

FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES, INC., CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



FBINAA California Chapter Newsletter

September 2018

Message from our Chapter President



Dear California Chapter NA Associates,

I hope you've had an enjoyable summer, and I assume you would be looking forward to Fall as much as I am. We've had an extremely hot summer here in San Diego with a few more weeks of heat to go.

Here in California, along with the heat comes fire, and I know that many of you have suffered through some of the worst fires in California's history, and we are just getting to the middle of the traditional fire season now. Please take care of yourselves and your subordinates as you all continue to serve the citizens of California.

The FBINAA Charitable Foundation has stepped up to the plate a number of times, providing much needed money to our members who have suffered a loss this year, particularly due to fire. I would ask that you consider making a tax-free contribution to the FBINAA Charitable Foundation at <https://fbinaafoundation.org/support-the-foundation/>

Take care of each other, and be sure to read the December newsletter to find out all about your newest Board members and read about the exciting events going on around the state.

Mike Barletta, President
FBINAA-California Chapter
NA #222

"Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is about growing others"

Jack Welch

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CALIFORNIA GRADUATES OF SESSION #272

Congratulations go out to the recent graduates of the FBINAA, Session #272, which graduated in June. We look forward to having them as new members and I am sure they will carry that pride and sense of accomplishment with them as they continue on in their careers. If you see or know any of our new graduates, please shake their hand and welcome them into the Chapter. Being the largest Chapter, we have a reputation to uphold and to set an example. Let us do this by encouraging those who are following in our footsteps. We have much to learn from each other and if you continue reading, you will see another one of our members who got to leave his legacy at the WWII museum this year.



- 2018 FBINAA CALIFORNIA GRADUATES OF SESSION #272 -

California graduates of Session #272, which graduated in June of this year are:

L—R : Yesenia Sanchez, Jason Russo, Rich Williams, Brian Stevens, Derek Rush, Michael Reid, Kurt Schlehber, Ray Hernandez, Gaute “Bo” Svendsbo, Jason Vorhauer, Mark Harris, Brendan Kirkpatrick, Dean Brown, Giachino chiramonte, Jason Hedden, Rogelio Maldonado, Chad Bell and Marjory Jacobs. Missing is Japhet Hom.

CALIFORNIA GRADUATES OF SESSION #273

FBINA, Session #273, is the most recent graduating class, so when they return please take the time to welcome them back and be sure to congratulate them, as we all know, graduating from the FBINA Academy is a lot of work and much to be proud of.

Here is a look at what our California attendees have been up to.



The California classmates

Dave Vautrin (El Monte PD)



George Calderon (San Diego SD), Joey Fender (Los Angeles SD), Scott Smallwood (Gridley-Briggs PD), Pete Brindley (Redding PD), Cary Goldberg (San Ramon PD), Alma Zamora (San Mateo SO), and Oscar Ortiz (Napa SO) at International Night.



Gus Paiz (Desert Hot Springs Police Dept) Chris Williams (Oxnard Police Department)

CALIFORNIA MEMBERS AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN QUEBEC



Members of the California Board and Past Presidents celebrate with incoming National President Johnny Adams.

Historian, Gina Haynes, gets to meet Susan Naragon (from National) who is the lady responsible for collating the information for Chapter Chat.



Incoming President, Johnny Adams



Dressing for the gala included them men putting on their finery, including a pair of NA cufflinks on an initialed shirt!



Classmates from Session #225 come to the National Conference to meet up once a year....this is now their 12th year!



Sights around Quebec

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

ACTOR GARY SINISE INVITES 80TH SESSION NA GRAD TO WWII MUSEUM



A driver collects Bert in a stretch limo.



D-Day exhibit in the museum.



Bert with his veteran's cap and his yellow brick

Those of you who read the National Magazine may remember an article I wrote a couple of years ago about **Bert Seymour**, who I believe is our oldest CONTINUING member at 94 years old. Bert graduated from the **80th Session** in 1967 and has been a member ever since.



Bert's FBINA class back in 1967.



Another view of the D-Day model



Bert with wife Nancy, daughter Jean and personal docent.

Bert retired as a Chief Deputy from the Ventura County Sheriff's Department and was one of the first Deputy Sheriffs' hired after World War II. If you were fortunate to have been at the Sacramento Christmas luncheon in 2016, you will have heard Bert speak. He is an extremely knowledgeable man with some great stories. His wife Nancy has been very active in his career and some of their earlier stories of police procedures are hilarious.

