

FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES, INC., CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



FBINAA California Chapter Newsletter

JANUARY 2020

Welcome to our 2020 Chapter President



A big warm welcome goes out to our new Chapter President who takes the helm from now Past President Daman Christensen. The following is the President's letter:

Dear Fellow Associates:

Happy New Year! While 2019 brought many challenges, we're looking forward to an exciting 2020.

When I began this decade in 2010 by learning I would be attending the FBI National Academy, I could have never imagined the decade would end with me serving as your 2020 California Chapter President. I am truly humbled for the opportunity and I am excited for the upcoming events and training opportunities we will have to offer to our members. I would like to thank 2019 President and current

Immediate Past President Daman Christensen for his leadership and guidance over the last five (5) years. His ongoing vision for the California Chapter has placed our organization in a tremendous position moving into the next decade. I also reappointed the following board members for 2020: Gina Haynes (NA #225)-Historian and Russell McKinney (NA #240)-Training & Digital Manager. Finally, joining the Executive Board will be newly elected 4th Vice President Randy Goddard (NA #267) from the Los Angeles Police Department. Randy was elected by the membership during our annual conference in Newport Beach.

The FBINAA will have several amazing training opportunities this year to include:

- *Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS)* -May 18-21, 2020. Lake Tahoe, CA-Register at www.fbinaacc.com
- *FBINAA National Annual Training Conference* -July 18-21, 2020. New Orleans, LA-Register at www.fbinaa2020.com
- *FBINAA California Annual Re-Trainer*- September 8-10, 2020. Monterey, CA-Registration coming soon

I attended fifteen (15) FBINAA orientations over the last four (4) years and at each of them, I talked about the "magic" of the FBI National Academy. I told the prospective NA Attendees that for the rest of their lives, that yellow brick will be a magic connection to those who have shared the same experiences. It's simply not the same for other professional organizations that we all belong to. One of our goals for 2020 will be to "Maintain the Magic" for our members in the California Chapter.

Thank you very much for your continued support of the California Chapter. I look forward to seeing you at one of our many quarterly functions throughout the state. Please feel free to contact me at anytime at 805-990-1079 or president@fbinaacalifornia.com

Sincerely, **Eric S. Sonstegard**

FBINAA-California Chapter, 246th Session.

"Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value"

- Albert Einstein

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SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS



Saluting the American flag

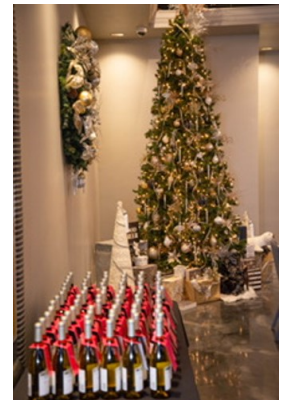
The Sacramento Division held its fourth quarter holiday luncheon at the Randy Peters Catering and Event Center in Roseville, CA on December 10th. The luncheon was very well attended (80+ guests and members). The keynote speaker was Sheriff Kory Honea of Butte County who spoke about his experiences during the evacuation surrounding the infrastructure breach at the Oroville Dam and the Camp Fire, which devastated the community of Paradise, CA.



Sheriff Honea speaking to the members.



SAC Sean Ragan making opening remarks.



The Sacramento Division awarded its scholarship check to John Orcutt, NA Session #204, father of Ethan Orcutt, who is a freshman at the University of Oregon.

Seen here is 3rd VP Josh Ehlers and John Orcutt.

SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...

LEEDS

The Sacramento Division and the FBI Sacramento Office are planning the 2020 FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar. The Seminar will be held in South Lake Tahoe, CA from May 18th—21st, 2020, at the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel. We have received a great response and may sell out. Please register and book your room ASAP! For more information and to register please visit our website at: www.fbinaacc.com

DIVISION GRADUATES

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new Sacramento Division graduates of the recent FBI National Academy, who are:

Session #278:

- Reid Harris. Sacramento Sheriff's Department
- Stephen Johnson, Grass Valley PD
- Robert McCloskey, Sacramento PD
- Peter Brindley, Redding PD

MESSAGE FROM THE 3rd VICE PRESIDENT:

Wishing you all a happy 2020. Last year was a fun and interesting year, I hope to make this year even better and you can help me do that by letting me know what your interests are and what events/trainings you would like to see. If you would like to present at an upcoming luncheon, please contact me at: Sacramentovp@fbinaacalifornia.com



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LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS



On December 13th, 2019, the Los Angeles Division held their Christmas luncheon.



