



FBINAA | CA NEWSLETTER

Message from our 2021 Chapter President



Dear Fellow National Academy Associates:

It is my hope and prayer that this letter finds you and your families safe and healthy. I recently had the pleasure of attending the FBINAA National Conference in Orlando, Florida. While there, I had a chance to reunite with friends and colleagues from across the country. This was an outstanding opportunity to talk about the challenges we are facing with our profession.

Getting a chance to talk to colleagues from other agencies, reassured me of the power of the FBI National Academy Associates. Our ability to collaborate, share ideas and find new pathways to meet the demands of our profession reinforced the strength of what the FBINAA stands for. Talking of strength, collaboration and networking, we have our California Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar and the California Re-Trainer coming up soon. These are other great opportunities to get together, share ideas and learn about police reform, the new laws and how to navigate it all. I hope that you take advantage of these. In addition, please take the time to vote in the upcoming election for the Constitution and By-Law changes.

Our FBI NAA California Chapter, Division Scholarship announcements will also be going out, so keep an eye out for that. Also, **check out our Glad and Sad news section** to congratulate those who have promoted, see who has retired and to say a fond farewell to members who have passed recently.

COVID continues to create additional challenges to our agencies and the criminal justice system. This is compounded by the continuing challenge of defunding our budgets, challenges to qualified immunity for police officers, rising crime rates, changes to the laws regarding use of force and other issues. It is now more important than ever that we collectively share our resources to make our profession better. By utilizing the FBINAA to collaborate and collectively work together, we can endure the challenges we face. I know that I speak for the entire California Chapter Board, when I say that we all feel the pressures and challenges that are pressing on our profession and we are here to assist our members in any way possible. The changes to our profession have tested us to the very core, causing many of us to question why we chose law enforcement as our career. But rest assured, we are all in this together and we stand alongside each and every one of you, to support you and your agencies. Together we are stronger and together we will find new pathways to meet the demands being put on our profession.

I am honored to represent you as your Chapter President for 2021. Please feel free to call me anytime at 925-383-1663 or email me at president@fbinaacalifornia.com.
Sincerely,

Craig K. Chew

Craig K. Chew, FBINAA California Chapter, 248th Session

"Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction"

-JFK

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SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION:

Fourth VP, Scott Savage, sends this message to members:

I deeply regret having to cancel the San Francisco Division lunch that was scheduled for August 6th in Burlingame. The change in COVID circumstances throughout the Bay Area made it unduly difficult to proceed at this time. I certainly look forward to getting through this current hurdle and returning to in-person events and I know that both our speaker and our venue are looking forward to continuing with the plans at our earliest opportunity.

I'd also like to take a moment to remind everyone that the application period for our annual FBINAA scholarship is now open. As a reminder, applicants must be a child, stepchild, adopted child or grandchild of an active Association member in good standing or of a deceased member of the Association. For the San Francisco Division, the **deadline for applications is 5:00 PM on Friday, September 3rd, 2021**. Applications from within the Division should be submitted to sanfranciscovp@fbinaa.com. Please feel free to contact me if you missed the original notice and you need the application and the criteria, or simply if you would like any additional information.

Scott Savage - Interim 4th Vice President
FBI National Academy Associates, Inc.
California Chapter
Captain (ret.), San Jose Police Department
FBINA Session 237



SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS Cont...

SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER: **SCOTT SAVAGE, NA Session 237**

If you have read the previous Newsletters you would have read that member Scott Savage stepped in to be the interim 4th Vice President for the San Francisco Division when the elected VP, Mike Kihmm, moved out of the division. Thank you for stepping up Scott!

Those interested in running for the 4th VP position, can do so at the California re-trainer conference in October in Carlsbad. Even if you don't plan on running for the position but want to have a vote in who the VP will be and get some great information (and networking) in at the same time, I would also encourage you to attend the re-trainer.

