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FBINAA California Chapter Newsletter

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Message From Our Chapter President

Greetings Fellow Associates,



First and foremost, I want to congratulate Session #275 on their successful 10-weeks in Quantico. This group of professionals made the most of their opportunity at the National Academy and will now return to their Departments' ready to lead in new and different ways.

Having experienced plenty of winter weather, I for one am ready for the change of seasons, which means a time change. Spring Training, baseball and warmer weather. This is also the time of year when the chapter presidents, secretaries, and treasurers, meet with the National Executive Board to discuss the direction of the association. Having recently returned from Quantico, this newsletter is perfectly timed to provide you with an update and direction of the association as we head further into 2019.

Our membership renewals have resulted California being knocked from it's longtime perch as the largest chapter in the association. Without a significant push in these final weeks of March, we will find ourselves lagging behind Florida. We send about 20 students to each of the four sessions per year and we are experiencing a loss of recent graduate renewals at an alarming rate. The experience of the National Academy is a once in a career opportunity and one that remains part of many member's life, way beyond their law enforcement career. The FBINAA also offers members on-going and relevant training at our quarterly luncheons, the Law Enforcement Executive Seminar and our yearly conference. If it has been a while since you have participated in a FBINAA event, I would encourage you to reach out to a National Academy friend and come to an event. Our membership rates remain low compared to other professional associations, so be sure to renew your membership. Many departments will pay for professional association memberships, so inquire within your organization about continuing your professional development and on-going

Recently, you received an e-mail from National announcing a new mobile device app called FBINAA Connect. This long anticipated app is exactly the type of tool you will find useful to keep up on current events and your fellow associates. I would encourage you to give the app a try. The app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or the Google/Android Play Store.

networking opportunities. Attending the training is also a great way to get your P.O.S.T. credits.

On the topic of membership, the National Board did introduce a plan to incrementally increase dues over the next five years. New membership categories and definitions were also discussed. The National Board received plenty of feedback from the Chapter representatives. The National Board will continue to discuss the proposal at an upcoming National Board meeting. The Association bylaws allow for the National Board to address the topic of dues by a two-thirds vote by the Executive Board. Given the financial stability of the California Chapter, it is unlikely your California dues would increase.

On the conference front, the Arizona Chapter is making a herculean lift to host the 2019 Annual Conference in Phoenix in July. Take a look at the conference plans and curricula at https://fbinaa2019.com. Our own California Chapter Annual Conference will take place September 3rd - 5th in beautiful Newport Beach. More information about the conference can be found at http://www.fbinaacc.com/index.html.

The California Board will conduct a tele-conference meeting in the coming weeks. We will share more details from the Quantico meeting with each of the Division Vice Presidents who will then provide the information at an upcoming meeting or event.

Sincerely,

Daman Christensen, (FBINAA Session #242), 2019 California Chapter President

"Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in"

- Andrew Jackson

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MEETING CA GRADUATES FROM SESSION #275



California Chapter President: Daman Christensen

California Chapter Treasurer: Cris Trulsson

California Chapter Secretary: Max Santiago

The National Academy continues to evolve. During this recent visit by the Chapter President, they dedicated a National Academy historical wall. The Academy staff have done a great job in capturing many of the highlights of the National Academy's 84-year history. The center courtyard is also undergoing a complete renovation as well as a new memorial at the front of the academy entrance.

Also, while at this year's President's Meeting at Quantico, the 2019 California Division President, Daman Christensen, the Secretary Max Santiago and Treasurer Cris Trulssen got to meet up with the California graduates of Session #275 and take them to dinner. Meeting the graduates gave the Board members the opportunity to introduce themselves and tell the graduates about the National Academy Associates.

The California Chapter is the largest of the Chapters and offers a lot of opportunities to graduates once they become members. The FBINAA is an elite membership and allows its members access to over 14,000 members worldwide. The California Chapter is the only Chapter that has four Divisions, so members traveling up and down the State have the opportunity to attend luncheons and events at any of the Divisions.

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SOME CALIFORNIA GRADUATES FROM SESSION #275



Derrek Kaff, Deputy Chief of Woodland PD in front of the Hurt.. sign at the FBINA Academy at Quantico.

Derrek had the following to say regarding his experience at the Academy:

"Attending the national Academy has broadened my perspective on law enforcement and also reaffirmed my commitment to the profession. My instructors were fantastic, but my classmates have taught me so much more than I ever anticipated. This was the experience of a lifetime and I look forward to continuing my career with a new outlook on how to best lead in my agency."