2019 Chapter President Daman Christensen addresses the membership.



L—R: Kevin Grandalski (Session #259) with our newly Elected 4th Vice President Randy Goddard (Session 267)

The Los Angeles Division hosted its annual Holiday Luncheon at beautiful Santa Anita Race Track. Attendees were able to take the Seabiscuit tour and then enjoy a wonderful lunch overlooking the mountains. Past President Daman Christensen joined the luncheon and provided some words of encouragement to the incoming new President and now past Vice President of the Los Angeles Division, Eric Sonstegard.

Newly elected 4th Vice President, Randy Goddard, is excited for the coming years and hopes to continue the legacy of what Eric Sonstegard has done over the last four years for the Los Angeles Division. Randy is planning his quarterly lunches at some exciting venues with informative and relevant topics. If you have any suggestions for locations or topics please email him at losangelesvp@fbinaacalifornia.com

LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS CONT...

DIVISION GRADUATES

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new graduates of the recent FBI National Academy.

Session #278:

- Manuel Arzate, Tustin PD
- Omar Bazulto, Los Angeles PD
- Dan Cohen, Santa Maria PD
- Minh Dinh, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Gawin Gibson, University of California PD—Los Angeles
- L. D. Maples, California Highway Patrol
- Leslie Murray, Downey PD
- J. J. Puglisi, Burbank PD
- Mark Rigali, Riverside County Sheriff's Department

SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS

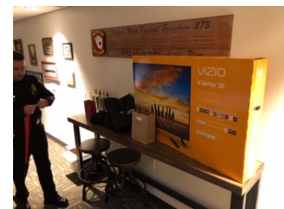
The San Diego Division celebrated their Holiday Luncheon at the Miramar Marine Corps Air Station Officer Club on December 11th. The speaker was USN Special Warfare Chief Petty Officer Christopher Swallow. CPO Swallow is the lead instructor of the USN SEAL BuDs training at Coronado. He presented on the effects and necessity of mental resiliency and preparedness.

Over 50 San Diego area FBINAA members and guests were on hand for a delicious buffet luncheon and a extensive raffle featuring over 15 items, including an iPad, 50" TV and handgun. Lucky winners included Joe Ramos NA#259 who took home the 50" TV and Sean Marchand NA#252 who won a Smith and Wesson M&P Shield 9MM handgun. Yours truly (2nd VP Eric Thunberg) won the iPad. Raffle proceeds exceeded expectations and allowed for a **\$500 donation to the YLP program!**

Overall it was a great event and it was great to see that many members gathered together. Special Thanks to USMC Master Gunny Tyree Padilla, NA#277, for coordinating and the USMC for hosting the event.



2019 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



The luncheon was well attended and the guest speaker gave an interesting and informative presentation.

Chapter Secretary Max Santiago addresses the members.

SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS CONT...

In other news, congratulations to the SD Division Graduates of NA#278;

- Manuel Armijo- Oceanside PD
 - Terence Charlot- San Diego Police Department
 - Phil Collum Jr. - Chula Vista Police Department
 - Ted Greenawald- San Diego Sheriffs Department
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- Additionally, congratulations to Pete Callewaert NA#256 on his retirement from the San Diego Sheriff's Department. Thank you for your service Pete.
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- And we send Congratulations to Ed Varso NA#267 on his promotion to Chief of Police for Escondido Police Department! Congratulations Ed!

