



# FBINAA | CA NEWSLETTER

FBINAA California Chapter Newsletter

November 2023

## Message from our 2023 Chapter President— Josh Ehlers



Fellow Alums,

As we enter the holiday season. I hope this newsletter finds you and your families, healthy, and safe! It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the president of the California Chapter for the past year. When I was elected five years ago, I did not imagine the journey that I was just beginning. My time on the executive board has been incredibly rewarding, and I am proud of the work that we have done to advance our chapter, and what we provide to all of you, our members.

I have met many new friends and colleagues. Collectively the board and our chapter has moved forward, become more financially secure, and continues to provide value and incredible training to our members throughout the state.

One of the places you can read about what is going on with our Chapter throughout the State, is in our quarterly newsletter. It is a great place to see what your fellow alums have been up to. You can read about your own Division, we are the only state that has four divisions, and the "Member Spotlight" page highlights members with fun, interesting and unusual hobbies. If you have something to share, let our Historian know, we would love to read about it

Having spent the last five years as a member of your Chapter Board, I can honestly say I am in awe of the choices you, as members, vote in as your Vice Presidents. The Board members put in many unpaid hours working to bring you training lunches and conferences that you will find informative and fun. If you haven't attended a luncheon or a Chapter Conference, I urge you to go to one. The Holiday luncheons are coming up, so there is time to get to one before the year is out and who knows, you may win one of the awesome raffle prizes!

I do want to say a big thank you to all of you who support the Chapter, either by sending in information, attending events, participating in the Virtual Yellow Brick Run, contributing to the scholarship fund and/or hosting a Division luncheon, you all help make the Chapter what it is. What I would like to leave you all is a call to action, that action would be in bringing a new or a past member and encouraging them to renew their membership. **During the month of January, 2024, if you, an active member, can get an inactive Chapter member to rejoin, you will receive \$25 off of the upcoming conference registration.** So, for those planning to attend in Lake Tahoe, find an inactive member and have them re-join. I look forward to seeing you there in April 2024.

In the meantime, please keep up the good work in making this a profession to be proud of, stay safe and remember that your Chapter Board is here as a resource for you.

Sincerely, *Josh Ehlers*

FBINA Session 259

"Remember, life is in session!"



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# MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPTER HISTORIAN

Hello members,

So much has happened since our last newsletter that I cannot fit it all in without making this incredibly long, which I know you don't all have the time to read. In the last newsletter I teased you with **a story on our Secretary, Max Santiago**, when he Served at the MP enemy prisoner of war camp during the Persian Gulf War. Well, that is too interesting to miss, and as we have a lot in this newsletter, we will be publishing that story in our first newsletter of 2024. In the meantime, read your Division news, look at the pictures and read the highlights.

Our biggest headline was the swearing in of our 2024 Chapter Board at the Re-trainer in Long Beach.



L—R: Past President Josh Ehlers, President Randy Goddard, 1st VP Scott Savage, 2nd VP Alex Hernandez, 3rd VP Jim Macedo, 4th VP Christopher Williams, Secretary Max Santiago, and Treasurer Mike Barletta.

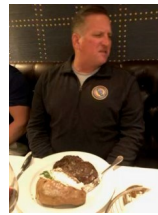
The 2023 Re-trainer was very successful and the pictures highlight the events. All the presenters were interesting and had captivating presentations. One presentation consisted of a panel giving insights and information regarding moving to the private sector, this caught the attention of many of our members who are close to retirement.

At the Past President's reception I had the honor to meet **Garrett Zimmon**, NA 134, one of our most "senior" Past Presidents. He and his wife still travel and are having an interesting and fun filled life, they narrowly missed being trapped in Israel when Hamas struck. **Read his story in the newsletter and how the NA affected his career.**

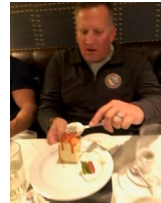
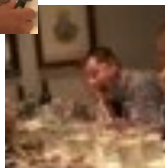
For all you foodies out there, know that our own chapter Board and some of our Past Presidents are also foodies, the proof is right here. **How well do you know your Board members, try and identify those you know.**



Foreground is Jim Macedo but in the background we see our Chapter President enjoying big bites.