Here we have Derrek Kaff from Woodland PD, Christine Calderwood from Carlsbad PD and Brian Nevins from the San Diego Sheriff's Department sampling what Philadelphia is famous for, their cheese steaks at Gino's Cheese Steaks in Philadelphia.



This photo shows Art Proctor from CHP standing next to a historical sign about Tun Tavern during the Philadelphia field trip.

FBINAA MEMBERS MEET UP



The Northern California Peace Officers Association (NCPOA) luncheon in January had some wonderful table decorations that honored law enforcement, particularly at a time when law enforcement was grieving over the death of Officer Natalie Corona who was shot while at the scene of a traffic accident.



The NCPOA is not just a place for their members, but also NA members.

L—R: Don Savage, Sacramento Sheriff's Department (ret.), NA Session #151; Mary Savage, Sacramento Police Department (ret.), NA #165 and Hal Barker, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office (ret.), NA Session #86 were able to have lunch together and catch up.



At the Post Naval Graduate get together in Monterey on February 20th, three members from FBINA Session #225 ran into each other. L—R: Gina Haynes, Sacramento Police Department (ret.), Mark G. Stigler from Waukesha, Wisconsin and Lisa Shahade, Deputy Chief of AMTRAK.



Graduates from Session # 274 met up at the Sacramento Division Luncheon. This was the first luncheon as a member of the FBINAA since graduating from the Academy at Quantico. It was so good to see new graduates getting involved and continuing to expand their education , training and networking.

L—R: Dan Morrissey, Sacramento Sheriff's Department; Bryan Fritsch, West Sacramento PD; James Jacobs, California Highway Patrol; Jason Bassett, Sacramento PD.

FBINAA MEMBERS SHOOT AT FRONT SIGHT





At the end of March two NA grads, our Historian Gina Haynes, NA #225 and Jason Russo NA #272, met up in Las Vegas and together with a friend from Homeland Security, headed to the middle of the desert to attend the prestigious shooting school FRONT SIGHT.

Our Historian Gina had bid on the Front Sight membership at the FBINAA California re-trainer last year and this was her first course. Front Sight offers a large amount of courses ranging from 2 to 4 days, midweek or weekend, handgun, shotgun, rifle, uzi, etc. Our NA grads attended the four day defensive handgun course. The course covered some classroom lecture then a large amount of shooting. 600 rounds were fired into a variety of targets. The course days were very regimented, with a high regard for safety, but there was a wide variety of training to keep it fun and engaging.

A lot was learnt and there was plenty of time to work out those bad habits and focus on the "front sight". Highly recommended is a speed loader as there is next to no down time. If you get an opportunity to bid on a membership...take it, you won't be sorry!



Jason Russo's practice paid off and he came away with the "DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE" certificate. Congratulations Jason!





L _ R: Chris Reider (Homeland Security), Gina Haynes and Jason Russo

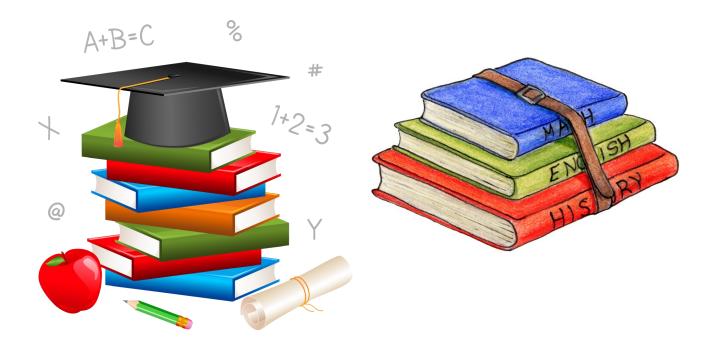




Approximately 2000 people attend every week, they come from all over the States and with 50 ranges, it's no problem.



THE CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP



The California Chapter is proud to announce the college scholarship program for the **chil-dren and grandchildren of associates**. The names of the scholarship recipients will be announced at the State Conference in Newport Beach at the beginning of September, 2019.

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 from the FBINAA California Chapter website Resource Library or contact your Division Vice President to request a copy.

Please note, all completed applications must be post marked no later than June 30, 2019. Please submit applications to the Vice President of your respective Division.

SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS







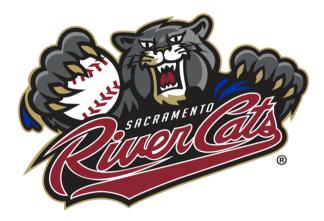


Speaker: SSA Dennis Guertin

On Wednesday March 13th, 2019, the Sacramento Division held their Business Meeting and Training Luncheon at the new FBI Sacramento Office in Roseville, CA.

At the first quarter luncheon for the Sacramento Division, members got to listen to a presentation by SSA Dennis Guertin, who briefed alums on a recent case involving a terrorism investigation and arrest. The investigation, which took two years, involved agencies in the United States and overseas. The CIA, Anti-Terrorist Squads, Immigration, Customs, FBI and Local Law Enforcement were just a few of the agencies involved. The success of the case was a great example of collaboration and the work of the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Reminder: The second quarter Sacramento Division social will be held on Wednesday, June 12th, at Raley Field. Members are invited to watch the Sacramento River Cats take on the Omaha Storm Chasers at 7:05 PM. Look for a flyer with more information in the next several weeks.



SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS CONT...

DIVISION GRADUATES

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new Sacramento Division graduates of the recent FBI National Academy from Session #275 and wish all the graduates next to attend in Session #276 all the very best.

Session #275

- Lieutenant Joshua Behr Tharsing— Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department
- Lieutenant Rigo De Alba— Modesto Police Department
- Captain Arturo Proctor California Highway Patrol
- Deputy Chief Derrek Kaff— Woodland Police Department

Session #276

Those attending from the Sacramento Division in Session #276 are:

- Lt. Michael Garlock— Auburn PD
- Capt. David Kent— Shasta County SO
- Commander Tyson Pogue Madera County SO
- Commander Jason Browning— Folsom PD

LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS

DIVISION NEWS

The Los Angeles Division is excited to be hosting the 2019 FBINAA California State Conference at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Newport Beach on September 3-5, 2019. With the theme of "Keeping Our Heroes Safe", we have put together a fantastic mix of training and networking opportunities that will combine with the beauty of Newport Beach and Balboa Island for a rewarding experience for all attendees. Session topics will include:

- Debrief of 2018 Borderline Active Shooter Incident
- "A Revolutionary Act" Documentary on 2014 Las Vegas Metro Ambush
- Mitigating Police Fatigue
- Bulletproof Spirit-Emotional Survival & Wellness Strategies
- Overview of "Incel" (Involuntarily Celebate) Ideology
- The Age of Accelerations: Critical Issues in Law Enforcement 2019 and Beyond

Information about registration and sponsor/exhibitor opportunities can be found at www.fbinaacc.com. EARLY BIRD PRICING (\$399) ENDS APRIL 15th. If you are interested in helping with the 2019 State Conference, please email Eric S. Sonstegard at fbinaalosangeles@gmail.com.





LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS CONT...

DIVISION KUDOS

Congratulations to Dennis Vrooman (NA #242) on his retirement from the Murrieta Police Department.....wait for it.....and after a wonderful 3-day retirement, congratulations are again in order for Dennis on his appointment as Assistant Sheriff with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. Great job, Dennis!

DIVISION GRADUATES

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new graduates of the recent FBI National Academy from Session #275 and the upcoming attendees of Session #276:

Session #275:

- Kelly Arnett—Los Angeles Police Department
- Imer Chavez—Los Angeles Airport Police Department
- Steve Congalton—Pomona Police Department
- Chris Fisher—San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department
- William Frayeh—Los County District Attorney's Office
- Anita Hayden—Los Angeles Port Police Department
- Chad Sitz—United States Marine Corps
- Joshua Stahl—Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Session #276:

- Mark Athan—Torrance Police Department
- Craig Friesen—Anaheim Police Department
- Jose Gonzales—Santa Ana Police Department
- Jay Mastick—Los Angeles Police Department
- David Millard—U.C. Santa Barbara Police Department
- Eddie Pust—Hemet Police Department
- Matt Vander Horck—Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS

The SD Division would like to congratulate the recent SD Division graduates of Session #275 who graduated on March 15th;

Session #275

- Paul Connelly, Asst Chief, San Diego Police Dept.
- Arturo Proctor, Captain, CA Highway Patrol
- Christie Calderwood, Lieutenant, Carlsbad Police Dept.
- Alex Hernandez, Lieutenant, National City Police Dept.
- Brian Nevins, Lieutenant, San Diego County Sheriff's Dept.