Now, back to Scott. Scott, along with myself (Historian), other Board and Chapter members, invested in the "Virtual Yellow Brick Road" package. The Virtual YBR 2021, is a 6.1 mile run, walk, skip or hop (you decide) that is reminiscent of the physical training final challenge that graduates complete during their National Academy Program. This is a fun way to connect with classmates, other FBINAA members and your own family members. By registering, you are helping the Charitable Foundation, who is there to assist FBINAA members in times of crisis or need.



Scott took advantage of the Board's meeting location in Carlsbad, CA and completed his 6.1 Virtual YBR Challenge running along the coast of the beautiful Pacific Ocean.

Well done Scott for completing the Challenge and for supporting the FBINAA Charitable Foundation.



SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION:

Hello fellow Sacramento Division alums, I hope this finds you well! We had a great luncheon and golf outing in June! It was our first event in over a year and we had a nice turn out. My thanks to our **new area representative, Jim Macedo**, undersheriff of Calveras County for his efforts in putting it together. Jim will be working closely with me to organize events and support our division's activities.

Please consider joining us for our third-quarter luncheon, which will be hosted by the FBI on August 18th. The event will be at the FBI Roseville Field Office. Former US Attorney for the Eastern District of California, McGregor Scott, will be our guest speaker.

Also, as a reminder, the application period the Sacramento Division's scholarship program is now open. If you know an interested student that qualifies, please have them complete their application and ensure that it **arrives by September 3rd**. Applications can be sent to the address listed below or to my email.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you in the near future!

Sincerely,

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SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS Cont...

SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER: **Gina Di Napoli, NA Session 225**



Ok you coin collectors... this year the Charitable Foundation is including a beautiful coin and the virtual yellow brick road registration, which includes the shirt, the race bib and a super looking medal. Last year, 2020, was unprecedented. During a global pandemic many of our members suffered, many lost close friends and family and most all of us endured fires, smoke, riots and protests. Having survived all of 2020, I (your very own Historian) felt I needed to give back, therefore, I made a donation to the Angel Campaign. The proceeds go toward the FBINAA Charitable Foundation and I have seen first hand how the Foundation helps our members. You may feel you won't ever need to call on the Foundation and I hope you never will, but we don't know what life will throw at us, so please find it in your heart to be generous.

In 2020 I wrote about the Board doing the virtual Yellow Brick Road and in this edition you can see the picture of Scott Savage our 4th VP at the end of his run. For me, last year I did the race in Monterey, but this year I did the Johnny Cash trail, which is a 6.3 mile loop, but if like me you hit a few side trails, you can make it 7 miles. The following pictures are of the Trail, so all you Johnny Cash fans, here is an opportunity to learn a little about him and get some great pictures of Folsom Dam, the American river and Folsom Prison. Also, without realizing it, I completed the virtual Yellow Brick Road on the 15th Anniversary of my graduation date from the FBI NA.



Historian, Gina Di Napoli completes the Virtual Yellow Brick Road on the Johnny Cash Trail in Folsom. Done on the same day she graduated from the FBINA 15 years ago.



Enjoy the scenery surrounding Folsom Prison on the JC Trail.

Photos compliments of Diana Di Napoli who came along for the hike.





LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM LOS ANGELES DIVISION: Third Vice President, Randy Goddard

As we finish the first quarter of 2021 I was hoping for a better start to this year after all the challenges we experienced in 2020. Unfortunately the Los Angeles Division has experienced some tragic accidents over the last month losing two of our Southern California brothers, Deputy Thomas Albanese from the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department and Police Officer Jose Anzora, from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). There is nothing worse in our profession than losing one of our own, and tragically it seems to be occurring more often in our great nation. Losing Officer Anzora hit home for me as he was one of my officers assigned to Newton Patrol Division. I'm always comforted on how the law enforcement community comes together to support each other and the families of the fallen officers. We will never forget them, or their families, for the ultimate sacrifice they gave to protect the communities they served.

As a man of Faith I pray for all of my officers that God may protect them from the evils of the world. Saint Michael the Archangel is law enforcement's patron saint and we ask him to protect those who protect others. I have included the Saint Michael prayer in hopes that you can continue to pray for the protection of our officers:

'Saint Michael the Archangel defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the Divine Power of God thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls'.

