FBINAA California Chapter Newsletter

August 2023

Message from our 2023 Chapter President— Josh Ehlers



Fellow Alums,

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and enjoying the summer! I just returned from our national conference in Denver, and I'm happy to report that our association on a national level remains incredibly strong, solvent, and focused on not only continuing to build relationships in our profession, but also providing the highest level of training possible.

It was an absolutely great experience to meet new alums, visit with friends, and meet new colleagues from across the nation and world. If you have not been to a national conference, I would highly encourage you to attend in the coming years. The five days in Denver were filled with world-class training, great family events, as well as a unique opportunity to see a different part of the country. Over 2000 people attended and we were able to support our new Section One Representative, Bill Gardiner, from the Idaho State Police, who was appointed to the National Board.

As we look forward to the remainder of the year, if you are not already planning to attend, I would encourage you to consider going to our **State Conference in Long Beach.** The Conference runs from August 29th through September 1st. It's a great opportunity to network, receive POST certified training and to spend time with friends and fellow alums. Our State Conference has a wonderful line up of speakers and presenters which promises to provide first class training to all who attend, and did I mention the location? If you have never been to Long Beach, now is the time to enjoy the sun and sand along with other alums while getting some relevant and timely training.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your president this year, I have enjoyed meeting and interacting with you at various events and I look forward to seeing many of you in Long Beach!

As we continue to be faced with challenges and changing circumstances, encourage those who work for you to adopt the wellness recommendations and to all of you, please stay safe and healthy, and remember, what we do matters!

Sincerely, *Josh Ehlers*FBINA Session 259
"Remember, life is in session!"

"Success is not final,
Failure is not fatal,
it is the courage to
continue that
counts"

-Winston S. Churchill

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CALIFORNIA CHAPTER MEMBERS AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

California Chapter members represented at the National Conference in Denver, Colorado



Left to right: Josh Ehlers, CA President Josh Ehlers, CA Past President Jim Petersen, Past Board member Jim Smith, CA Past Presidents Kevin Jensen, Eric Thunberg and Ken Tenaka, CA 2nd VP Scott Savage, CA alum Tony Ciaburro and Jason Ta







Josh Ehlers, CA President #259 and Scott Savage, CA 2nd VP #237, post 5k race - we survived @ a mile high!











Paul Butler (center) with CA alums at the private western night and rodeo

Great events hosted by great partners

FOR MEMBERS INTERESTED IN WHAT OTHERS GET UP TO DURING THEIR OFF HOURS:

California Chapter represented at the Hawaii Chapter Re-Trainer

Several California Chapter members including a few past California Chapter Executive Board members attended the Hawaii Chapter Re-Trainer in Honolulu this June. All are retired and continue to stay active with the NAA.



Left to Right: Ken Tanaka (NA 228) Past Chapter President, Wayne Ikeuchi (NA 182) Past Chapter President, Cris Trulsson (NA 227) Past <u>Chapter Treasurer</u>, Janis Trulsson (NA 224) Past Chapter President, Brian Whitbread (NA 227), Mark Sullivan (NA 214), Mike Kihmm (NA 262), Jim Smith (NA 214) Past Chapter Training Manager. Kneeling front: Tony Levatino (NA 222).

Also while at the Hawaii Chapter Re-trainer, CA Chapter Past President Ken Tanaka met two Hawaii Chapter Past Presidents. *Interesting fact*: Ed Ross (seen below in center), became a Honolulu Police Officer before Hawaii became a state. Ed was sworn in as a Honolulu police officer in 1957, two years before Hawaii became a state in 1959. Ed attended the NA in 1967, at that time the current Academy at Quantico had not been built. Ed attended classes in the old Department of Justice building in Washington DC and had the good fortune to meet J. Edgar Hoover twice during that time. Ed remained in the FBINAA and served as Hawaii Chapter President in 1976-77, then served as the Chapter Secretary-Treasurer for 25 years. Ed retired from the Honolulu PD in 1985.



Left to Right: Ken Tanaka, NA 228, Ed Ross, NA 79, Kevin Lima, NA 197.