Our new 4th VP was looking to see if another member's dinner was better... until dessert came.







# CALIFORNIA CHAPTER RETRAINER IN LONG BEACH

## California Chapter Re-Trainer

Division luncheons are great events that provide training and excellent speakers, but the main event of the California Chapter is the Annual Re-trainer. This year the re-trainer was in Long Beach.

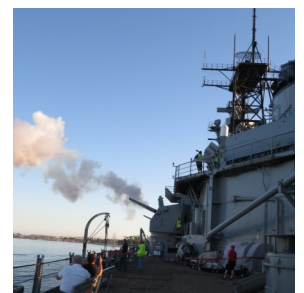


After the Honor Guard led the opening ceremonies, our Chapter President introduced the FBI Assistant Director in Charge, Don Always, NA 204, from the FBI LA Field Office, L.A. County Sheriff, Robert Luna, NA 198, followed by the Beverley Hills Police Chief, Mark Stainbrook, NA 240, who all gave insightful words of wisdom.

The first after hours event of the conference was the Past President's dinner, which was held on board the **USS IOWA**, where we were fortunate to witness one of the guns actually being fired.



Here in front of the big guns are: Left to Right—Treasurer Mike Barletta, Craig Chew, Secretary Max Santiago, President Josh Ehlers, Wayne Ikeuchi, Eric Thunberg, Garrett Zimmon, Kevin Jensen, Ken Tanaka, Russell McKinney and Jim Peterson.







# CALIFORNIA CHAPTER RETRAINER CONTINUED...



A big thank you to the FBI Training Civic Liaison Specialists, who you all see at the Registration Table.  
L-R: Ashely Gonzalez, Laura Fitzgerald, Sylvia H-Spilman, Andrea Caton (retired), Amy D'Asaro and Christina Young.



3rd VP Jim Macedo presents FBINA Coordinator David Wong and Immediate Past President Eric Thunberg with their Resolutions.



A panel of private sector professionals, including some law enforcement retirees who are now in the private sector, give advice and answer attendee's questions.



Historian Gina Di Napoli proudly shows off the new FBINAA CA Chapter Flag.



Members with 25 + years, receive certificates recognizing their FBINAA Life Member status.



Homicide team give their presentation.



Newly elected 4th VP, Christopher Williams, addresses the membership.





# CALIFORNIA CHAPTER RETRAINER CONTINUED...

## Cornhole Tournament

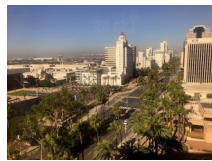
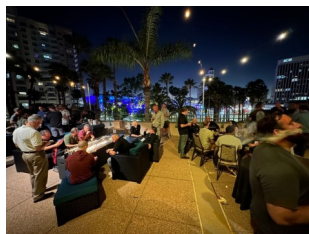


Tournament winner Jason Russo (middle) flanked by second place winners, on the left, Tyson Pogue (Madera Co. Sheriff) and on the right, Chief Giachino Chiamonte.



L—R: Wayne Ikeuchi, Russell McKinney, Ken Tanaka enjoying a cigar and some Bourbon.

## Bourbon & Cigar night



The two Eric's, Sonstagar (left, also with Russell McKinney above) and Thunberg (right) thoroughly enjoying the evening.



## Gala night



Our two Past Presidents, Eric Sonstagar and Eric Thunberg. Both have left the state but continue to stay involved.



Past President Eric Thunberg receives his plaque from President Ehlers for his service to the Board. Above, Eric receives a Resolution from VP. Jim Macedo.