Amen.

As we move into the second quarter of the year I am optimistic about our future. As more of us get vaccinated and COVID-19 cases continue to decline, I hope to see many of you at our first quarterly lunch event in June if COVID restrictions allow. I'm also very excited to be planning our state FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS) in beautiful South Lake Tahoe, August 30th – September 2nd. The 2020 LEEDS event was planned by our Sacramento Division in Lake Tahoe, which had to be canceled because of COVID. This year the Los Angeles Division is hosting and we decided to keep LEEDS in Lake Tahoe because there was already over 80 people registered for the 2020 LEEDS and an overwhelming majority of them decided to carry over their registration to 2021. I want thank all those who have registered thus far and I hope that all of you will consider registering for our 2021 LEEDS while we still have room. We have an amazing and relevant agenda for issues we are currently facing. Here is the link to registration and additional information:

http://www.fbinaacc.com/2021_LEEDS/register.html

I would like to congratulate Commander Cory Palka (Session 246) from LAPD's Operations-West Bureau. Cory served 34 years with LAPD and I wish him nothing but the best in his next chapter in life, which will involve the FBINA even in retirement.

Finally, please send me any updates that I can put in this newsletter like promotions, retirements, or anything you would like to share. You can email the information to losangelesvp@fbinaacalifornia.com.

I look forward to seeing you in-person soon. God Speed.

Randy Goddard, 3rd Vice President, Los Angeles Division
FBI National Academy Associates, California Chapter
LAPD Captain, FBINA Session 267



SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SAN DIEGO DIVISION 1st VICE PRESIDENT:

Executive Board voted to allow the 2020 YLP candidates to attend in 2021, as long as they met the eligibility requirements, which they did.

I am very pleased to be able to finally introduce the two outstanding young women who will be attending the 2021 YLP in June-July this year.



From the Los Angeles Division, Olivia Green (David Green NA#268) was selected. Olivia, who attends Woodcrest Christian High School became interested in YLP in 2017 when her father attended the NA. Olivia is a member of the student council, plays volleyball serving as the Team Captain, runs track and serves with the National Charity League. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has donated her time and energy to a number of charitable causes. Olivia is looking forward to meeting her fellow YLP classmates and the opportunity to share and learn from a diverse group of young leaders from around the world. She is grateful to her parents for their support and the Los Angeles Division and to the CA Chapter for the opportunity.



From the San Diego Division, Aloha Espiritu (David Espiritu NA#235) was selected. Aloha wanted to attend YLP as a 12-year-old when her dad showed her the flyer but had to wait a few years for eligibility. Aloha attends Eastlake High School and plays both High School and Club soccer. She is active in local charities, and even started as business as a 4th grade student as a result of an Entrepreneurial Program. Aloha chose to donate her profits to Rady Children's Hospital. Aloha is excited to meet new people and gain a better understanding of leadership and of herself. She describes the acceptance call as a surreal experience and is grateful to her Mom and Dad for their guidance and support and to the CA Chapter and San Diego Division for the opportunity.

Safe travels Olivia and Aloha, make the most of your YLP time and I hope you make some long-lasting and valuable connections! PS. Take lots of pictures. We'd love to share your experiences with future YLP candidates.

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SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS Cont...

A MESSAGE FROM THE SAN DIEGO DIVISION 1st VICE PRESIDENT CONT...:

2021 CA Conference

Greetings from the San Diego Division. I hope you're all able to take even a little time and relax with family and friends this summer.

We are busy ramping up for the October CA Chapter Training Conference in Carlsbad. This year's conference will be in a gorgeous beach-side setting overlooking the Pacific Ocean at Cape Rey Resort. We have an exciting lineup of presenters and topics. Presentations on Wellness (Hiring to retiring), Innovation (UAV/ Live911 integration), Legal strategies for leadership on critical incidents, Emerging strategies for social media engagement and ghost gun updates as well as a full slate of social events for members and their families.

