



FBINAA | CA NEWSLETTER

Message from our 2022 California Chapter President



Dear Fellow National Academy Associates,

Summer is almost upon us! I hope you can all spend some quality time with friends and loved ones before Election season demands our time. So far this year, it has been encouraging to see a more collaborative approach to policing, but I am saddened beyond belief by the senseless loss of life occurring in our communities and across the United States. Too many of our brothers and sisters continue to give their lives to protect the innocent and we must never forget their ultimate sacrifice. National Police Week occurred last month, and it was both sorrowful and heartening to see the National Law Enforcement Memorial overflowing with survivors and supporters honoring our fallen heroes. In California alone, we honor Huntington Beach Police Officer Nicholas Vella, EOW February 19, 2022; Salinas Police Officer Jorge David Alvarado, EOW February 25, 2022, and United States Border Patrol Agent Daniel Salazar, EOW May 13, 2022. Please pray for their families, friends and those who continue to serve in

their absence.

In late March, I had the honor of representing our Chapter, along with Chapter Secretary and Past President Max Santiago at the FBI National Academy Chapter Leadership Summit in Quantico. This event brought chapter leaders, from around the globe, together to discuss the business of our association, share upcoming events and attend some great training. Our Chapter Board had previously voted to provide a \$5000 donation to the FBINAA Charitable Foundation, and I was proud to be able to present that check to Doug Muldoon, the Foundation Chair. The California Chapter is among the strongest supporters of the Foundation and the great work they do.



On the business side, I'm happy to report that membership dues are remaining the same for the foreseeable future and that once again the NA is back running full sessions. As we speak, NA Session #282 is wrapping up with 22 attendees from California! We enjoyed a great presentation from the Ohio Chapter who are hosting the 2022 National Conference in Cleveland. In 2023 the National Conference is back in Section 1 in Denver Colorado.

While at Quantico, we were able to pay respects and honor two FBINA graduates who fell in the line of duty in 2020, Greg Carnicle (NA#229), EOW March 20, 2020, and Mohammed Anwar Monniri (NA#251) as they were added to the Hall of Honor. Greg's family was present and a group from Mohammed's NA Session made the trip to pay their respects as well.

I remain honored and humbled to serve as President of the California Chapter for 2022 and stand ready to assist in any way possible. I can be reached by phone at (619) 813-8477 or by email at president@fbinaocalifornia.com. I wish you all health and happiness.

Sincerely,
Eric Thunberg

Eric Thunberg
2022 FBINAA California Chapter President
255th Session

*"He who cannot
be a good follower
cannot be a
good leader"*

-Aristotle

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NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTER SECRETARY... MAX SANTIAGO

SECTION 1



For those who are not aware, Section I is comprised of the following Chapters – California, Asia-Pacific, Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Montana/Idaho, Utah, Rocky Mountain, Arizona, and New Mexico. Our Chapter Secretary, Max Santiago, gets to meet with other Section 1 representatives each year in Quantico.

So, what else has our Chapter Secretary **Max Santiago, NA 214**, been up to? Well, Max had the honor to serve as the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) 2020-2021 Parliamentarian and swear in the 2021-2022 IACP Executive Board at IACP Headquarters. He and IACP President **Cynthia Renaud, NA 214** also had the opportunity to meet with **FBI Director Christopher Wray** and thank him and his team for assisting the evacuation of our Afghan NA brothers.



(IACP)



Chapter Secretary Max Santiago, FBI Director Christopher Wray and CA Chapter member Cynthia Renaud.

Chapter Secretary Max Santiago in front of the cameras as he prepares to swear in the new IACP Board.



SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION VP: Josh Ehlers

Fellow Sacramento Division Alums, I hope this newsletter finds you well! Thanks to Area Representative Jim Macedo and Chief Ruben Chavez for hosting a lunch in Gustine, California in April!