# CALIFORNIA CHAPTER MEMBERS ATTEND FBINAA EVENTS

**California Chapter Board members attend various events both here and abroad and represent our Chapter while there**

Board members combined their Board Meeting with the FBINAA night at the IACP conference in San Diego. While there, the Board had an opportunity to be photographed with **FBI Director Christopher Wray**, who had attended to give an update.



L—R: VP Jim Macedo, Area Representatives Jason Russo and Mike Kihmm, Historian Gina Di Napoli, President Josh Ehlers, Director Wray, VP Randy Goddard, Secretary Max Santiago, VP Alex Hernandez, Area Rep Tricia Seyler and VP Scott Savage.

Section 1 meeting in Las Vegas.



In October President **Josh Ehlers**, Treasurer **Mike Barletta** and Secretary **Max Santiago** met with their fellow FBINAA Section 1 Chapter Board Members in Las Vegas, NV, where FBINAA President Rhoads, Executive Director Jeff McCormick and Section 1 Representative Gardiner provided an update on Association business.

Past President **Wayne Ikeuchi, NA 182** and **Rick Martin, NA 229**, representing the California Chapter at the European Chapter Conference in Ghent, Belgium.



Here we have SF Area Rep. **Tricia Seyler-Campbell** (6th from the left) with her Session mates from **NA 269**. The classmates all met up at IACP which was held in San Diego in October. What a great reunion and a large number of session mates in one place.



# Member Spotlight

## Garrett Zimmon, NA 134

I, **Garrett Zimmon**, recently attended the Past-Presidents Dinner at the California Chapter Conference in Long Beach, CA. Of the nine past presidents in attendance, I was the most senior, both in terms of NA Session and as Chapter President. At the event I met Historian Gina Di Napoli, who asked if I would write an overview of my career and the impact the NA had on my career, so here I go.

I began my law enforcement career with LAPD in 1973. I had heard of the National Academy and hoped to one day be selected. In 1982, I was promoted to Lt and was selected to attend the 134<sup>th</sup> session (July 10 to September 23, 1983 - 11 weeks). The FBI Academy was less formal than today and the Jefferson Dorm did not exist. Entry into the Academy was the small square building at the top of the horse-shoe driveway (to the left of today's Jefferson wing). The dress was just collared shirt and slacks. We started with 250 class members but graduated with less due to family/work emergencies. To this day I remain in contact with many classmates, one in particular, from a police department in Maine, flew out and brought lobsters for my promotion party when I made Captain. I have never regretted choosing to stay involved with NAA. I have attended quarterly events, Conferences and when possible, the National conferences. I also coordinated several quarterly training sessions, arranging speakers such as the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court and Roy Rogers, remember him?

One of my career highlights was being part of the planning committee for the 1991 National FBINAA Conference in San Diego. It was held at the Hotel Coronado on Coronado Island. It was at that conference I was elected to 4<sup>th</sup> vice-president of the California Board. I served as the California Chapter President in 1995.

How as the FBINA impacted my career? That was an interesting question. I guess it started with my attendance at Session 134. While the course work was valuable, the greatest take-away was the exposure to my 250 classmates, it opened the door to networking with so many law enforcement professionals. There has never been a time, when reaching out to a NA graduate, that they did not go out of their way to help. I have returned the favor for many NA members who reached out to me.

I am sure it was because I stayed so active with FBINAA that in 1991, I was one of four NA grads who were chosen to teach a middle manager course for the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVD) at the Police Academy in Moscow, in February and boy was it cold!!! That was quite an experience and opened the door to a future career in international training. Later in 1999, I participated with 3 FBI agents in presenting a joint Jordan/Israeli Senior Management course in Israel. As far as I knew, that was the first high level joint training with the two countries. I met an Israeli NA grad who made us feel at home and assisted with understanding the cultures of the two countries, something which holds much relevance today. Another NA graduate from Maryland, who I met at an IACP event, went to work for the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP) at the US Department of Justice. He reached out and asked if I could make a presentation at an international training session in Bangkok, Thailand. Bangkok has one of the four US State Department International Training Academies in the world. Yet another international experience! In 2002 I retired from the LAPD and took a position as Chief of Police in San Bernardino, CA. San Bernardino had not sent anyone to the NA for many years, so I was instrumental in getting San Bernardino back on the eligibility list and since then has had several NA attendees. After retiring from San Bernardino PD, I went to work as Assistant Director at ICITAP and oversaw training and assistance programs in Europe, Eurasia, Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean. We had teams that conducted assessments of the status of police and investigative agencies and worked with the State Department to fund assistance programs. As you can imagine, there are things agencies say they need versus what they really need, to confirm, I always looked up NA grads from those countries and sought their insight, as they tended to be more accurate and cooperative.