CALIFORNIA MEMBERS AT THE ASIA-PACIFIC RE-TRAINER

FOR MEMBERS INTERESTED IN WHAT OTHERS GET UP TO DURING THEIR OFF HOURS:

California Chapter represented at the Asia Pacific Chapter Re-Trainer in Kuala Lumpur.

Several California Chapter members including a couple of California Chapter Past Presidents and a former Chapter Treasurer, not only attended the Hawaii Chapter Re-Trainer in Honolulu this June, but went on to Kuala Lumpur and attended the Asia Pacific Re-trainer too! So, if you want to know what the Asia Pacific retrainers are all about and want to arrange the trip of a lifetime, these are the Chapter members you need to speak to. Obviously a great time was had by all.



Left to Right: Past Presidents Wayne Ikeuchi, NA 182 and Janis Trulsson, NA 224, along with former Chapter Treasurer Cris Trulsson NA 227 and another Chapter member.



Fun times to be had when not in one of the training sessions. Relaxing by the pool or in the pool while sipping a cocktail and listening to the sounds of the waterfall is definitely what we would all like to be doing.





THE ASIA-PACIFIC RE-TRAINER CONTINUED...

FOR MEMBERS INTERESTED IN WHAT OTHERS GET UP TO DURING THEIR OFF HOURS:

California Chapter members that were lucky enough to attend the Asia Pacific Conference, share some of what the rest of us, not so fortunate, missed.

Thank you to our members who sent pictures to me.



OPENING CEREMONIES













Covering their heads.

Sampling the local cuisine

Relaxing at the hotel

Reuniting with classmates

Janis Trulsson (CA Past President (on the left in the first picture) and Lori Emmert (Wyoming Chapter), both graduates of NA 224. Both were lucky enough to be reunited with their 224 classmate while at the Conference.



MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPTER HISTORIAN

Hello members,

Those members who read my newsletters will know that each year, since it began, I have participated in the Virtual Yellow Brick Road. The proceeds from this event goes toward the Charitable Foundation, which assists our members in times of need. Not only is this event for a good cause, but it provides an opportunity for our members (and friends and family and anyone else who wants to participate) to spend time with each other, contribute towards our fitness regime, experience new places, try new things, motivate us and reunite with classmates.

Last year I flew to Philadelphia to complete the 6.1 miles with a classmate from Session 225 and this year, although not in Philadelphia, both my classmate and I did the course together just on different coasts. For me on the West Coast, where we have had a good amount of rain and snow in the mountains, leading to large amounts of runoff into our lakes, I felt my course should be around one of those full lakes. On this course, which ended up being over the 6.1 miles, but well worth the time and effort, was around Folsom Lake.

I have previously hiked the Johnny Cash trail, also close to Folsom Lake, but this trail took me up hills, in brush, around trees, next to the water and along the levee. If any of our members have participated in the Virtual YBR and want to share their experience, or the trail they took. Please contact me, your Historian.



Downed trees that fell during the heavy rains.



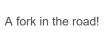




Remains of buildings from old Mormon Island.



Folsom Lake with the Damn in the far distance.





Making it to the end of the trail and earning the medal. The medals are beautiful and something proud to display.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT— MAX SANTIAGO

Congratulations.....

Chief (ret.) William Imboden, NA 258, Hercules (San Francisco Division) and Deputy Commissioner (ret.) Max Santiago, NA 214, California Highway Patrol (Sacramento Division) had the honor of representing Desert Shield/Desert Storm veterans during the 2023 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C.





On December 6, 1990, Chief (ret.) Imboden and Deputy Commissioner (ret.) Santiago were ordered to federal active duty by the order of President George H.W. Bush and served together in the 970th Military Police Company where they deployed to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War. They were assigned to the 403rd MP Enemy Prisoner of War Camp located near the village of Al Sarrar and participated in the processing, guarding, escorting, and repatriation of over 10,000 Iraqi prisoners of war. TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THIS INTERESTING AND ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE...STAY-TUNED AND READ THE NEXT CA CHAPTER NEWS-LETTER WHERE ALL WILL BE REVEALED.