For more amazing information on Chief Chavez, check out the page on 'San Francisco Division' and the Emerald Society



ANNUAL CONFERENCE / RE-TRAINER

If you have not already done so, please consider coming to our Annual Conference/ Re-trainer, which is being hosted in the Sacramento Division at the **Resort at Squaw Creek, in Lake Tahoe from October 25th-27th**. It promises to be a great event and we will have some outstanding training and time to catch up, socialize and network. The link for registration is: http://www.fbinaacc.com/2022_State/home.html

UPCOMING SACRAMENTO DIVISION LUNCHEON

Please join your fellow Sacramento Division alums at our next luncheon on June 23rd, 2022 at the FBI office in Roseville, CA. There will be a great lunch and as usual, lots of fun raffle prizes.

Register now at the following link: <https://checkout.square.site/buy/BFMBQFCQQBYLSCAY34NBVFAP>



SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION VP CONT...



A few California members found time to breakaway from their busy schedules and made it to the Hawaii Chapter Retrainer on the Big Island of Kona from May 11-13, 2022. Looks like a fun time was had by all.

Left to Right: Russell McKinney, Wayne Ikeuchi, Ken Tanaka, Rich Martin, Josh Ehlers, Eric Sonstegard, Jim Smith, and Tony Levatino

Attending Session 282 from the Sacramento Division:

Captain Brent Carter, CHP

Captain Anthony Martinez, Fresno PD

Sergeant Dallas Hyde, Woodland PD

Lieutenant Scott Whitehouse, Vacaville PD

Thank You,

Josh Ehlers

Josh Ehlers - 1st Vice President
FBI National Academy Associates, Inc.,
California Chapter
Assistant Chief, California Highway Patrol
FBINA Session 259
FBI CA LEEDS Session IV & XI



SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION:

3rd Vice President, Scott Savage.

The SF Division held our first quarter lunch event in March in Sausalito. With many thanks to members Tricia Seyler and Bill Fraass, we were able to host over 50 members and guests for lunch on the water at the Spinnaker Restaurant. Our speaker, Mike Sena, Executive Director of the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC), provided updates on threats facing the area and on programs and resources available to agencies through the NCRIC.



LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

The bulk of the last several months consisted of preparing for the annual Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS) which was held in San Luis Obispo. Almost 70 attendees registered and they got to experience 24 hours of high-quality POST approved training. Leading by example, crisis communications and large-scale case management were topics that were taught by some well-known instructors, including former DEA Agents Javier Pena and Steve Murphy of Netflix's "Narcos" fame. If you have never attended LEEDS, you are missing out.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE

The California Chapter is very interested in expanding the Area Rep program to assist us in providing training and networking opportunities to members who live and/or work in outlying and harder to get to areas. We recognize that it is difficult for those members to attend events and we are seeking assistance in those areas to promote and host events closer to home. Members in the extreme parts of the San Francisco Division who may be interested in this opportunity are encouraged to send an email to sanfranciscovp@fbinaacalifornia.com for additional information.

Class 282

We would like to welcome and congratulate the following Command Officers who are currently attending Class 282:

- **Tanzanika Carter**, Assistant Sheriff, San Francisco Sheriff's Office
- **April Lockett-Fahimi**, Captain, Alameda County Sheriff's Office
- **Saul Jaeger**, Captain, Mountain View Police Department
- **Tim Lyons**, Lieutenant, Petaluma Police Department
- **Kevin Miller**, Lieutenant, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
- **Erik Silacci**, Lieutenant, Pleasanton Police Department
- **Scott Vermillion**, Captain, Pleasant Hill Police Department



SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED

A message from 3rd Vice President, Scott Savage cont...



Class 283

Congratulations to San Francisco Division attendees :

- **Steve Furr**, Resident Agent in Charge, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, Oakland, California
- **Jonathan Gackowski**, Captain, Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff, Martinez, California
- **Kevin Kilgore**, Chief of Police, Sebastopol Police Department, Sebastopol, California
- **Yousuf Shansab**, Lieutenant, Union City Police Department, Union City, California
- **Frederick Shavies, II**, Lieutenant, Oakland Police Department, Oakland, California
- **Jeff Watkins**, Commander, Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department, Carmel by-the-Sea, California

FLASHBACK FROM THE PAST...(well 5 years ago)



CA Chapter Past President Ken Tanaka, NA 228 (left) and current 3rd VP Scott Savage, NA 237 (right) pose for a photo before the 5K Run at the 2017 National Conference in Washington DC. There are no photos of the two finishing the run but we believe they finished since they showed us their participant medals.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

As always, we are seeking to keep our membership up to date with respect to promotions, retirements, and changes in agencies. If you are aware of any of these changes, please send an email to sanfranciscovp@fbinaacalifornia.com so that the information can be published in future newsletters and in the NA Associates magazine.