I have had a wonderful law enforcement career. I am proud to be a National Academy graduate, and my NA experiences truly made a difference in my career and my life. That is one of the reasons I have remained active and am now a Life Member of the FBINAA. While this is my story, there is no doubt in my mind that each graduate has experiences that would not have been possible without the FBINAA.



Interpreters, Russian Colonels and the four FBINAA instructors in front of the MVD in Moscow.



The MVD Class



Garrett at Nepal Police Headquarters



Garrett (2nd from the left) at a meeting in Thailand.

Garrett today with his wife of many years, Anita.







# SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION:

The Sacramento chapter held its fall luncheon on November 5th at the Elkhorn Golf and Country Club in Stockton, California.

Our guest speaker was San Joaquin County District Attorney Ron Freitas. Mr. Freitas provided an excellent overview of the significant changes he has made to the District Attorney's Office since being elected and taking office.



Several members were in attendance. Those included newly elected Lodi police chief, **Ricardo Garcia** who recently just graduated from the FBINA.

Also, in attendance was California chapter Past President **Damon Christiansen**. Damon was presented with his past presidents gold card (see photo below). Assistant Special Agent in Charge, John Snow from the Sacramento FBI Office, also spoke to the attendees providing a regional overview.



This luncheon was supported by the National Academy Coordinator's staff from the Sacramento FBI Office and attendees were able to enjoy an afternoon of golf following the luncheon.

## The next Chapter event: Christmas Luncheon:

The next Sacramento Chapter event will be our annual Christmas luncheon, to be held at Randy Peter's catering on December 7, 2023 at 12 PM in Roseville California.

## Sacramento Scholarship Award:



Congratulations to our 2023 Scholarship Award winner, Maximillian Santiago, son of Max Santiago, NA 214, who looks incredibly happy to have received his check.





# SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...

Here are our current NA 288 attendees who will graduate on December 17th, 2023:

- 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

Here are our upcoming attendees for the FBI Academy, Session 289:

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| • Chief <b>Brandon Gillespie</b>        | Modesto PD                | <a href="mailto:gillespieb@modestopd.com">gillespieb@modestopd.com</a>                   |
| • Lieutenant <b>Brandon Pursell, Jr</b> | Fresno County SO          | <a href="mailto:brandon.pursell@fresnosheriff.org">brandon.pursell@fresnosheriff.org</a> |
| • Lieutenant <b>Noah Hawkins</b>        | California Highway Patrol | <a href="mailto:nhawkins@chp.ca.gov">nhawkins@chp.ca.gov</a>                             |

If you know or happen to see any of our new or upcoming members, be sure to welcome them and let them know about our events and what a great Chapter we are. We cannot let the Florida Chapter continue to take our title as the largest chapter, we need to get that title back, so come on members!

Jim Macedo  
4th Vice President  
FBINAA CA Chapter





# SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS

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



On October 26, the San Francisco Division hosted a lunch meeting in Santa Clara. Area Representative, **Michael Kihmm, Session 262**, and the Irvine Company arranged for the meeting space where over 30 people were in attendance to hear Judge Stephen Manley of the Santa Clara County Superior Court discuss the status of the laws regarding mental health diversion for criminal matters. Judge Manley explained how California law now presumes that an underlying condition is related to the commission of an offense and that the burden is on the state to prove otherwise. He went on to explain how the legislature has been changing the laws on a nearly annual basis and that, under the law, diversion is not appropriate for super strike offenses. Judge Manley's presentation was incredibly informative and well received.