Registration is underway and we have had a great response. The re-opening of everything probably played a part in that! The registration link is below and registration is open. This promises to be a well-attended event and we are in the process of planning a golf tournament for Tuesday, October 5 so stay tuned for details. I look forward to seeing you all there!

San Diego Division Activities

I'm hopeful that we will resume our quarterly division activities in the next month or so and I am looking forward to ending the year with another successful and entertaining Holiday Luncheon and of course a Raffle. Last year's event was memorable and enjoyed by all in attendance.

News:

I'm also happy to report that the **2021 YLP** was a huge success. Aloha Espiritu and Olivia Green were selected to attend the 2020 YLP but it was cancelled. Fortunately, they were able to attend this year and just returned in early July. Welcome home both of you!

Lastly, please join me in congratulating new La Mesa Police Department Chief Ray Sweeney (NA#260). Ray served with LMPD as a Captain and was sworn in on July 2! Congratulations Chief!

Please review the following link http://www.fbinaacc.com/2021_State/exhibitor_packages.html for information on both the 2021 FBI CA LEEDS Seminar and the CA 2021 Conference.

San Diego is still in the Orange Tier, but as California is due to open up soon, I am excited and hopeful that we will be together without masks while staying safe while we get together and reconnect.

In the meantime please stay safe and healthy,

Eric Thunberg

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Survey Request from FBI National Academy Unit Chief

Survey Request from FBI National Academy Unit Chief Cory McGookin

Hopefully our members reading this will take a few minutes to click on the link below and complete the quick survey. We received the request to have our members complete the survey from the Unit Chief at the National Academy. National is looking at the curriculum and wants to hear from the experiences of our members what they need to do to improve the course, so future leaders/members are fully prepared and can take on leadership positions with confidence and ability to lead successfully.

The National Academy Unit at the FBI is looking for data to inform our decisions on class offerings, enrichment events, etc.

We would appreciate current or very recent retired LE executives fill out our survey at the bottom.

With the assumption that NA graduates rise to the highest levels of LE organizations, we want to know what we should be offering to put her/him in the best position to succeed. What does a student coming through the program in 2021 need to get to be in a better position to take over as chief of an organization in 2026?

Chiefs - what were the biggest gaps or areas you were most unprepared for when you arrived in the position?

Survey link listed below:

<https://pollev.com/surveys/viNjfOO3ydyloB2KdsXA8/respond>



MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPTER SECRETARY

Subject: Meet your 2021 Candidates for the California Chapter Executive Board

The FBI National Academy Associates, Inc., California Chapter [California Chapter] will conduct an election for the 4th Vice President – 2021 (San Francisco Division) and 4th Vice President – 2022 (San Diego Division) during the 2021 Annual Conference in Carlsbad, CA the week of October 3, 2021. The following members have expressed an interest in running for these positions on the California Chapter Executive Board. ***Please see the attached message from each of the candidates***

Candidate for 4th Vice President – 2021 (San Francisco Division)

*Assistant Chief Investigator (ret.) Scott Savage, NA 237
Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office*

Candidate for 4th Vice President – 2022 (San Diego Division)

*Captain Alex Hernandez, NA 275
National City Police Department*

Who can run?

All California Chapter members in good standing (active sworn and retired), of the San Francisco Division are eligible to run for the position of 4th Vice President- 2021. Members of the San Francisco Division must reside (if retired) or be employed by a law enforcement agency located in the Northern District of California comprised of the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Sonoma.

All California Chapter members in good standing (active sworn and retired), of the San Diego Division are eligible to run for the position of 4th Vice President – 2022. Members of the San Diego Division must reside (if retired) or be employed by a law enforcement agency located in the Southern District of California comprised of the counties of Imperial and San Diego.

I'm interested in running for an elected Board position, what do I need to do?

Members seeking election to the Board should notify President Craig Chew at president@fbinacalifornia.com a minimum of 30 calendar days prior to the annual conference. Members are encouraged to notify President Chew early in the process so that they may participate in sharing their campaign message to the membership in accordance with the Campaign Protocols outlined in the Executive Board Protocol and Policies.