On Monday, March 18th, an orientation luncheon was held for those about to head to Quantico to begin the 276th session;

Session #276

- Amy Brown-Lisk, Captain, San Diego County Sheriff's Dept.
- David Cramer, Lieutenant, Escondido Police Dept.
- Philip Jarvis, Executive Asst Chief, San Diego Police Dept.
- Alberto Leos, Captain, San Diego Police Dept.
- Aaron Messick, Sergeant, El Centro Police Dept.
- Jonathan Greenert, Supervisory Special Agent, Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

ATTENTION SAN DIEGO DIVISION MEMBERS:

THOSE MEMBERS ATTENDING SD DIV EVENTS, PLEASE HELP OUT YOUR VICE PRESIDENT BY TAKING PHOTOS AND SENDING THEM TO ME, YOUR HISTORIAN. ALSO, IF YOU HEAR OF PROMOTIONS OR TRANSFERS, LET YOUR VP KNOW OR SEND ME AN EMAIL (WITH A PHOTO IF POSSIBLE). THANK YOU. YOUR VP PROMISES PHOTOS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!

SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS CONT...

The San Diego Division is hosting the 2019 FBI-CA LEEDS Conference April 8-11, 2019.

What attendees can expect at this years LEEDS:

- Debrief of the Las Vegas October 1 mass shooting by LVMPD Captain Sasha Larkin, who was in command of the response.
- Terrorism, presented by Bob Dougherty, CIA (ret) and Counter-Terrorism Watch Intelligence officer.
- Terrorism/Threat to California
- Foreign Terrorist Group Pre-indicators, Tactics, Techniques and Procedures
- Radicalization and Homegrown Violent Extremists/What works
- 1st amendment for 1st Responders, presented by Michael Caldwell, General Counsel, GA Chief and Sheriff's Association
- Dark Web case study (FBI Cyber specialist)
- Drones as 1st responders (Chris Rittler, CEO of CAPE, and Fritz Reber, CVPD (ret) and member of San Diego Area IPP UAV Team)
- Futurism in Law Enforcement, presented by Dr. Erik Frtizvold Phd, USD, and James Davis, ECPD (Ret) FBINAA Session #183
- Update on cross border issue with Mexico, presented by former FBI Mexico City LegAtt SAC Eric Drikersen

And more!

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS

DIVISION NEWS

On Wednesday March 20th, the San Francisco Division held their spring luncheon. The lunch was held at Spinakers Restaurant in Sausalito. Thirty six members were in attendance and they were welcomed by Sausalito Chief John Rorbacher. The guest speaker was newly elected Marin County District Attorney Lori Furgoli.

L—R: Ricardo Urena (Santa Clara S.O.), Jorge Perz (Santa Clara DA's Office), Con Maloney (Palo Alto PD), Bill Frass (Sausalito PD) and S.F. Div. V.P. Craig Chew





L—R: Ricardo Urena, Jorge Perz, Con Maloney and Bill Frass.



L—R: Kevin Jensen (Past President), Craig Chew (S.F. Div. V.P.), Lori Furgoli (Marin Co. District Attorney), John Rorbacher



L—R: Kevin Jensen (CA Chapter Past President), Dennis Burns (Palo Alto PD), and David Lera (Santa Clara S. O.).

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS CONT...

We congratulate and welcome the new graduates to the California Chapter and encourage them to continue to participate in the many events and opportunities to give back to the National Academy.

Session # 275:

- Captain Craig Anderson—Sunnyvale DPS
- Lieutenant Jeff Snell—Union City PD
- Lieutenant Brian Campagna—Napa PD
- Captain Chomnan Loth—Newark PD
- Lieutenant Raj Maharaj—Milpitas PD
- Captain Rick Navarro—Marin county S.O.

Session #276:

- Lieutenant Dan Brodie—Alameda County S.O.
- Captain David Hartman—Contra Costa County S.O.
- Deputy Chief Roland Holmgren—Oakland Police Department
- Lieutenant Roy Leon—San Rafael PD
- Captain David Lera—Santa Clara County S.O.
- Lieutenant Glenn Pon—San Francisco District Attorney's Office

There are several events planned this year from lunch/training sessions, the Shoot and BBQ and our Holiday Lunch. We encourage you to attend functions, as well as the state and national training events. It is a great way to engage with other members, meet new people with common interests, and to enjoy the special camaraderie that we all share as graduates of the National Academy.