Additionally, it was a pleasure to host our **Chapter Historian, Gina Di Napoli**, who made the long drive to attend this event, as well as two local command officers who are on the list to attend future NA sessions. We always welcome agencies to send interested candidates to our events to engage with our members and FBI staff.



Our hard working FBI Techs; Andrea Caton and Sylvia Hagle-Spilman



2nd VP Scott Savage



L-R: Ken Tanaka, Scott Savage, Tricia Seyler-Campbell, Gina Di Napoli, Andrea Caton, Sylvia Hagle-Spilman and Host Mike Kihmm.



Superior Court Judge Stephen Manley held the attention of all the attendees with his timely and very informative presentation.



Judge Manley



Historian Gina Di Napoli, NA 225 with Jerry Baker, NA 94

We are working hard to expand our reach in the division and to provide opportunities to members in outlying areas. Because this division stretches from the Monterey Bay to the Oregon border, we realize that it's difficult to attend events in the greater Bay Area. To this end, members **Patricia Seyler-Campbell, Session 269**, and **Michael Kihmm** have been appointed to serve as area representatives. Patricia will be working with members in the northern reaches of the division and Michael will be working with the southern areas to bring training and networking opportunities closer to home. If you are in these outlying areas please do not hesitate to reach out to them, or to myself, to talk about hosting a regional event.





# SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...

## CALIFORNIA CHAPTER RETRAINER APRIL 23-25, 2024 SOUTH LAKE TAHOE



We are anxiously looking forward to our retrainer next April and registrations are already pouring in. The construction on Tahoe Blue, the event center where the training will be held, has been completed and the facility is beautiful. The remodel of the host hotel, Margaritaville, is nearing completion and will be finished far in advance of this event. Both venues will be exceptional.

The agenda is set and this is a training and networking opportunity not to be missed. The courses include a primer on what law enforcement needs to know about artificial intelligence, including terminology, uses, and considerations, a discussion on the hunt for Pablo Escobar presented by retired DEA agents Steve Murphy and Javier Pena of Netflix' Narcos fame, and courses on leading by example and maintaining a resilient organization. As a bonus, there will be an additional discussion on life after law enforcement which will be informative for all attendees. Whether active or retired, all will find benefit from each of these presentations.

Because of our valued partnerships with our vendors we are able to provide this exceptional opportunity without a price increase and are able to offer a discount to law enforcement retirees. Registration is currently open at [www.fbinaacc.com](http://www.fbinaacc.com).

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Many thanks to members Patricia Seyler-Campbell and Bill Fraass, Session 269, for arranging the venue for our annual holiday lunch. This year's event will be on Tuesday, December 12 at the spectacular Spinnaker Restaurant in Sausalito.

Thanks to Patricia and Bill we've been able to have events here before and both the food and the venue are not to be missed.

Looking forward to 2024 events, I am certainly open to suggestions for suitable venues and presentations of interest. Please feel free to reach out with any ideas you feel may be of benefit to our members.





# SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...

## FBINAA SCHOLARSHIP

At the Long Beach Conference it was gratifying to finally be able to announce that this year's scholarship recipient was Brendan Ryan, son of member Laurence Ryan, session 240. Brendan is a scholar athlete currently attending Boise State University and a very deserving recipient.

## PERSONNEL UPDATES

Congratulations are extended to member Kevin Franklin, Session 236, for his appointment as Chief of the BART Police Department.

Congratulations are also extended to graduates from Session 287 and to those who are now attending Session 288.

