Arcos is a FBINA graduate from Session #225 (same session as our Historian, so as a fellow graduate and classmate, that is who she will be rooting for!

Moore, first assistant chief in the office of operations, is a 37-year-veteran of the department and has also worked in patrol, gangs, and narcotics, in addition to counter-terrorism.

Scott is the San Francisco PD's current chief, attaining that role after 27 years with the LAPD. He was deputy chief of LAPD's South Bureau before heading north.

Good luck to all three candidates!

San Diego Division News

The San Diego Division of the FBI National Academy Associates, Inc., California Chapter held a meeting at the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Headquarters, in San Diego on 27 Mar 2018. The meeting was hosted by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department and coordinated by California Chapter 4th Vice President Eric Thunberg, NA 255th. The guest speaker was Dr. Ben Aaron, President Reagan's Cardio-Thoracic surgeon who operated on Reagan immediately after his assassination attempt, almost exactly 37 years ago.



4th VP Eric Thunberg presents Dr. Aaron



Attendees discussing the presentation, as like any major event, it brought back memories.

Promotions:

Congratulations to Dave Nisleit, who was appointed Chief of the San Diego Police Department. Chief Nisleit began his career with SDPD 30 years ago and is a proud graduate of FBINAA Session #258. Congratulations Chief Nisleit!



Congratulations to Mark Stainbrook, who was appointed Chief of Police for the San Diego Harbor Police Department. Chief Stainbrook rose through the ranks of LAPD, retiring as a Lieutenant. He has over 31 Years of Military Service, and is currently a Lt. Colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve. He is also a proud graduate of FBINAA Session #240. Congratulations Chief Stainbrook!

- **4th VP Eric Thunberg, Session #255, was promoted to Captain this quarter (April), so congratulations go out to him as well. Well done Eric!**

Retirements:

- Jimmy Walker, Session #254, retired April 2018. We wish you all the best in your retirement!
- Congratulations to SDPD Captain Mark Hanten, a graduate of Session #269, who also retired in April.

4th VP Eric Thunberg can be contacted at ethunberg@chulavistapd.org

San Francisco Division News

The San Francisco Division of the FBI National Academy Associates, Inc., California Chapter held a meeting at Facebook on 15 Mar 2018. The meeting was hosted by Facebook Security Manager John Day, NA 245th, and coordinated by California Chapter 3rd Vice President Craig Chew, NA 248th.



Chapter Officers: L to R— 3rd VP Craig Chew, NA 248th; Secretary Max Santiago, NA 214th; Immediate Past President Ken Tanaka, NA 228th; and Past President Kevin Jensen, NA 222nd.

John Day Briefing – John Day, NA 245th



The attendees.

Still to come in 2018 is another luncheon and BBQ, plus our ever popular Holiday Lunch to wrap up the year. The Annual Shoot-Off hosted by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office will be held June 22 in Dublin, CA., always a fun time. The Fall lunch has yet to be determined, but the Holiday luncheon is set for December 6th, 2018 at the Berkeley Country Club in El Cerrito.

I encourage you all to attend the FBINAA functions, training and events this year. It is a great way to engage with other members, meet new people with common interests and enjoy the special camaraderie that we all share as graduates of the National Academy, in addition, it shows your support for the Division. I especially encourage those of you who wish to hear relevant, dynamic and unique information, to attend our LEEDS training. This promises to be one of the best yet and it is an opportunity for us to help revitalize the Napa Area.

3rd VP Craig Chew can be contacted at Craig.Chew@acgov.org or fbinaa.sf@gmail.com, 925-383-1663.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SACRAMENTO DIVISION

- September 10 - 13th, California Re-trainer at the Ritz Carlton at Lake Tahoe
- Quarterly lunches -TBA

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

- Friday, June 22nd 2nd Quarter Luncheon-Location TBA
- September 12-13th, FBINAA California Chapter Annual Re-Trainer, Lake Tahoe
- Friday, December 14th, Holiday Luncheon-Location TBA

SAN DIEGO DIVISION

- Tuesday March 27th. 1st Quarter Luncheon -Location and speaker TBA.
- December 18th, Holiday Luncheon—Tom Ham's Lighthouse. Speaker TBA.

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

- June 22nd, Annual Shoot-Off and BBQ, hosted by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Dublin, CA
- Fall Luncheon—TBA
- December 6th, Holiday Luncheon— Berkeley Country Club, El Cerrito, CA

LATEST NEWS AT TIME OF WRITING

GLAD NEWS:

San Diego PD announced that the new SDPD Chief will be Dave Nisleit, who is a NA grad from Session #258. We wish him much success in his new position and send him many congratulations.

SAD NEWS:

- Richard Madrid, 61, a retired Lieutenant from Burbank PD, CA. A graduate of Session #172, passed away on 12/3/17.
- Robert M. Salas, Ventura D.A., Graduate in 1983 of Session #135, passed away on February 2nd.
- Our sympathies go out to the Madrid and Salas families, friends and loved ones.

Contact Us

Please call our Historian Gina Haynes 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.

Gina Haynes

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