Questions about the duties and responsibilities of the 4th Vice President- 2021 may be directed to President Chew. Questions about the duties and responsibilities of the 4th Vice President-2022 may be directed to California Chapter 1st Vice President Eric Thunberg at sandiegovp@fbinacalifornia.com.



MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPTER SECRETARY Cont...

Subject: Meet your 2021 Candidates for the California Chapter Executive Board continued...

What positions are immediately available by appointment of the Chapter President?

All California Chapter members, in good standing, are eligible to be appointed to the Executive Board as a Division Area Representative.

Area Representative

All California Chapter members in good standing, are eligible to be appointed to the Executive Board as an Area Representative. There are immediate vacancies for Area Representative in the following Divisions.

- **Sacramento Division** - Area Representative must reside (if retired) or be employed by a law enforcement agency located in the Eastern District of California comprised of the counties of Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba.
- **San Francisco Division** - Area Representative must reside (if retired) or be employed by a law enforcement agency located in the Northern District of California comprised of the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Sonoma.
- **Los Angeles Division** - Area Representative must reside (if retired) or be employed by a law enforcement agency located in the Central District of California comprised of the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura.
- **San Diego Division** - Area Representative must reside (if retired) or be employed by a law enforcement agency located in the Southern District of California comprised of the counties of Imperial and San Diego.

What does an Area Representative do?

Under the guidance of their respective Division Vice President, each Area Representative assists in carrying out the business of the California Chapter. Given the geographic diversity and size of California, Area Representatives are located in strategic regions to complement the quarterly training/meetings scheduled by each respective Vice President so that participation by the membership is maximized. One of their key duties is to plan and coordinate regional luncheons, training sessions and other activities for the members of his/her Division as directed by their respective Vice President.

I'm interested, how can I find out more about the appointment process?

Candidates for Area Representative must be nominated by their respective Division Vice President and appointed by the Chapter President. At least one Area Representative from each Division shall be nominated and appointed for a one-year term. Contact your Division Vice President to learn more:

- Sacramento Division – 2nd Vice President Josh Ehlers, sacramentoovp@fbinaacalifornia.com
- San Francisco Division – Interim 4th Vice President Scott Savage, sanfranciscovp@fbinaacalifornia.com
- Los Angeles Division – 3rd Vice President Randy Goddard, losangelesvp@fbinaacalifornia.com
- San Diego Division – 1st Vice President Eric Thunberg, sandiegovp@fbinaacalifornia.com

This is a unique and rewarding opportunity to serve on the Executive Board of a nonprofit corporation which is dedicated to serving our fellow National Academy graduates. I encourage you to consider lending your talents and expertise to the California Chapter by serving on our Executive Board.



Candidate for 4th Vice President. San Francisco Division—2021

Candidate for 4th Vice President – 2021 San Francisco Division



My name is Scott Savage, a graduate of FBINA Class 237, and I am proud to be serving as your Interim 4th Vice President. Accordingly, I am currently working on addressing local chapter training opportunities, membership promotion and retention, and LEEDS training for 2022.

I attended the National Academy in the Spring of 2009 and I have been actively participating in the FBINAA ever since. In addition to my current service to your Board, I have regularly participated in local Chapter events, I have attended State LEEDS training, the State FBINAA Conference, and FBINAA National Conferences in both Washington DC and Phoenix, Arizona.

Professionally, I served the City of San Jose Police Department for nearly 26 years, having retired at the rank of Captain. I was fortunate to have many varied assignments during my tenure, including Vice, Narcotics / Covert Investigations, and I was assigned to the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC). In addition to attending the FBINA while with the Police Department, I also served as an Executive Fellow at FBI Headquarters in Washington DC when I was assigned to the National Joint Terrorism Task Force, post 9/11. To this day I feel a strong sense of gratitude to the FBI and a deep need to repay them for the many favors that they have done for me over the years.