Bert, his wife Nancy and daughter Jean accompanied Bert in March of this year (2018) to the WWII museum in New Orleans, LA. Thanks to the Gary Sinise Foundation, who arranged and paid for Bert to attend the museum in order to get Bert's oral history of his time during the war. Bert maybe 94 yrs old, but his memory is still sharp and his attention to detail, impeccable!

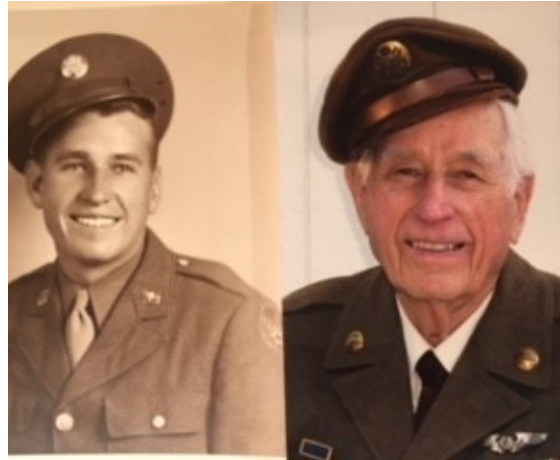
Bert enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was sent to San Bernadino, Gulfport, MI, before being deployed overseas. First to Scotland then to Snetterton Heath, Norwich, England. Although WWII was fought on two fronts, the Pacific and Europe, Bert's focus was Europe. Bert talked at length about the B-17s, known as the workhorse of WWII, (apparently there are many hanging in the museum). During the war, the Germans would shoot down the planes, take and repair the working ones, then infiltrate the allied formations to shoot down more planes. A system was devised to prevent this by putting alphabetical markings in a shape on the tail, this code, unknown to the Germans, would allow the allies to immediately recognize an enemy. In addition, the fuselage of the planes were also painted white using 400lbs of paint. This practice was later stopped in order to save money.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CONT...

80TH SESSION NA GRAD DURING WWII



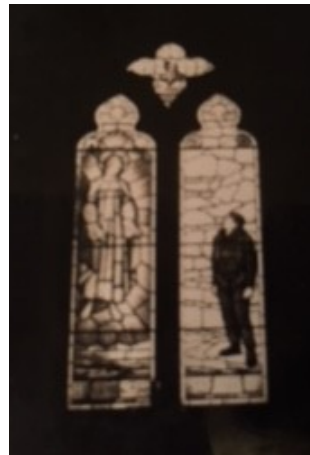
Bert with his plane at Snetterton Heath Air Base in Norwich, England.



Bert then (1943) and now, wearing the very same uniform! The cap has taken a little beating, but it still fits...well done Bert!



St. Andrew's Church, Quidenham, England.



The stained glass window depicting an airman looking up to the sky.

During the war many of the beautiful stained glass windows were blown out due to the bombing, so the gift of a stained glass window for the church where the U.S. Choir sang was a very thoughtful and appropriate gift.

I asked Bert what his first impression of England was and he replied, *"COLD! ... I was from Southern California, so I had never experienced anything like that...We wore our overcoats in the pub and locals would say, 'Drink up Yank, your beer is getting cold.'"* Bert also revealed, *"The base laundry was so bad it was wrecking our clothes, so local women, to make money, took over doing our laundry, they even ironed my shorts!"* Bert explained that the women that took in laundry would get their young sons to bicycle over to pick up and drop off the laundry. Many years later, Bert and his family returned to England and by chance met up with the man who had bicycled over as a young lad to pick up his laundry. The 45th Combat Bombardment wing of the 3rd Bomber Division was assigned to Snetterton Heath Air Base (now a race track). The 96th Bombardment Group, of which Bert was a member, arrived December 14th, 1943 (no wonder Bert found it cold!) and were assigned to the 45th. During this time the Base Choir, consisting of Airmen, would go around to different churches and venues and sing. At the end of the war, as a gesture of goodwill, the 96th Bombardment Group, which had suffered many casualties in the war, had a collection and bought a stained glass window for St. Andrew's church in nearby Quidenham. (This commemorative window to the US Airmen is in the Lady Chapel and is mentioned on the church website at www.Quidenhamgroup.co.uk.) **All photos are from Bert's personal collection.**

All of Bert's memories and experiences have been recorded at the museum so that part of history will never fade. Bert told me he was treated like Royalty throughout the whole museum experience. *"The museum is huge, the exhibits are fantastic, but what meant the most was the amount of people thanking me, it was a huge boost and really made me feel appreciated."*

Thank you Bert for your service to your country, the City and County of Ventura, the IPA and the FBINAA.

THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (YLP)



HELP COMPLETE THE CHART BELOW

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

As of March 2018

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS...

We are still in need of information in order to complete our records. Please look at the chart above. If you know a member with any of those last names, please ask them if they are related or forward this information to them. We are looking to find 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 again.

Sacramento Division News



DOJ Agent Johnston (seen on the left) giving an overview of the gang MS-13.



1st V.P. Christensen thanks the visiting detectives from El Salvador.



The Sacramento Division's luncheon was held on Wednesday, August 8th at **Foster Farms** in Livingston, CA. The event was well attended and a wonderful lunch was had by all, consisting of yes, chicken!! If the lunch was any fresher it would have been clucking!

The luncheon was hosted by Livingston Police Chief, Reuben Chavez, NA #232. Attendees got to listen to DOJ Special Agent Supervisor, Dean Johnston, who gave an overview of the notorious street gang Mara Salvatrucha or MS-13, which has wreaked havoc across the United States and is now staking a claim here in California, specifically in the San Joaquin Valley. This included a debrief of some of the violent acts that have been committed in the region and the covert operations that are taking place.

This was followed by a more in-depth look at the gang by three detectives who are temporarily in California from El Salvador.

In 2005, National Geographic did a documentary titled, "World's Most Dangerous Gang", portraying MS-13.

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

Sacramento Division News Cont...



Board members stand with Livingston's Chief of Police, Reuben Chavez at Foster Farms Headquarters.

L—R: Past President Ken Tanaka, Historian Gina Haynes, Chief Chavez, 1st Vice President Daman Christensen and Treasurer Cris Trulsson.

California has once again experienced devastation due to massive fires. The "Carr" fire in Shasta County being one of the worst, where among the deaths were two firefighters. About 38,000 people have been evacuated since the fire began. Four evacuation centers, churches, schools and homes were opened up for those being evacuated. Over 90,000 acres have been burnt and over 500 structures have been destroyed, one of those being the home of a Chief who is a NA graduate.

In view of this catastrophe and the NA grads who have been assisted by the National Foundation, 1st V.P. Christensen held a collection during his training luncheon. All those members in attendance were very generous in buying raffle tickets and \$630.00 was donated and sent to the Foundation.

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

Los Angeles Division News

I hope everyone has had an amazing summer and is ready for football season! We're getting geared up for another exciting State Re-Trainer in Lake Tahoe and I know the Sacramento Division has an excellent conference planned for all the attendees. On June 26th, over 30 FBINAA members from the Los Angeles Division had the unique opportunity to attend a meet and greet with F.B.I. Director Christopher Wray. Director Wray spoke with the group about emerging trends in domestic law enforcement and his commitment to a continued partnership with members of the FBINAA. He used a phrase that I hear often from the FBI – “*You can do your jobs without us. We can't do our jobs without you.*” Several of our members asked him pointed questions about the current climate in the FBI and we all found Director Wray to be honest and personable with his answers. Despite his allegiance to the University of Georgia Bulldogs, I also found him to very engaging and an excellent representative of the FBI.

2nd VP Eric Sonstegard



**FBI Director Chris Wray,
Assistant Director in Charge Paul D. Delacourt,
and the National Academy Partners
Southern California, June 2018**

Los Angeles Division News Cont..

DIVISION KUDOS

- Kudos to Scott Fairfield (NA #250) on his appointment as the Police Chief for the Bell Gardens Police Department. Scott had previously been serving as a Captain with the department. Way to go, Scott!
- Congratulations to Jorge Cisneros (NA #220) on his appointment to the position of Chief of Police for the Anaheim Police Department. Great accomplishment, Chief!
- Congratulations to Brad Kaylor (NA #252) on his recent retirement from the Ontario Police Department. Well deserved, Chief!

DIVISION GRADUATES

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new graduates of the recent FBI National Academy from Session 272 and currently in attendance is Session #273. #273 will graduate on September 14th.