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS

A NEW YEARS MESSAGE FROM 1st V.P. CRAIG CHEW:



To my fellow National Academy Associates,

I hope everyone had an outstanding 2019 and have 2020 off to a good start. The FBINAA SF Chapter had a wonderful year, with events, training, awarding scholarships, and welcoming into the fold our newest graduates of the FBI National Academy.

Events

To recap some of the events of 2019, we had, in March, the Tiburon and Sausalito Police Department who hosted a training lunch in Sausalito by Lt. Bill Frass and Trisha Seyler, Session #269. Our guest speaker was the newly elected Marin County District Attorney Lori Frugoli. We had a great turnout.

In June, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office hosted the 36th Annual Gene Jones Memorial Shoot and BBQ for the FBINAA. This event was well attended by approximately 90 of our National Academy graduates, FBI Agents, and guests. Everyone truly enjoyed the event. Thanks once again to Sheriff Ahern and his staff for hosting one of the highlights of our social calendar.

In October, we held the FBINAA-SF Division Fall Luncheon and Training at Apple's Global Security headquarters. We enjoyed a large turnout of attendees and guests. Our guest speaker was Tony DeMario from Apple Investigations. We also had the opportunity to receive a tour of Apple's Global Security Emergency Operations Center. Many thanks to all our attendees and guests who participated in the events this year.

We rounded out the FBINAA year at our San Francisco Holiday Luncheon, which took place on December 4th, at the Berkeley Country Club in El Cerrito. We had the opportunity to have Lt. Kevin Dobby of the California Highway Patrol, who presented on the CHP's work on the Northern California Organized Retail Theft Taskforce. The presentation was about their work and their ability to help local law enforcement with their issues of retail theft, auto and commercial burglaries and fencing operations that are driving the thefts. We had a great turnout.

Youth Leadership Program

The San Francisco Division has also had the opportunity and honor to select a youth from our division to attend the FBINAA - Youth Leadership Program at Quantico. Ms. Annabelle Goldman, was selected this year to represent the San Francisco Division. Ms. Goldman was selected out of 16 candidates that applied for the San Francisco Division. The selection process consisted of a full application, a written essay, current academic standings, and participation in a full oral-board process. Ms. Goldman was selected to attend the YLP in June, and greatly enjoyed her experience.

Scholarship Program

In August, the San Francisco Division had the opportunity to select two wonderful candidates for the FBINAA Scholarship Program from the San Francisco Division. We were honored to select Ms. Sarah Wenzel, the daughter of Chris Wenzel (Contra Costa Sheriff's Office and the Clayton Police Department and graduate of Session #237). Ms. Wenzel received individual scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to assist in their higher education at University of Nevada.

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS CONT...

New Graduates in the San Francisco Division

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new graduates of the FBI National Academy from Sessions #275, #276, #277 and #278, and currently in attendance is Session #279.

275th Session (01/07 - 03/15/2019)

Capt. Craig Anderson/Sunnyvale DPS
Lt. Jeff Snell/Union City PD
Lt. Brian Campagna/Napa PD
Capt. Choman Loth/Newark PD
Lt. Raj Maharaj/Milpitas PD
Captain Rick Navarro/Marin County SO

276th Session (04/01 - 06/07/2019)

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

277th Session (07/08 - 09/13/2019)

Lieutenant Warren Barry/Santa Cruz Police Department
Deputy Chief Nick Borges/Seaside Police Department
Lieutenant Jeff Snell/Union City Police Department
Lieutenant Hollis Tong/San Ramon Police Department

278th Session (10/07 – 12/20/2019)

Captain Alan Love/East Bay Regional Park District Police Dept.
Commander Sherwin Lum/Colma Police Department
Captain Greg Mar/San Francisco Police Department
Captain Jimmy McGrail/Alameda County Sheriff's Office
Captain Norm Taylor/Lake County Sheriff's Office

Welcome new graduates to the SF Chapter, we hope you all enjoyed the National Academy. We also hope that you will continue to support the FBINAA by renewing your memberships and staying involved.