Scott Savage
FBINAA California Chapter, 4th Vice President
NA Session 237
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SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...

Follow up to previous story from November 2020 Newsletter ...

SAN JOSE POLICE EMERALD SOCIETY

The San Jose Police Emerald Society has played at many police related functions including police memorials, funerals and anniversaries. This photo is from the **2019 Peace Officers Memorial Week in Washington D.C.** The last year the week was celebrated in person in large groups.

As mentioned in the previous article the band is made up of current and retired police officers, mostly from San Jose PD but is open to any police officers active or retired interested in participating.

Pictured in the back row, far right is our own California Chapter member Ruben Chavez, NA 232.

About the Band

The band is currently made up of 14 pipers and 8 drummers. Half of the pipers are Grade III, IV, and V competition pipers and the other half are newer or returning pipers who receive personal instruction by the more advanced pipers in the band.



We are currently inviting active duty or retired law enforcement, fire, EMT or public safety officers that play or would like to learn to play bagpipes or drums to join our band. We offer beginning instruction to current or retired law enforcement officers, **FREE** of charge. It is a goal to someday have at least 50% of our performing members be active-duty officers.

The band wears the San Jose Police Emerald Society tartan which was designed and manufactured specifically for the band and members of our Emerald Society. The band supplies most of the uniform parts and encourages its band members to buy their own custom fitted kilt.

What We Do

The band performs at events to support the mission of the San Jose Police Emerald Society by “Rendering Support and Keeping Their Memory Alive” by continuing to honor the memories of officers that fell in the line of duty. We also honor and provide a police presence for retired officers that have passed away. During their careers, officers sacrifice so much for their departments and the citizens they swore to protect. No police retiree’s funeral should lack representation from the law enforcement community that they loved for so many years. The San Jose Police Emerald Society is honored to provide that presence when requested.

In addition to law enforcement funerals, the band also performs at civic ceremonies, parades, police & fire academy graduations, police memorials, opening ceremonies, sporting event, military occasions, and fundraisers. If you want more information or wish to hire a solo piper or band, please email us at sjpoliceemeralds@gmail.com.



SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FOR THE SAN DIEGO DIVISION:

Hello San Diego Division members,

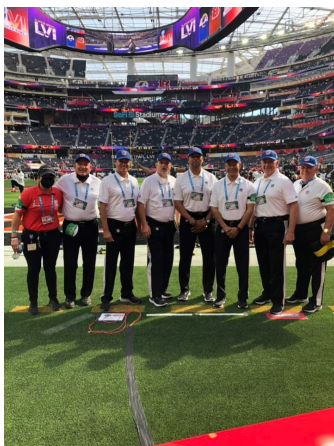
Here are two San Diego Division members who are still having fun.

First, our very own Chapter Treasurer and Past President, Mike Barletta. Mike was recently one of the three finalists for the interim Sheriff's position with the San Diego S.O. Congratulations Mike, being a finalist, shows that you have what it takes. Congratulations to all three finalists: **Mike Barletta, NA 222**, **Edwin Brock, NA 250** and **Anthony Ray, NA 262**. ***Look in our GLAD NEWS to see who was chosen***

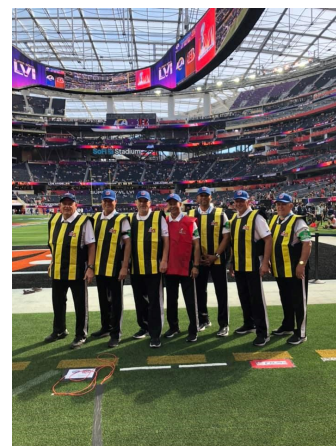


For all our members making it to the finals in whatever you are pursuing, we congratulate you and wish you well.