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

Session #273:

- Paul Bennett-Riverside County Sheriff's Department
- Joe Fender-Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Jose Martinez-Los Angeles Police Department
- Gustavo Paiz-Desert Hot Springs Police Department
- David Vautrin-El Monte Police Department
- Christopher Williams-Oxnard Police Department

Los Angeles Division News Cont..

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 12-13th, FBINAA California Chapter Annual Re-Trainer, Lake Tahoe
- Friday, December 14th, Holiday Luncheon-Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Simi Valley

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

Eric S. Sonstegard, 2nd Vice President

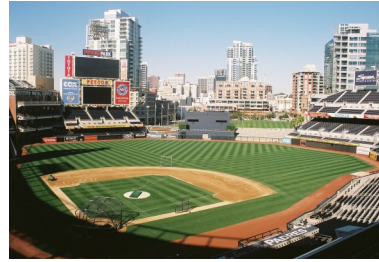
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San Diego Division News

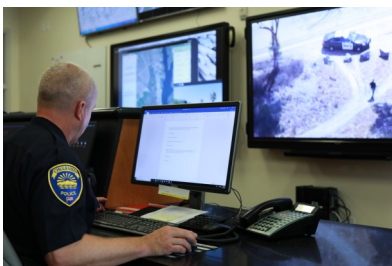
The San Diego Division held their 2nd quarter luncheon at Petco Park on June 26th. The speaker was Padres Director of Baseball Information Services Matthew Klotsche, who has worked with GM AJ Preller in the past at other organizations. Matt spoke about the processes involved in scouting both free agents and rookies/draft picks and the challenges the team makes when looking at skillsets, and traits beyond baseball acumen, such as what sort of team representative will the potential player make and how will they affect team cohesion.



Attendees included members from both the San Diego and the LA Division and a catered lunch by Petco's catering service was enjoyed by all 50 attendees. Of special note was the longest tenured NA grad in attendance, Retired San Diego County DA Investigator Johnny Boulden of FBINA Session #137, graduating in June of 1984.

San Diego now has a new NAC, Erika Foxworth, we look forward to working together.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's "Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program" (IPP) is an opportunity for state, local and tribal governments to partner with private sector innovators, operators and manufacturers to accelerate the development of drone technology. The Chula Vista Police (CVPD), led by one of our own Chapter members, has collaborated with the City of San Diego's Homeland Security Department to apply for the IPP and was one of only 10 agencies nationwide chosen to participate. CVPD has a three-member Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Team with four UASs that they train and deploy on a limited basis. Due to the current limitations to UAS use, i.e. FAA certification of pilots, limits to where UAS's can fly (over people), and airspace deconfliction, CVPD has sought innovative and technologically advanced solutions to these issues. CVPD developed relationships in the private sector who have the ability to provide geofenced UAS's that can be controlled by simple keyboard commands to provide real-time video streaming to responding police and fire personnel for increased safety and situational awareness. The IPP will be an opportunity to demonstrate the ability to safely implement this technology into the National Air Space and public safety agencies daily operations.



The future is here.



The Drone

San Francisco Division News

The San Francisco Division held their 35th Annual Gene Jones memorial Shoot and BBQ on June 22nd in Dublin. The event was well attended, the food delicious and a good 'shoot it up' time was had by all. The opportunity to shoot a variety of weapons, including an antique and a sniper rifle, was a great experience. The event was hosted by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and coordinated by California Chapter 3rd Vice President Craig Chew, NA 248th.



Our very own Treasurer, Cris Trulsson showed his skills.



Our Historian, Gina Haynes, loving the rifles.



The set up and food was wonderful. It all added to the ambiance and everyone enjoyed a fun day out.



Many in attendance won some awesome raffle prizes, including the Sheriff of Alameda County, Greg Ahern

Those who missed this event, missed a fun time of shooting without the stress, an appetizing BBQ (and who doesn't like one of those!), a chance to mingle with old friends and meet new ones.

I encourage you all to attend the FBINAA functions, training and events as 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, attending events allows you to show your support for the Division.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SACRAMENTO DIVISION

- Quarterly lunches -TBA
- The Christmas luncheon venue will be announced shortly – date TBD

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

- Friday, December 14th, Holiday Luncheon– at The Ronald Regan Library
- The 2019 Re-Trainer will be in Newport Beach at the Hyatt.