I left the San Jose Police Department when I was hired as the Assistant Chief Investigator with the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. While acting in this capacity I continued my involvement with the FBINAA, hosted training, and I was successful in reintroducing that agency to the National Academy. I was able to send two employees to the National Academy during my tenure and the agency, realizing the value of the program, continues to send personnel. I retired from this agency after another 6 years of service, bringing my sworn law enforcement experience to over 32 years in sum.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve the Association and I believe that I have the skills and abilities to do so. I have a great deal of experience in securing trainers from my professional associations and in coordinating conference trainings. Similarly, I have served as a mentor to many employees helping them progress in their careers to ranks up to, and including, Chief of Police. Being now retired from two agencies, I feel that I have both the time to commit to the FBINAA and the resources and contacts to ensure that trainings, and social opportunities, are contemporary and valuable to members at all levels of their careers.

Thank you and I deeply appreciate your support.



Candidate for 4th Vice President San Diego Division—2022

Candidate for 4th Vice President – 2022 San Diego Division



Hello, my name is Alejandro "Alex" Hernandez and I'm seeking the 4th Vice President position for the California Chapter of the FBINAA. I'm currently a police Captain at the National City Police Department. My role has me overseeing the patrol operations of our police department which includes the uniformed officers, schools, canine program, SWAT team, and traffic division.

During my 24-year career, I've worked various patrol shifts, as a school resource officer, a SWAT team member, and a detective before being promoted to sergeant, then lieutenant, and now captain. I hold a Bachelor's Degree from San Diego State University in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership.

I want to participate in FBINAA since it had such an impact on my career and professional development. I attended the National Academy in January of 2019, as part of session 275. While there, I was fortunate enough to meet 252 excellent law enforcement officers. The majority of my cohorts represented 48 States from within our country. In addition, we had a robust group of international officers that were part of our FBINA experience. The program helped develop me academically and afforded me the growth needed during these challenging times in policing. In addition, I was able to develop life-long friendships with my classmates and the ability to network with other police officers on a global scale. As a proud graduate of session 275, I know the FBINAA network reaches every corner of our world.

I'm very excited about the opportunity to work in the California Chapter of the FBINAA. I look forward to giving back to the program that was instrumental in my professional growth. My hope is to help our California Chapter continue to grow, while being part of a team looking to provide our officers with excellent training and opportunities.

GLAD NEWS:

- Congratulations on their promotion goes out to:



- Congratulations to **Manuel Cid, NA 274**, who has been named the next Chief of Police for Culver City Police Department. Manuel had served as the acting and interim Chief since June of 2020 and is a 16 year veteran of the Police Department.



- Please join me in congratulating the new Chief of the La Mesa Police Department Chief **Ray Sweeney, NA 260**. Ray currently served with LMPD as a Captain and was sworn in on July 2! Congratulations Chief!



- HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our very own 3rd Vice President of the California Chapter, Los Angeles Division, **Randy Goddard, NA 267**, who was promoted to Commander for the LAPD. Well done Randy!

Helping Randy celebrate from L-R is his father in law, his wife, his son, his daughter and his mother-in-law.



- Congratulations to **Jamie Knox, NA 257**, who is the new Chief of Walnut Creek Police Department. Chief Knox came from San Leandro PD., where he was a Captain.



- Congratulations to **Edwin Brock, NA 250**, who was sworn in as the new Chief of Arvin Police Department.



- Congratulations to **Raffaello Pata, NA 259**, who was sworn in as the new Chief of the City of Ross Police Department.

MORE GLAD NEWS:

- Congratulations on their retirements:



- Congratulations to our very own Historian, Chief **Gina Di Napoli, NA 225**, who retired from the San Jose State Police Department. Seen here being given her shadow box on behalf of the Santa Clara County Police Chiefs Association, the ones here are all FBINA graduates.



- Congratulations to Captain **Jason Bassett, NA 274**, who retired in May 2021 from the Sacramento Police Department.



Captain Bassett listens as the Police Department gather to say farewell and wish him well in his retirement.