Also a retired member of the San Diego Sheriff's Office, is **Clay Reynard, NA 195**, who had the honor of working with the Chain Crew at this year's Superbowl. Clay was also the California FBINAA Chapter President in 2005, so lots of fun things still happening for Clay.



Here you see Clay 3rd from the right.

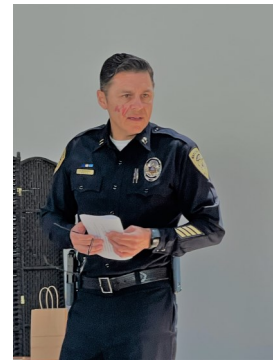


Here Clay is the one in red.



SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SAN DIEGO DIVISION 4th VICE PRESIDENT:



On Thursday April 21st, we, the San Diego Chapter, hosted a quarterly luncheon in National City. Steve Woodland from HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) was our guest speaker. Steve is a retired DEA ASAC who now serves as the San Diego Imperial valley HIDTA Coordinator. Steve gave an interesting presentation about HIDTA and shared with us some useful training opportunities in the region.

Our surprise guest was Mike Barletta, our Chapter Treasurer, who stopped by to say hello.

I would like to say a special thanks to Panasonic's Mike Haas, who sponsored the event that totaled 18 members.

Let's share with the other Divisions what we are doing. Contact me, your 4th VP, Alex Hernandez, AHernandez@nationalcityca.gov and let me know what is happening in your world.



LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM LOS ANGELES DIVISION:

We are almost through the first half of the year, and Covid is still with us. Luckily, we have started to travel again and have in-person training. We have some great events coming up for the remainder of the year with FBI LEEDS in the last week of May, the National Conference July 30- August 2 in Cleveland, and the grand finale, the California State Conference in beautiful Lake Tahoe, October 25-27th. Register at http://www.fbinaacc.com/2022_State/home.html

Promotions:



Congratulations to Commander **Bryan Lium, NA 261**, from LAPD, who was promoted to Commander in April and is assigned as the Assistant Commanding Officer, Operations-Valley Bureau. Bryan is pictured at his promotional ceremony with Chief Moore and Bryan's wife, Debbie.

Please email me with any LA Division news. We love to hear about promotions and special events in the division.

Session 283:

Congratulations to the upcoming National Academy Candidates for Session 283! The FBI's LA Office always has informative orientations and prepares the candidates for the experience of a lifetime.

- Lieutenant **Raymond Lucas**, Los Angeles Police Department
- Commander **Charles Elms**, Santa Ana Police Department
- Captain **Andrew Bjelland**, Chino Police Department
- Commander **Mark Goodman**, Pasadena Police Department
- Captain **Eric Trapp**, Anaheim Police Department
- Captain **Mark Adams**, Rialto Police Department
- Commander **Jim Munro**, Grover Beach Police Department



LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...

A MESSAGE FROM LOS ANGELES DIVISION CONT...

Here we see the new attendees for Session 283 going through a thorough orientation so they can be fully prepared for their experience of a lifetime.



Scholarships:

The due date for this year's scholarship applications has passed. Applications were due on June 1, 2022. If you have children, grandchildren, step children or know children that would benefit from a scholarship, have them start preparing now as there is strong competition, but worth the time and effort to apply.

Personnel Updates:

As always, we are seeking to keep our membership up to date with respect to promotions, retirements, and changes in agencies. If you are aware of any of these changes, please send an email to losangelesvp@fbinaocalifornia.com so that the information can be published in future newsletters and in the NA Associates magazine.

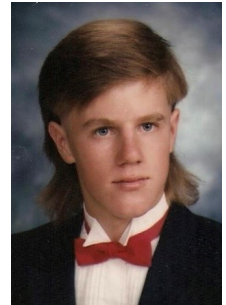
Randy Goddard, 2021 – 2nd Vice President (LA Division)
FBI National Academy Associates, Inc.,
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LAPD Commander
FBINA Session 267



LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS

... BREAKING NEWS... FBINAA PAST PRESIDENT... ERIC SONSTEGARD

Past FBINAA President and current Deputy Chief of Oxnard PD, **Eric Sonstegard, NA 246**, gave little warning of his upcoming retirement and even lesser warning of the fact that he has been selected as the next Police Chief of Edgewater, Colorado. So what can we say except a huge ...