San Francisco Division graduates from Session 287 are:

- **Cesar 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

Currently attending Session 288 are:

- **Todd Berringer** - San Rafael Police Department
- **Dan Olsen** - Hayward Police Department
- **Ken Stenquist** - Belmont Police Department



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.org](mailto:sanfranciscovp@fbinaacalifornia.org) 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  
[sanfranciscovp@fbinaacalifornia.org](mailto:sanfranciscovp@fbinaacalifornia.org)







# LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS

## A MESSAGE FROM LOS ANGELES DIVISION:

Over the past four years, I have had the honor of representing the Los Angeles Division in policing. These were some of the most challenging years in my 28-year policing career. Despite the challenges, our association and our shared experiences have enabled us to rise to the occasion and continue to serve and protect with honor.

Looking back at the ten weeks we spent at the National Academy, I realize that it was a unique experience that I will never forget. Our association allows us to continue our engagement with the National Academy and it's members, through luncheons, State and National conferences, and various events. These engagements take our friendships beyond the 250 or so folks we spent those ten wonderful (and hardworking) weeks with. All it takes on our part, is that we stay engaged, so I encourage each and every one of you to extend a hand, reach out to another member, buy them a lunch or bring them along to one of ours.

I want to congratulate Assistant Chief **Christopher Williams, NA Session 273**, from the Oxnard Police Department, for being elected as my successor to represent the Los Angeles Division starting in 2024 as I move to the position of Chapter President. As much as I look forward to taking the helm as Chapter President, I know that this Chapter is only as good as it's members and as I get to meet more and more of our members, I am convinced that we have the absolute best Chapter!

## 2023 California State Conference, Long Beach

Thank you to everyone who attended our state conference in Long Beach at the end of August. I hope everyone enjoyed the training and all the networking activities. Please take a look at the conference photos that are in the newsletter, but here are a few from the activities.

Watch out for the northern members and their cornhole skills as they proved themselves as cornhole champs.



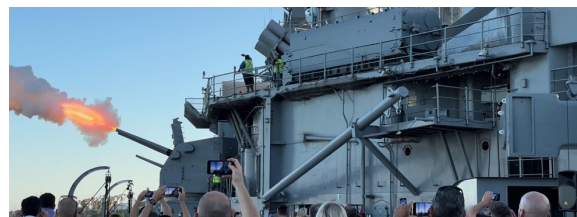
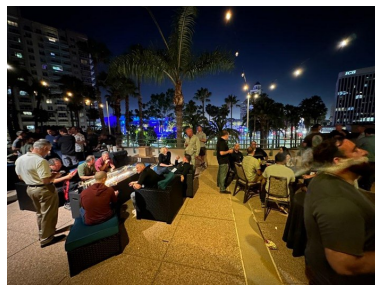
Cornhole Upper Bracket champs, 4th VP Jim Macedo (Left) and Sacramento Area Rep. Jason Russo (right)



Cornhole Lower Bracket champ, Madera Co. Sheriff, Tyson Pogue (left) and 1st VP Randy Goddard (right) presenting the award (NOT a champ!)



We had a great time at our bourbon and cigar night on the patio. We raised over \$1500 for our youth programs raffling off some great prizes.



President Josh Elhers hosted this year's Past President's Dinner at the USS Battleship Iowa where we auctioned off the firing of the cannon to raise money for our college scholarships and Youth Leadership Program.





# LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...

## LOS ANGELES DIVISION CONTINUED:

**LA Division Holiday Luncheon, December 6, 2023  
Ronald Reagan Presidential Library**



Please join us at the LA Division's Holiday Luncheon at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. There will be some great BBQ under Air Force One. Depending on how much time you have, you can join us for lunch from 1200-1300 hours or also come out for the included tour before lunch at 1000 hours. Tickets are only \$25 for Active Members (Thank you for your continued engagement) and \$47 for guests. Here are the links to get your tickets:

Active Members: <https://square.link/u/h8Adc2Z8>

Guest: <https://square.link/u/KSHHhTtX>

### Session 289:

Session 289 candidates from the LA Division began their journey towards the Yellow Brick Road on January 8, 2024. Congratulations to the Los Angeles Division Candidates for Session 289! Hope you have a mild winter.