William Imboden



CA Chapter Secretary Max Santiago



HELLO TO OUR RECENT GRADUATE FROM SESSION 286

One of the fun things about attending the FBINAA luncheons, is meeting old friends and acquaintances and making new ones. At the last Sacramento luncheon, I was fortunate to meet **Ricardo Hernandez, who recently graduated from the National Academy, Session 286**. So let me introduce him.

Ricardo started his career in law enforcement in 2001. Prior to law enforcement he served 4 years in the United States Marine Corps (Hoo Rah), and where he discharged at the rank of Sergeant.

In 2003 he began working for the city of Tracy where he worked patrol until 2011. In 2011 Ricardo worked in the Directed Patrol Unit and in 2012 was transferred to the General Investigations Unit where he began working as a gang detective and then homicide detective. In 2013 Ricardo was promoted to Corporal and remained in the General Investigations Unit until 2016 when he was transferred back to patrol and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Then in 2018 he was transferred to the Special Investigations Unit as the supervisor until 2022. In January 2022 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned as a Watch Commander.

Then, in September of 2022, Ricardo was notified that he was accepted into the FBI NA class 286. He started the Academy in March of 2023 and graduated on June 8th, 2023. Ricardo says of his experience, "It has always been a career goal to obtain the highly prestigious training in Quantico. The experience was exactly how it was explained to me and more. I made life-long friends and I was selected to be a part of the International Partnership Program where I shared my experience with my Spanish roommate from the Guardia Civil in Spain. Basilio Sanchez-Portillo is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Guardia Civil and stationed in Madrid Spain. I am humbled to be able to say I attended the FBI National Academy and honored to join the alumni of highly professional individuals."

Ricardo was born and raised in Modesto, CA and is a first generation American. Both of his parents were born in Mexico. Ricardo is married and lives with his beautiful wife and two children in Modesto CA.

Before Ricardo attended the FBINA in 2023, the Tracy Police Department had not had anyone attend since 2008! Ricardo now hopes to be able to start a consistent trend of attendees to the National Academy from the Tracy Police Department. We wish Ricardo all the very best in his career.









Ricardo Hernandez, NA 286, with his NA brick, with a classmate and finally with his Chief, Sekou Millington (standing on the left on final picture).



SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION:

Hello members,

On Thursday, July 20 the FBINAA Sacramento division, held its second quarter luncheon at the Rancho Murieta country club near Sacramento California. A portion of the event was <u>sponsored by Point Blank</u>. In attendance at the luncheon was California **chapter president**, **Josh Ehlers**, **Historian**, **Gina Di Napoli**, Sacramento area representative, **Jason Russo** and 4th **vice president**, **Jim Macedo**.

The event speaker was Chris Childs from California highway Patrol (retired). Mr. child's spoke about the emerging technology involving autonomous vehicles and their interactions with highway travel, law enforcement and safety. Our members were super interested in what Mr. Childs had to say and many questions were being asked from analytics to car insurance.

Also at the luncheon, three of our Chapter members received their 25-year membership pin. The first member was **Steve Moore, NA 185**, the retired sheriff of San Joaquin County. The second member was **Ralph Womack, NA 143**, who retired from the Stockton Police Department and the third member was **Frank Chisholm, NA 156**, who is a retired police officer from the California state lottery law enforcement division. Big congratulations go out to those loyal members.

After the event members were allowed to play golf at the private country club, this was made possible through the efforts of FBINA alum, **Troy Broddrick**, **NA 212**, who retired from the Stockton Police Department.

A big thank you to the Chiefs, Command staff and guests from the various Police and Sheriff's departments from within the Sacramento division for their attendance, their ongoing support is appreciated.



VP Jim Macedo With Chris Childs at the Sacramento luncheon



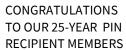




Frank Chisholm, NA 156 with VP Jim Macedo



Steve Moore, NA 185 with VP Macedo







VP Macedo with Ralph Womack, NA 143.



SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...

For those attendees who were at the luncheon, there was a fun game of golf at the prestigious Rancho Murieta Golf Course for those who chose to brave the soaring temperatures and play. Four of those who chose to play were the following:



L-R: Current President Josh Ehlers, VP Jim Macedo, Troy Broddrick and Past President Daman Christensen.