GLAD NEWS:

Congratulations on their promotion goes out to:



- Congratulations to **Mike Sullivan, NA 280**, who has been promoted to Chief Investigator with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. Mike has been a California peace officer for thirty years with experience as an officer with the Broadmoor Police Department, a deputy sheriff and sergeant with the Amador County Sheriff's Office, then twenty years with the Sacramento County DA's Office. Mike enjoys working on his vintage Land Rover and BMW motorcycle, home projects, and snowboarding with his son Caleb. Mike is married and lives in Amador County



The vintage Landrover that is the hobby, which like any hobby, takes time and money but is a whole lot of fun!



- Congratulations to Sacramento Division member **Jim Jacobs, NA 274**, who was recently promoted to CHP Assistant Chief and assigned to Central Division, Fresno, CA.



- Congratulations to Assistant Sheriff **Anthony Ray, NA 262**, who was unanimously selected by the Board of Supervisors, to step into the role serve as interim Sheriff for San Diego County. Sheriff Ray will be finishing the term left vacant by the February retirement of Sheriff Bill Gore.



- San Diego S.O. also has a new Assistant Sheriff, **Theresa Adams-Hydar, NA 271**, who was promoted from Divisional Commander. Congratulation s Theresa.

GLAD NEWS:

Congratulations on their promotion goes out to:



- Congratulations to **Brian Nevins, NA 275**, who was just recently promoted to Commander at the San Diego Sheriff's Office.

- Congratulations to **Bryan Lium, NA 262**, with the Los Angeles Police Department who was promoted to Commander. You can see his picture in the Los Angeles Division news on Page 10.

MORE GLAD NEWS:

Retirements:



- Congratulations to Chief **John Thomas, NA 218**, who retired in January 2021 after 37 years of public service. Chief Thomas began his law enforcement career with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) in 1984, where he worked patrol assignments. Following patrol, he was assigned to various details, such as the Department's Gang Enforcement Detail in South Los Angeles, Operation South Bureau CRASH (Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums), and worked undercover narcotic enforcement as a member of the Department's FALCON (Focused Attack Linking Community Organizations and Neighborhoods) Unit. While assigned to FALCON, he was awarded the City of Los Angeles' City Angel Award for outstanding community enhancement and the Department's Meritorious Unit Citation. Before retiring from the LAPD at the rank of Lieutenant in 2005, he worked in the Office of the Chief of Police, serving as adjutant to Chiefs Bernard Parks, Martin Pomeroy, and William Bratton.

After his career with the LAPD, John Thomas accepted a position as Deputy Chief of Police for the University of the District of Columbia Department of Public Safety & Emergency Management in Washington, D.C. Soon after, he was appointed to Captain at the University of Southern California (USC) Department of Public Safety (DPS) in October 2006, followed by promotions to Assistant Chief in 2009, and Chief in 2013.



- Congratulations to Captain **John Gamez, NA 252**, who retired from Daly City PD after a long and full career. John holds a BSc from Sacramento State University and is a graduate of the West Point Leadership Academy and attended the Boston University Senior Management Institute for Policing. In addition, he is a graduate of the 252nd Session of the FBINA. During his career he supervised many bureaus and in July 2021 was assigned as the Acting Chief of Police. We wish John well in his retirement.

SAD NEWS:

We are sad to report the passing of:



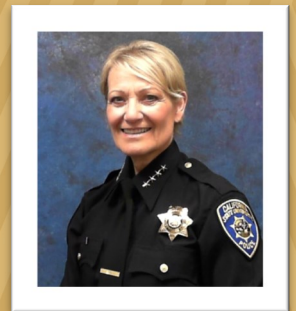
Our condolences go out to the family, friends and co-workers of member Charles "Sid" Heal, NA 200, who was part of the Los Angeles Division. Sid passed recently with his wife of 54 years by his side. Sid, who had been with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department will be sadly missed.



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.



Gina Haynes Di Napoli

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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!



MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER



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