- Although the retirement of **William "Bill" Roche, NA 261**, from Concord PD was mentioned in our April newsletter, we were not privileged to have had a photo, in fact it would appear that Bill is rarely photographed. Now, having sequestered a photo of this rare individual, we have included him for all our members to see. Congratulations Bill.



- Congratulations to Chief **Anthony Psaila, NA 248**, from Belmont Police Department who retired on July 31st.
- As our members begin a new chapter in life, I would encourage them all to stay active and involved in the FBINAA, who knows what opportunities it will bring and it is always good to see and connect with other members and old friends.

SAD NEWS:

We are sad to report the passing of:

John "Jack" Kearns



One of Sacramento's finest, retired Chief **Jack Kearns, NA 83**, passed peacefully in June. Jack joined the Sacramento Police Department in 1956 upon discharge from the Marine Corps where he had served during the Korean war, following his father, Patrick. He had many family members in law enforcement; two aunts who were the first female matrons in Sacramento PD in the early 1900's, an uncle, Jim who was a warden at Folsom Prison and another uncle in NYPD.

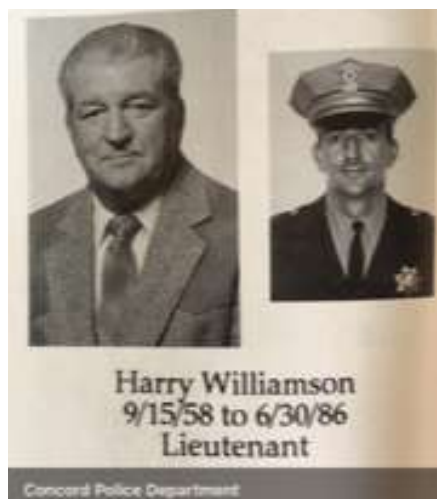
During his years as a patrolman and detective, he attended night school and graduated from CSUS with a B.A. and M.A. degree in Law Enforcement and Public Administration. Other professional certificates were achieved from different FBI programs, U.S. Dept. of Justice, and many more. He served his community for 36 years and as the "Tough but Compassionate" Chief of Police from 1977 to 1992.

Under his fifteen-year leadership as Chief, he instigated a long list of legislation, like AB497 with legislator Lloyd Connelly to require a 15-day waiting period for gun purchases.

He was a strong supporter of the Police Athletic League, he himself was an avid boxing fan and a boxing champ in the Marine Corps. The youth center at 3520 5th Avenue was built in 1985 and named the John P. Kearns Youth Center. At 52 years old he ran the 5-mile Crime Alert Run against many law enforcement agencies across the state. His favorite activities were the infamous PIG BOWL, especially when the Sacramento PD Cops beat the Sheriff's Dept.

He was very proud to be Sacramento's Irishman of the Year and Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, because he was a very proud true Irishman!

The City of Sacramento Public Safety Center, dedicated to Chiefs Deise (Fire) & Kearns (Police) on Freeport Blvd. was named after Chief Jack Kearns.



- We also say a fond farewell to **Harry Williamson, NA 123**, who retired from Concord PD as a Lieutenant. Apparently Harry was still qualifying at the range at 86 years old. Harry's nephew was also a member of Concord PD and is a FBINA graduate from the 187th Session

SAD NEWS:

We are sad to report the passing of:

BERT SEYMOUR, NA 80



It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our long standing member of over 54 years, retired Chief Deputy of Ventura County, **Bert Seymour, NA 80**. Bert attended the FBINA during the time they were felling the trees to build the Academy at Quantico. Although Bert passed two days before his 97th birthday, he was able to make good use of time during the pandemic by writing his first book, "Cow County Lawman". Bert will be sorely missed, not just for his wonderful stories and entertaining

sense of humor but also for his knowledge and experience that he was so generous in sharing.



Bert with his loving wife Nancy on their wedding day many moons ago. Bert passed the day before their 71st Wedding Anniversary



Bert with his wife Nancy (in purple), his two daughters and son.



Bert with his yellow Brick showing his Session (80)

R.I.P. Bert, your FBINAA family and all those who knew and loved you, thank you for your service.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

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

Contact Us

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

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



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