- Lieutenant **Brandon Smith** - Banning Police Department
- Lieutenant **Peter Rasic** - El Monte Police Department
- Assistant Bureau Director **Scot Hunter** - California Department of Justice
- Commander **David Dereszynski** - Laguna Beach Police Department
- Captain **Brian Slominski** - Ventura County Sheriff's Office
- SAC **Mathew Brackett** - Department of Homeland Security

As always, we seek to keep the membership updated on promotions, retirements, and agency changes. If you know of any of these changes, please email [losangelesvp@fbinaacalifornia.org](mailto:losangelesvp@fbinaacalifornia.org) so the information can be published in future newsletters and the NA Associates magazine. The email address will not change and I will turn over the email address to the 4<sup>th</sup> VP Christopher Williams on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

All the best,

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





# SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS

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

Hello San Diego Division members,

Here is an update on our soon to be graduates and upcoming Academy attendees.

The class of 288 is well into their training and preparing to graduate on December 7th, they are:

- Lieutenant **Gino Grippo** Chula Vista PD
- Captain **Greg Grunge** La Mesa PD
- Sheriff **Ricardo Lopez** San Diego Sheriff's Office
- Lieutenant **Dan Meyer** San Diego PD
- **Serena Curry** Supervisory Special Agent with NCIS



Class 289, who will start on 1/7/2024, will be ;

- Lieutenant **Thomas Seiver** San Diego Sheriffs Office
- Lieutenant **Scott Garrett** Oceanside Police Department
- Lieutenant **Damian Jackson** Escondido Police Department
- Lieutenant **Carmelin Rivera** San Diego Police Department

## UPCOMING HOLIDAY LUNCHEON:

The Holiday luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Downtown Abbey Club in National City. Hope to see you all these to network and listen into our guest speakers discussing some of the challenges in Tijuana.



FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES, INC.  
CALIFORNIA CHAPTER  
San Diego Division

Happy holidays

Please join us for  
**2023 Quarterly Luncheon  
Holiday Edition**

Thursday, December 14	Downtown Abbey Club 1302 National City Blvd., National City	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
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Feel free to invite a guest, especially one who may be interested  
in attending the National Academy!

Cost \$30, per person (tax and tip included).  
Includes formal catered meal, networking opportunities, and optional raffle.

Please RSVP by visiting:  
[tiny.cc/SD2023DecLuncheon](https://tiny.cc/SD2023DecLuncheon)

Questions? Contact Alex Hernandez at: [sandiegorp@binaocalifornia.org](mailto:sandiegorp@binaocalifornia.org)

## 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, [AHernandez@nationalcityca.gov](mailto:AHernandez@nationalcityca.gov) and let me know.

Thank you



# CHAPTER AREA REPRESENTATIVE FOR SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

Introducing San Francisco Area Representative Tricia Seyler-Campbell



The California Chapter Board and specifically the San Francisco Division, welcomes our new Area Representative, **Tricia Seyler-Campbell, NA 269**. Tricia is a retired Chief from the City of Belvedere in Marin County. Prior to being appointed as the Chief in Belvedere, she was a Lieutenant with the Marin County Sheriff's Office.

Tricia began her law enforcement career with Marin County in 1988 as a deputy sheriff. During her career she was an FTO, a FTO Sergeant, a Jail Commander and a Firearms instructor. Tricia currently teaches several law enforcement classes at the Santa Rosa Public Safety Training Center. After retirement in 2018, she worked for a large technology company in the Silicon Valley. Many of you may have attended the luncheon she hosted at Apple in 2019. Tricia has enjoyed hosting luncheons together with the help of her session mate Bill Fraass from Sausalito.

Tricia possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from California State University Long Beach. In addition, she is a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute. Tricia is currently working for Chief Jennifer Gonzales at the Napa Police Department doing special projects. Chief Gonzales is a graduate of the NA Session 271.