If you are willing to host a training lunch, or participate on a selection committee for the YLP or Scholar-ship program, please contact me at fbinaa.sf@gmail.com or (925) 383-1663. In 2020, the San Francisco Division will be hosting the California FBI NA Conference and we will be looking for volunteers. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out. Thank you for all your support and I am looking forward to seeing you at these events.

Sincerely,

Craig Chew

GLAD NEWS:



• On November 8, 2018, *Chief William Imboden, NA #258* was sworn in as the Chief of Police for the Hercules, CA Police Department.

Pictured left to right, Hercules PD Chief (ret.) Fred Deltorchio, NA #193; Chief William Imboden, Hercules PD Chief (ret.) William Goswick.

- Congratulations Jim Macedo, NA #262 of the Calaveras county sheriffs office, who was recently promoted to undersheriff.
- Congratulations are also in order for California Highway Patrol (CHP) Lieutenant Jim Jacobs, recent graduate of NA #274, who was recently promoted to Captain and made Commander of the CHP's Office of Internal Affairs.



 Huge congratulations go out to Jim Wickham, NA # 214, who was elected to Mayor of the City of Mill Valley on April 1, 2019. This is the first father/son Mayorship in Mill Valley, as Jim's father George Wickham served as Mayor from 1970 to 1972.



Pictured with his children, grandchildren and wife, L – R: back row -Sarah, Ashley, Scott, Jim Wickham, Suzie, Ryan, Lauren, front row – Kaiden and Sienna.

More background on Jim can be found at: http://www.cityofmillvalley.org/gov/citycouncil/mayorcitycouncil/wickham2.htm

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.



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ELECTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS

The FBI National Academy Associates, Inc., California Chapter will conduct elections for two Executive Board positions during the 2019 Annual Conference in Newport Beach, CA the week of September 2019. The following individuals have expressed an interested in running for positions on the California Chapter Executive Board.

From the candidate running for the position of Treasurer:



Commander (ret.) Mike Barletta, NA 222, Immediate Past President San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Ever since my graduation from the 222nd FBI National Academy in 2005, I have been looking for opportunities to support the National Academy Associates. With the imminent conclusion of my term as the Immediate Past President of the California Chapter, the timing is such that I desire to continue to serve you, the members, by becoming the Treasurer of our Chapter.

I recognize that the position of the Chapter Treasurer is a labor-intensive position, requiring a high degree of attention to detail, and a thorough understanding of our Chapter's financial position. As a former Commander on the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, I have experience managing a budget of over \$100 million dollars, demonstrating I have the knowledge, skills, and experience to serve as your Treasurer. As a current retiree, I have the time available to devote my attention to timely matters affecting the duties of the position of Treasurer. I believe that I have proven my dedication to the National Academy through my 14 years of membership and the six years that I have served on the California Board

I have enjoyed serving the membership of our Association. I would ask for your vote at the 2019 Annual Retrainer in Newport Beach for the position of Treasurer, allowing me to continue my service to you and our Chapter.

ELECTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS CONT..

From the candidate running for the position of 4th Vice President:



Captain Randy Goddard, NA 267 Los Angeles Police Department

I wanted to introduce myself and express my desire to represent the Los Angeles Division as the next Fourth Vice President.

I, like you, have been called to the profession of law enforcement to "Protect and Serve" others. I started my journey as a Law Enforcement Explorer at the age of fifteen and was sworn in as a Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) police officer three days before my 21st birthday. I have 23 amazing years with the LAPD and now serve as a Captain assigned as the Commanding Officer for West Los Angeles Patrol Division.

While working as a police officer and sergeant, I completed my Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from California State University, Long Beach, a Master's Degree in Leadership, and a Graduate Certificate in Public Management, both from the University of Southern California.

The pinnacle of my training and education has been graduating from the FBINA, Session 267, in March of 2017. The relationships that I made, and continue to make, from this experience is what makes our association "The World's Strongest Law Enforcement Leadership Network." I want to be the bridge to bring more relationships to our great association by bringing back non-active members starting with LAPD NA graduates. Simply put, the more active members we have, the stronger we will all get.

I have been blessed with a wonderful wife of fourteen years and two wonderful kids. I love spending as much time as possible with my family at our lake house and I am dedicated to my Faith.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to meeting you at the September conference in beautiful Newport Beach!

Sincerely,

Randy Goddard

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