Here are our current NA 287 attendees who graduate 9/14/23



Captain Mike Lehman, CHP



Lieutenant Victoria Danzl, Woodland Police Department



Lieutenant Michael Wells, Citrus Heights PD

Upcoming attendees for Session 288 (September 25 through December 17, 2023) are:

- Captain Manuel Banuelos, CHP
- Captain Bryce Henlein, Sacramento PD
- Undersheriff Rachelle Whiting, Calaveras County Sheriff's Office
- Chief Eric Charlock, State of California Department of Insurance



SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS

NEWS FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION: 2nd Vice President, Scott Savage.

On July 21, the San Francisco Division hosted a lunch meeting in South San Francisco. Approximately 30 people were in attendance to hear the two Youth Leadership Program participants from the San Francisco Division, Isabella Castaneda and Alison Cook, speak about their experiences at Quantico during this year's YLP program. Both young women gave exceptional presentations and their interest in positions in federal law enforcement was solidified by their experience. To no one's surprise, they both enjoyed the explosives demonstration. For the members present it was truly gratifying to see a return on investment, something we don't see enough in this profession.



Alison Cook



Isabella Castaneda



The Business portion of the luncheon

And California YLP attendees

CHAPTER RETRAINER APRIL 2024





Both the dates and venues are set for the 2024 Re-trainer. **2024 will be APRIL 23—25, so SAVE THE DATE!** Because of the challenges in hosting an event of this nature in the San Francisco Bay Area, we will be returning to South Lake Tahoe and using two newly built and/or renovated facilities. The host hotel will be the newly reimagined Margaritaville Hotel just on the California side of the California / Nevada border, basically next door to Harrah's. The training will take place in the newly built Tahoe Blue Conference Center, a state-of-the-art facility which is **NOT TO BE MISSED**. This is the facility destined to be home to the new hockey team in South Lake Tahoe.

While the planning for the conference is just commencing, training courses selected will meet two criteria, relevant and positive. In addition to the CA POST certification, we will also be working with our partners in the Nevada Chapter to gain Nevada POST approval allowing those in the Northern Nevada areas an opportunity attend and meet their training needs as well. **Please reach out to your friends across the state line and invite them** as well.

CHAPTER RETRAINER CONTINUED...

As is customary, we will be raising funds in support of both the Youth Leadership Program and our annual scholarship program, so it's never too early to solicit silent auction item donations from friends, family, or associates to help maintain these critical functions of our organization.

It is important to note that during the 2024 conference, the election for the 2025 4th Vice President from the San Francisco Division will take place. I encourage anyone interested to reach out to me and I will happily detail the duties and responsibilities of the position. It is gratifying to be able to give back to the organization and I encourage you to strongly consider the opportunity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are looking forward to one more regional lunch in the fall and to our annual holiday lunch during the first two weeks of December. Additional information will be forthcoming.

FBINAA SCHOLARSHIP

Applications closed for this year and we look forward to awarding this year's SF Division scholarship in Long Beach.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Congratulations are extended to graduates from Session 286 and to those who are now attending Session 287.

San Francisco Division graduates from **Session 286** are:

- Jonathan Arguello, Newark Police Department
- Victor Fox, Alameda County Sheriff's Office
- Derrick Lew, San Francisco Police Department
- William Sandri, Foster City Police Department
- Brian Sliger, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office
- Rico Jonas Tabaranza, Fairfax Police Department
- Casey Johnson, Oakland Police Department
- Robert Rittenhouse, Berkeley Police Department
- Justin Tharp, Saint Helena Police Department

PERSONNEL UPDATES CONTINUED...

Currently attending Session 287 are:

- Ceasar Campos, Stanford Department of Public Safety
- Richard Fitting, Santa Clara Police Department
- Casey Johnson, Oakland Police Department
- Robert Rittenhouse, Berkeley Police Department
- Justin Tharp, Saint Helena Police Department
- Mike Lehman, California Highway Patrol

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 sanfrancis-covp@fbinaacalifornia.com so that the information can be published in future newsletters and in the NA Associates magazine.