Tricia is married and has 2 children. Her son and daughter in law, who live in Reno, had a baby in July, Tricia's first grandchild, who they named Selma Faye Lucia. Tricia's daughter lives in Placer County, so Tricia also spends time within the Sacramento Division. In her spare time, Tricia loves to golf and travel, two of her favorite places being Hawaii and Palm Desert.

In addition to golfing and traveling, Tricia has run 4 marathons. The first was the San Diego Rock and Roll marathon in 1998. She ran the Nike Women's marathon in San Francisco, the third was the Marine Corps in Washington DC and the most recent was the Honolulu marathon which she completed in 2019. A great candidate for the Virtual Yellow Brick Run every year!

Tricia tells us she is looking forward to working with the board and the members of the National Academy Association. Welcome Tricia!



## GLAD NEWS:

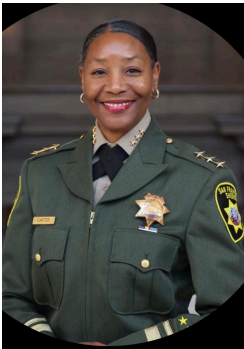
Congratulations go out to:



- Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) has a new Police Chief, **Kevin Franklin, NA 236**, from the San Francisco Division, who takes up the helm. Congratulations.



- Assistant Commissioner **Ceto Ortiz, NA 269**, with the California Highway Patrol (Sacramento Division) speaks to the media during a press conference at the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services regarding the impact of Hurricane Hilary.



- Congratulations to **Tanzanika Carter, NA 282**, who was recently selected as the NOBLE San Francisco Bay Area Chapter vice president. Tanzanika serves as the Assistant Sheriff for the San Francisco Sheriff's Office, which is the third highest-ranking position in the S. F. Sheriff's Office. Tanzanika is the first African American female to hold this position.



## MORE NEWS CONTINUED:

### Retirements

None reported at this time.

### SAD NEWS:



• Our condolences go out to the family and friends of **Richard "Rick" L. Buvia, NA 120**, who passed away in May of this year. Rick started his career in the Military Police with the Army, he left there and joined the Detroit Police Department. After waking up for a third time in hospital he moved to California and joined the Monterey Police Department where he did over 30 years and retired as a Captain. In 2007, he bought a boat, the Freedom II, and with the help of a friend, took over 700 veterans out over the years, free of charge, for fishing, whale watching, sightseeing and scattering of ashes. Rick will be sadly missed.



Here sits Rick talking to three FBINAA Past Presidents at the 2016 Re-trainer in Monterey.



• Riverside County S.O. Undersheriff, **Robert Presley, NA 70**, passed away in 2018 at the age of 93. Robert ran and won the Senate Seat in 1974 and was instrumental in bringing forward three of the States major programs; the State's smog check program, prison expansion and reform and starting the first shelters for women and children who were victims of domestic violence. Before any of that, Robert was the recipient of the Bronze Star, which he received for his heroic acts while serving in the U.S. Army medical Corps during WWII in Italy.



• Retired San Mateo PD Chief, **Martin C. McDonnell, NA 55**, who graduated from the FBINA in June of 1955, and retired in 1972, passed away on January 10th, 1991. Chief Martin had been the California Chapter President in 1962.



Retired Chief **William J. Mooney, NA 45** (graduated Sept. 1950), passed away on January 21st, 1997 at the age of 84. Chief Mooney was the CA Chapter President in 1963. He became the Chief of Long Beach in 1960 at 48 years old and retired in 1976 after 34 years of service (15 as the Chief). Rest in Peace.

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

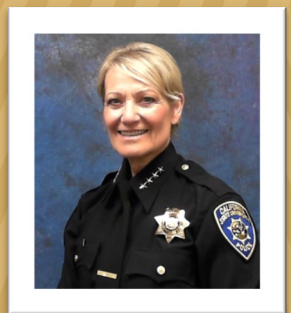
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