Current Session:

279th Session (01/06 - 03/13/2020)

Captain Steve Albanese/Pittsburg Police Department
Deputy Chief Jeff Jennings/BART Police Department
Captain Angelica Mendoza/Oakland Police Department
Lieutenant Brian Miller /Petaluma Police Department
Lieutenant Joe Okies, Jr./Berkeley Police Department
Captain Lelani Woods/United States Park Police

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS CONT...

New Appointments

1. Shawny Williams, Chief of Police, Vallejo, NA Session #250
2. Sekou Millington, Chief of Police, Tracy, NA Session #256

Welcome new graduates to the SF Division, we look forward to meeting you at future events.

Upcoming Events:

Spring Lunch

We are trying to secure lunch and training on the Google Campus. We are working with their staff and should have a date and location coming soon.

Shoot/BBQ

Captain Jimmy McGrail from Alameda County Sheriff's Office is working on the Shoot and BBQ this summer. We will be securing the date soon.

Re-Trainer/Conference—Save the Date

The San Francisco Division is honored to sponsor the 2020 California FBI National Academy Associates Re-Trainer and Conference. This event will be held at the **Hyatt Regency in Monterey on September 8-10, 2020**. Information regarding the conference will be coming out soon in February. Please stay tuned.

If you have any questions, suggestions or are willing to host a training luncheon, or participate on a selection committee for the Scholarship Program, please contact me at sanfranciscovp@fbinaacalifornia.org or (925) 383-1663. Thank you for all your support in 2019 and I am looking forward to seeing you at our events in 2020.

Sincerely,

Craig Chew, Vice President

FBI National Academy Associates, Session #248

San Francisco Division

GLAD NEWS:

. Congratulations on their promotion goes out to:



- Captain Matthew Vander Horck, NA Session # 276, of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department who was promoted two months after returning from the FBINA.



- Ventura County Commander James Fryhoff, NA Session #261, who was promoted to Chief of Police for the Thousand Oaks Police Department, a contract city for Ventura County S.O. James is shown here with Sheriff Bill Ayub.



- Having his badge pinned on by his proud wife.



- Congratulations are in order for Undersheriff Eric Magrini, NA #264, who will take over as Sheriff for the Shasta County Sheriff's Office following Sheriff Bosenko's retirement. Here with Board of Supervisors outgoing and incoming Chair, Mary Rickert and Leonard Moty (retired Redding PD Chief, NA #192) swearing him in.
- Congratulations also go out to Matthew McCaffrey, NA #232, who was appointed Chief of Police for the Novato Police Department in November 2019.
- Congratulations to Ed Varso NA#267 on his promotion to Chief of Police for Escondido Police Department!

MORE GLAD NEWS:

Retirements:

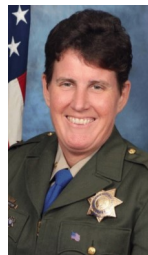
- Captain Phil Holder, NA Session #250, from Banning PD in the Los Angeles Division, who retired in December of 2019.



- Congratulations to Shasta County Sheriff Tom Bosenko, NA Session #205, who retired at the end of December, 2019. Tom started working for the Sheriff's Department in 1979 and became Sheriff in 2006. He summed up his career by stating, "It has been an honor to serve for over 40 years, 13 as Sheriff and it was quite the honor to attend and graduate from the 205th FBI National Academy". Thank you for your service Tom.



- Assistant Chief B. J. Whitten, NA Session #247, who has hung up her gun belt as of January 8th, 2020 after 31 years of service to the California Highway Patrol and the people of California.



- Additionally, congratulations to Pete Callewaert NA#256 on his retirement from the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

SAD NEWS:

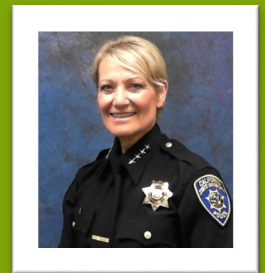
We are sad to report the passing of:

- Retired Lieutenant Larry Barrett, NA Session # 209, from the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Investigations Bureau, who passed away on January 24, 2020.

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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