SAN DIEGO DIVISION

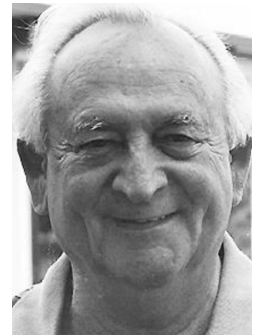
- 3rd quarter luncheon will be held on Sept. 27th. Location is Chula Vista PD and the speaker will be representatives of CAPE, a local drone company currently working with Ensenada PD and with the San Diego region on their IPP as one of the areas selected by the President to research and test governmental drone deployment and operations.
- San Diego's 4th quarter Holiday luncheon is set for Tuesday, December 18th at Tom Ham's Lighthouse at 1130 hours. Speaker is TBD.
- The San Diego Division is excited to be hosting the 2019 LEEDS Conference on April 8-11th. The location will be the Westin San Diego, a beautiful high rise hotel in the heart of downtown San Diego with harbor views and close to all that San Diego has to offer. Stay tuned for registration details and the conference agenda.

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

- Fall Luncheon—will be held the last week in October at the Holiday Inn in Oakland.
- December 6th, Holiday Luncheon– Berkeley Country Club, El Cerrito, CA

BILL DEASY

SAYING GOODBYE



It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we announce the passing of a long-time friend and very committed member, **Bill Deasy**, who passed away unexpectedly on June 29th, at age 88, with his loving wife Bette by his side. Bill graduated from Session #87 and was extremely proud of being a NA grad. He remained loyal to the FBINAA throughout the years and could always be seen at Chapter luncheons and Conferences. Bill worked for 35 years as a criminal investigator for the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, retiring in 1993. He then worked as a private investigator up until he passed. Bill was an expert with the revolver, loved vintage firearms and cars, especially Mustangs! He will be sorely missed by all.



The proud symbol of a NA Grad.



Bette and Bill at a FBINAA Conference event.

GLAD NEWS:

- Congratulations to **Dino Lawson**, graduate of NA #231, who was promoted to Chief of Police on May 8th, 2018, with the City of Madera Police Department.
- **Dan Moreno**, graduate of NA #260 with the Santa Clara police department, is being promoted to Captain. Congratulations!
- **Kurt Clarke**, graduate of NA #265, also with the Santa Clara PD, is being promoted to Captain. So lots to celebrate in Santa Clara.
- **Ed Varso**, graduate of NA #267, with Escondido PD ., was promoted to Captain. Many Congratulations!

KUDOS

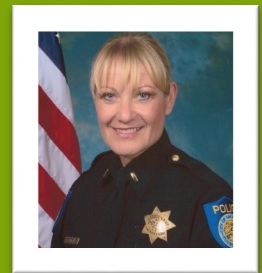
- Congratulations to Aniceto Ortiz of the California Highway Patrol, San Jose, who was given the Patriotic Employer award from the office of the Secretary of Defense for his work with the National Guard.



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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RETIREMENTS:

Carl Neusel, Undersheriff, graduate of NA #245, retired at the end of August from the Santa Clara Sheriff's Office. We wish you well in your retirement.

SAD NEWS:

- Sympathies also go out to the family and friends of Commander **Ronald "Ron" Utz** (San Jose PD. Capt. Ret.), who passed away in Yreka on June 20th, 2018. He was 85 years old. Ron was a graduate of the NA Session #96, which graduated in 1974.
- Captain **Joe Silva** (Ret.), the first person from the Milpitas Police Department to attend the NA and who graduated from Session #109 on June 16th, 1977, passed away on May 27th, 2018. In sympathy.

San Diego Division News Cont...

April 8th – 11th, 2019

San Diego, California

The Westin San Diego

400 W. Broadway

San Diego, CA



Registration coming soon!

For further details, please contact

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FBINAA ADVANCED TRAINER 2019

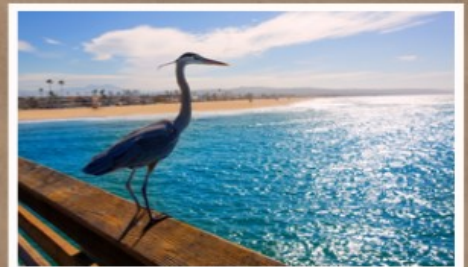
Hyatt Regency, Newport Beach
Tuesday, September 3, 2019 - Thursday, September 5, 2019

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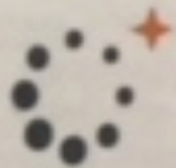
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