Scott Savage

FBINAA California Chapter, 2nd Vice President

NA Session 237

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SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SAN DIEGO DIVISION 3rd VICE PRESIDENT:

Hello San Diego Division members,

This year's LEEDS (Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar) took place at San Diego's Wyndham Hotel overlooking beautiful San Diego Bay. The seminar started on May 22 through the 25th. The training focused on wellness, cyber issues, and leadership.

A very special thank you to our FBI San Diego Field Office Representatives Special Agent Justin Menolascino and Amy D'Asaro for coordinating the curriculum and training.

Take a look at some of the pictures from the LEEDS conference:













WELCOME NEW GRADUATES:

Congratulations to our most recent graduates from session 286:

- Matthew Dobbs, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department
- Patrick McEvoy, Lieutenant, San Diego County Sheriff's Department
- Shawn O'Neill, Lieutenant, Coronado Police Department
- Ryan Flick, Major, MCRD-PMO
- Sirod Mike, Lieutenant, MCAS Miramar

Session 287:

- Ryan Banks, Lieutenant, Escondido Police Department
- Alejandro Navarro, Lieutenant, San Diego County Sheriff's Department
- Thourarith "Dan" Sayasane, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department
- Jason Scott, Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department

PROMOTIONS:

Let's share with other Divisions what we are doing, so let me know of promotions, transfers, retirements, etc..

Contact me, your 3rd VP, Alex Hernandez, <u>AHernandez@nationalcityca.gov</u> and let me know.



LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM LOS ANGELES DIVISION:



Although this picture is worth a thousand words and the website is worth thousands more, I still wanted to share some final words on the fast-approaching conference.

Most of you have probably received one or two personal emails from me about the conference over the last few months. I have spent hundreds of hours coordinating the conference and most recently spent the last two weeks of my vacation completing the final action items.

*** This is the last call for everyone to register before it is too late ***. The website will tell you everything you need to know, but know that we have great presentations lined up, and you can earn 11 hours of POST credit. Not to mention the nightly networking opportunities.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you who registered for the conference and thank you for your continued engagement.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION CONTINUED:

Session 287:

Session 287 candidates from the LA Division began their journey towards the Yellow Brick Road on July 10, 2023. Congratulations to the Los Angeles Division Candidates for Session 287!

- Lieutenant **Alisha Jordan**, Los Angeles Police Department
- Lieutenant **Ryan Smith**, San Bernardino Sheriff's Department
- Lieutenant **Steven Kusy**, Riverside Sheriff's Department
- Lieutenant Calvin Mah, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Lieutenant Christopher Willison, Riverside Sheriff's Department

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Randy Goddard, 2023 – 1st Vice President (LA Division) FBI National Academy Associates, Inc., California Chapter LAPD Commander FBINA Session 267

GLAD NEWS:

Congratulations on their promotion goes out to:



• Congratulations to our very own Chapter 3rd Vice President, **Alex Hernandez**, **NA 275**, who was promoted to Assistant Chief of National City Police Department.



• Congratulations to California Chapter Past President **Kevin Jensen, NA 222** was appointed as the President/CEO of the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium. The South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium (The Academy) leads the way in providing high-quality, cost-effective public safety training to approximately 2700 full-time equivalent students (FTEs) each year including professionals from more than 70 city and county agencies.

The Academy operates under a Joint Powers Agreement with eight community colleges and certifies training in law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical training, dispatch, and more. Member colleges who include Gavilan College,

Monterey Peninsula College, College of San Mateo, Lake Tahoe Community College, Cabrillo College, Hartnell College, and Ohlone College provide college credit for most courses offered by The Academy.



MORE GLAD NEWS CONTINUED:

Retirements

None reported at this time.

SAD NEWS:



• Our condolences go out to the family of **Robert** "**Bob" Pifferini, Jr., NA 198**, who passed in May of this year at the age of 72. Bob began his law enforcement career at the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office. He later joined the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office where he rose to the rank of Deputy Chief. After playing football for UCLA, Bob was drafted by the Chicago Bears where he played linebacker. He played one season for the Los Angeles Rams before retiring from football.



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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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!